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From: Somerville For Palestine [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 7:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: All City Council; Somerville For Palestine; Jon Link; Wilfred Mbah; [REDACTED] Ben Wheeler; Matthew McLaughlin; JT Scott; Ben Ewen-Campen; Jesse Clingan; Naima Sait; Lance Davis; Emily Hardt
Subject: Please implement the Ordinance to Boycott Israel's Apartheid, Genocide and Illegal Occupation as a budget priority

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Dear City Council Finance committee and Somerville City Councilors,
We are Somerville constituents emailing you regarding city budget priorities. It has been over 100 days since 11,500 Somerville voters called on Somerville elected leaders to end city business with companies complicit in Israel's apartheid, genocide, and occupation of Palestine.
We are emailing to ask you that you to support and implement the Ordinance to Boycott Israel's Apartheid, Genocide, and Illegal Occupation of Palestine that was delivered to you at the City Council meeting on 2/26/26. The ordinance presented to you is legally sound and workable for our city and based on precedent and in accordance with applicable law.
According to the city's buying plan, a contract for HVAC automated controls with Honeywell Building Management Systems (IFB 24-70) will go back out to bid around September 2026, with an expected total value of \$1.1M (likely over multiple years).
Honeywell sensors called Inertial Measurement Units (IMU) are an integral component of bombs, missiles, and drones that the State of Israel uses to conduct its genocide and apartheid against Palestinians. We ask that you promptly pass the proposed ordinance to prevent the renewal of contracts with complicit companies, like Honeywell.
As time goes on, Somerville has the chance to either continue contracting with complicit companies, or to end our relationship with them. In order to avoid entering into or renewing contracts with such companies, we urge you to implement the Ordinance to Boycott Israel's Apartheid, Genocide, and Illegal Occupation as soon as possible.
Thank you,

1. Dylan Valev, Ward 7
2. Allie Girouard, Ward 3
3. Edward Childs, Ward 2
 - I am with S4P and Unite-Here Local 26
4. Manizeh Khan, Ward 3
5. Kaitlyn Pifer, Ward 3
6. Leila Skinner , Ward 2
7. Hala Jadallah, Ward 6
 - Please help the Palestinians have some say over their lives.
8. Sandeep Jala, Ward 1
9. William Aaron, Ward 7
10. Adam Pease, Ward 2
11. Neda Mustafa , Ward 4
12. Ryan Gilmore, Ward 3

13. Juliana Stoner, Ward 3
14. Alex Dorr, Ward 7
15. Sophia Fortunato, Ward 6
16. Meriwether Burruss, Ward 5
17. Anna Slager, Ward 2
 - BDS is morally just and legally enforceable, per the mandate you all have received from your constituents! Stand with us! Work with us!
18. S. Kimball, Ward 5
19. Selena Wallace, Ward 7
20. Roopa Chari, Ward 6
21. Phebe Eckfeldt, Ward 5
22. Will Capriola, Ward 5
23. Michael Saad, Ward 4
24. Nic Doherty, Ward 1
25. Christopher Duncan , Ward 5
26. Luis Quizhpe, Ward 3
27. Lucy Tumavicus, Ward 2
 - The Honeywell contract is a perfect example of why we need a boycott NOW -- the longer time goes on without an ordinance in place, the City is failing its people, who voted as a majority to end business with complicit companies and entrusted their City leaders to do this. We must act decisively, prudently, and immediately!
28. Kaamil Lokhandwala, Ward 7
29. Lena Warnke, Ward 3
30. Lucie March, Ward 3
 - That the current administration is dragging its feet on this urgent issue is not only a blatant disregard of the democratic process and the will of the people it supposedly serves, but is also a moral stain on our beloved city. It is your political duty as our representatives and your moral duty as human beings to impliment this Ordinance as soon as possible.
31. Juliette Williams, Ward 2
32. Maria perez, Ward 3
33. Libby Mahaffy, Ward 3
 - The Council has been given a clear mandate. I'm hopeful you will fulfill the will of the voters.
34. Xiaorong Guo, Ward 7
35. Story Boyle, Ward 7
 - Questions of the ongoing genocide, environmental destruction, and wealth imbalance can be affected by local actions such as this. Here, all three are linked.
36. Riley Zito, Ward 7
37. Michael Murray, Ward 7
38. Jojo Calvillo, Ward 6
 - Somerville residents voted for this ordinance. Please listen to the people and stand against the genocide and apartheid against Palestinians by removing our tax dollars from complicit companies.
39. Bri S, Ward 3
40. Daniel Lloyd-Miller, Ward 5
 - When you vote with your wallet, those with the deepest wallets win. But, concerted, organized boycotts work. Money talks. It shouldn't be difficult to divest from war and genocide profiteers.
41. Emma W, Ward
42. David Strasfeld, Ward 3

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From: Jewish Caucus - Somerville for Palestine [REDACTED]
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Dear City Council Finance committee and Somerville City Councilors,

We are Somerville Jewish residents emailing you regarding city budget priorities. It has been over 100 days since 11,500 Somerville voters called on Somerville elected leaders to end city business with companies complicit in Israel's apartheid, genocide, and occupation of Palestine.

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Additionally, as Jewish people, we are asking that you do NOT fund and implement the recommendations of the Massachusetts Special Commission on Combating Antisemitism (Commission Report). The unelected Massachusetts Special Commission on Combating Antisemitism is currently equating criticism of Israel with antisemitism as an effort to suppress speech in support of Palestine. This is an insult, not only to all Jewish people who have been fighting for Palestine, but also to your Palestinian constituents whose people have been living through a genocide. The adoption of this definition not only undermines the fight against real antisemitism, but makes all of us less safe, including both Jewish people and Palestinians. It is BECAUSE of the trauma of genocide in our collective memory that we hold strong against the genocide against the Palestinian people. "Never again" means never again for anyone. Please see the [op-ed signed by 90 Somerville Jews](#) to this effect.

The commission's recommendations cite statistics from the Anti Defamation League (ADL), a prominent national organization with a history of attacking Black Americans, Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, and others who stand up for the rights of the Palestinian people. The ADL does NOT speak for us.

The final report incorrectly labels Zionism, which is a political ideology, as a protected identity class, perpetuating anti-Palestinian racism by erasing Palestinian students' and educators' experiences and history and censoring criticism of Israel and Zionism. Ultimately, the report perpetuates anti-Palestinian racism by falsely equating criticism of Israel to antisemitism and the adoption of it would make all of us less safe.

Sincerely,

1. Mo Katz-Christy, Ward 6
2. Sonia Lipson , Ward 1
3. Elias Trout, Ward 3
4. Emily Piper, Ward 2
5. Hannah Cross, Ward 7
6. Alana Tova, Ward 2
7. Elana Lev Friedland, Ward 7
8. Hayyim Feldman, Ward 3
9. Abbie Richards, Ward 7
10. Julian Moll-Roček, I live in North Cambridge closest to Davis Square
11. Alain Jehlen, Ward 2
12. Joshua Sisman, Ward 2
 - Growing up I was taught of the horrors that happened to my community. Do not let our resources support a genocide in our name.
13. Franny Alani, Ward 4
14. Jaclyn Horowitz, Ward 2
15. Annika Schafer, Ward 6
16. Martha S, Ward 3
17. Hannah Farman, Ward 7
18. Charlotte Guterman, Ward 6
19. Sarah Klein, Ward 4
20. Lee Cranberg, MD, I work in Somerville at Somerville Hospital.