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Subject: Please vote NO on ballot question that covers for Hamas atrocities against Palestinians and Israelis
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Christians United for Israel
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Governor of Massachusetts
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State Assembly/House of Massachusetts
State Senate/Legislator of Massachusetts
U.S. Representative of District 7
U.S. Senator

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We are your constituents, Americans across this great nation, and worldwide citizens who ask you to vote NO on the proposed anti-Israel ballot measure which falsely accuses Israel of apartheid, genocide, and illegal occupation and then asks voters to prohibit future city business and city investments with Israeli companies.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT “PRO-PALESTINIAN” PROTESTERS

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The protesters claim to be an anti-war movement to stop the “genocide, apartheid, and occupation” [3] of the Palestinian people, but nothing can be further from the truth.

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and other groups (AMP, CAIR, JVP, WOL, etc.) are funded by the Hamas terrorist organization [4-9]. As a propaganda arm of Hamas, their sole purpose is to radicalize and misinform government officials and campuses and create a massive disinformation campaign to delegitimize Israel and promote the annihilation of the Jewish State.

Their chant, “From the River to the Sea,” clearly states their intention [10]. If you listen carefully, however, their violent intentions do not stop with Israel. They promote antisemitism the world over with the ultimate goal of overturning democratic values as they chant “Death to America” [11-12]. Their philosophy is anchored in the Hamas Charter, which states in its introduction, “Israel will exist until Islam will obliterate it” and “Our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious” [13]; and the radical Islamist Duaat entitled “How Islam will dominate the world” [14].

Pure logic and history upend the protesters’ statements.

Only a day after the heinous October 7 attacks on Israel, these protesters started their false accusations of “genocide” [15]. Here is the truth:

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Hamas’ accusations of apartheid are false. Apartheid is defined as a system of legalized racial discrimination and segregation that deprives a racial group of their political and civil rights. In South Africa, for example, the white minority segregated Black Africans in housing, transportation, education, and stripped them of citizenship, and positions in government.

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FALSE CLAIMS OF COLONIALISM AND OCCUPATION

Predating Islam, the Jewish people arrived and established the independent Land of Israel in the second millennium B.C.E. and lived there for more than 1,600 years. In succession, the

Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans conquered the land. Despite the efforts of Roman crusaders and some Muslims to make the country empty of Jews, thousands of Jews have lived for centuries in each of the holy cities of Jerusalem, Safad, Tiberius, and Hebron; and in Gaza, Rafah, Ashkelon, Caesarea, Jaffa, Acre, and Jericho. [17]. Moreover, archaeological evidence proves Jewish indigenosity, with cities populated by a Jewish majority prior to the establishment of the modern state of Israel [18].

It is absurd to claim that the Jews who returned to Israel starting in the last decades of the 19th century were colonialists and imperialists. For whom were these idealists working? They were not planting the flag of the antisemitic regimes of Russia, Poland, and Lithuania; and they were kicked out of Yemen, Iraq, Turkey, and North Africa. In fact, these Jewish refugees had to overcome Turkish, British, and Pan-Arab imperialism to achieve self-determination. They were fleeing pogroms and persecution and wanted nothing to do with the countries from which they fled. They did not come to the land with weapons to conquer, but with rakes and hoes to cultivate often swamp-infested land they legally purchased from absentee landlords. Years later, after the Holocaust, the state of Israel was defined and established by international law (1948). The Israelis were ecstatic to live peacefully among their neighbors within the meager boundaries they were allotted in 1948, when five Arab countries attacked Israel in the War of Independence. This war was one of many that Muslim extremists committed against the Jewish state to deny Israel's right to exist [19].

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Hamas covers its atrocities against the Palestinian people (e.g., blocking safe passage corridors, hiding and firing weapons among civilians) [39-41] by sponsoring and supporting city, state, and worldwide protests on the Palestinians' behalf with the sole intent of delegitimizing Israel [42-45].

Donning the cloak of victimhood and resistance, Hamas's behavior is barbaric – igniting hatred and discrimination against Israel, worldwide Jewry, and democracy itself.

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DOJ
Governor of Massachusetts
Press
State Assembly/House of Massachusetts
State Senate/Legislator of Massachusetts
U.S. Representative of District 7
U.S. Senator

Honorable Elected Officials,

We are your constituents, Americans across this great nation, and worldwide citizens who ask you to vote NO on the proposed anti-Israel ballot measure which falsely accuses Israel of apartheid, genocide, and illegal occupation and then asks voters to prohibit future city business and city investments with Israeli companies.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL: VIOLATION OF U.S. COMMERCE CLAUSE

The power to regulate foreign commerce lies exclusively with Congress. By trying to pass this ballot question endorsing a foreign-directed commercial boycott of Israel, your city council oversteps its constitutional authority. This would directly conflict with federal law and obstruct lawful commercial relationships with a U.S. ally. This represents a violation of Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

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STANDARDS FOR U.S. BALLOT QUESTIONS

As elected officials you know that “informed citizens are democracy’s best defense” [1] and “to abandon facts is to abandon freedom” [2].

Yet, your city council has abandoned the facts and placed several outright lies in a ballot question that not only misleads voters but also opens a door to those who want nothing but to destroy our democracy and our way of life.

Why would you actively allow this to happen?

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U.S. Senators

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Donning the cloak of victimhood and resistance, Hamas's behavior is barbaric – igniting hatred and discrimination against Israel, worldwide Jewry, and democracy itself.

ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENTS: INDEFENSIBLE BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Hamas supporters attempt to paint the illegal encampments as free speech. Nothing can be further from the truth. Participants in the illegal encampments violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by harassing, inciting violence, physically assaulting, vandalizing, destroying property, blocking entrances, and preventing free movement on campus for Jewish students and their allies. Not only were these illegal behaviors discriminatory, but they also were textbook examples of UNPROTECTED conduct since they created a hostile environment for Jewish students and their allies that would not be tolerated for any other group. Their behaviors, therefore, are indefensible by the First Amendment, and we ask the City Council to prosecute those who violated these laws to the fullest extent of the law (<https://www.thefp.com/p/where-free-speech-ends-and-lawbreaking-begins>).

SUMMARY

This document proves that the claims aimed at Israel of apartheid, genocide, colonialism, and occupation - are patently FALSE.

After the barbaric attack on October 7th, Hamas is still holding hostages and rebuilding its terror structure.

Allowing protesters like SJP, and groups like it (e.g., AMP, CAIR, JVP, WOL, etc.), to hijack local city councils only rewards and emboldens Hamas, endangers Israel and worldwide democracies, and prevents the Gazans from taking responsibility to unlearn hate and choose healthy governance so that they become viable peace partners.

The world is at an uncomfortable brink: Barbarism vs. Democracy. Rewarding barbarity and those that support it is a losing proposition.

Bold leadership, not capitulation, is the only strategy to keep communities safe.

We ask you to vote NO on this anti-Israel resolution, or any other title they give this resolution, NO to BDS, NO to divesting from Israel, NO to an arms embargo of Israel, NO to withholding military aid to Israel, NO to academic boycotts, NO to an anti-Israel ballot measure, and NO to dropping charges against those arrested in the illegal encampments – which are strategies designed by Hamas supporters to keep Hamas in power and continue to inflict carnage on the Palestinians and Israelis.

Please protect our community, democracy, and national security from misinformation and terrorist propaganda.

Sincerely,

Liora Yehushua

“This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.”

- Justice Thurgood Marshall

References:

For full letter and references:

<https://tinyurl.com/NoCF5-letterWithReferences>