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**To:** [redacted]

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## SUMMARY

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Sincerely,

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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.

VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW

In addition, under the Export Administration Act and related federal statutes, U.S. persons and entities are prohibited from participating in or supporting unsanctioned foreign boycotts, such as this campaign targeting Israel. City Council members are duty bound to federal legal frameworks.

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?

THE TRUTH ABOUT "PRO-PALESTINIAN" PROTESTERS

We have watched in horror as protestors have overtaken city councils, state government, and American university campuses with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities.

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:

FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID

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 indigenousity, 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 ADMITS: NO GENOCIDE HERE

As in previous wars that Hamas has started, Hamas leaders have finally admitted that they lied about numbers of civilian casualties [33], and that 72% of casualty numbers are male terrorists [34].

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## HAMAS' GLOBAL SUBTERFUGE

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.

## SUMMARY

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

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State Assembly/House of Massachusetts
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U.S. Representative of District 7
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Please protect our community, democracy, and national security from misinformation and terrorist propaganda.

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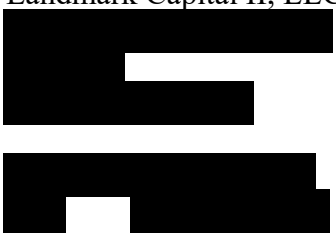

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U.S. Representative of District 7
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Honorable Elected Officials,

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.

VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW

In addition, under the Export Administration Act and related federal statutes, U.S. persons and entities are prohibited from participating in or supporting unsanctioned foreign boycotts, such as this campaign targeting Israel. City Council members are duty bound to federal legal frameworks.

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?

THE TRUTH ABOUT "PRO-PALESTINIAN" PROTESTERS

We have watched in horror as protestors have overtaken city councils, state government, and American university campuses with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities.

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.

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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:

FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID

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State Senate/Legislator of Massachusetts
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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.

VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW

In addition, under the Export Administration Act and related federal statutes, U.S. persons and entities are prohibited from participating in or supporting unsanctioned foreign boycotts, such as this campaign targeting Israel. City Council members are duty bound to federal legal frameworks.

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?

THE TRUTH ABOUT “PRO-PALESTINIAN” PROTESTERS

We have watched in horror as protestors have overtaken city councils, state government, and American university campuses with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities.

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:

FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID

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.

In Israel, all citizens whether Jewish, Arab, Armenian, Baha'i, Christian, Druze, Muslim, etc. have equal rights. They can live, work, and travel wherever they want, and they are provided the same government services (e.g., health insurance, free public school, subsidized university education) equally. They attend the same universities and have the same voting power and opportunities. In fact, they hold positions in all industries (e.g., law, medicine, politics) – including positions as judges and members of the Knesset. Israel is a multi-racial society where the Arab citizens have full rights. Inciting racism or discrimination in Israel is a criminal offense [16].

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 indigenousity, 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].

In 1967 Egypt, Syria, and Jordan started a war with Israel. Hafiz al-Assad ordered his Syrian soldiers to "strike the enemy's [civilian] settlements, turn them into dust, pave the Arab roads with the skulls of the Jews, and strike them

without mercy" [20]. Miraculously, Israel won the war and gained territory in the Sinai, Golan Heights, West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. In 1982, Israel gave the Sinai to Egypt, which has created peace between the countries [21].
With similar hope, Israel left Gaza in 2005 as one of many gestures of peace with its Arab neighbors that have been met with violence [22]. This is worth repeating. Since 2005, Israel has NOT occupied Gaza. In response, Hamas overtook Gaza, slaughtered Palestinian leaders, created 450 miles of terror tunnels, launched over 30,000 rockets at Israel, and on October 7 perpetrated the most heinous attacks on the Jewish people since the Holocaust including the kidnapping of Israelis, Americans, and Foreign Nationals still missing today [23-24].

## FALSE CLAIMS OF GENOCIDE: HAMAS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF PALESTINIANS

Both Hamas and the protesters' accusations of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are blatantly false. Numerous military leaders, including John Spencer (Former Chair of Urban Warfare Studies, WestPoint), testify that "Israel has implemented more measures to avoid civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war" including its use of precision weapons and the sending of leaflets, texts, and calls to Gazans ahead of airstrikes to provide time for them to evacuate targeted areas [25-27]. Sadly, terrorists boast of hiding among their own civilians to increase casualties [28].

Armies that fight defensive wars against terrorists in urban warfare generally have a civilian to casualty ratio of 4 to 60:1; meaning 4 to 60 civilians are accidentally killed for every terrorist eliminated. This was true for U.S. and coalition troops in Mosul (2016-2017) [29]. However, Israel's ratio is less than 1:1, meaning they have reduced civilian casualties more than four to sixtyfold by comparison [30]. While the loss of innocent life is tragic, according to International Humanitarian Law (Article 51) these deaths fall squarely on Hamas [31].

Statistical analysis proves what Israel has been saying along - that the Ministry of Health numbers are false [32].

## HAMAS ADMITS: NO GENOCIDE HERE

As in previous wars that Hamas has started, Hamas leaders have finally admitted that they lied about numbers of civilian casualties [33], and that 72% of casualty numbers are male terrorists [34].

Moreover, Palestinian civilians attest to the fact that Hamas steals food from aid trucks and murders Palestinians trying to reach the aid [35-38].

## HAMAS' GLOBAL SUBTERFUGE

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.

## 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 governing bodies 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 who 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 ballot measure – which is a strategy 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,
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STANDARDS FOR U.S. BALLOT QUESTIONS

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Honorable Elected Officials,

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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.

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Honorable Somerville Officials,

Since the 1920s the extremist movement the Muslim Brotherhood, which represents a huge minority of the Muslim population, has been massacring and trying to eradicate Jews who don't accept Muslim supremacy from the Earth. Israel is a native people who've returned to our ancestral homeland where we've always returned, so we can protect each other after centuries of persecution. The Muslim Brotherhood takes it's values system not only from Muhammad, but from Hitler. They actively allied with the Nazis in the 1930s and 40s, and much of the Nazi propaganda stayed alive in the Arab world since then. They've massacred us everywhere from the land of Israel, to the Munich Olympics, to the USA, and they take pride in it every time they succeed. But they couldn't defeat us, so in the 1970s, they changed their strategy.

Israelis have been targeted by a decades-long Goebbels -style gaslighting campaign where everything the jihadists are guilty of have been the lead false accusations against us. In the 70s, though there are dozens of openly Muslim and Christian countries (look at the flags), the Arab-allied Soviet Union, which started the PLO with Arafat, used its influence in the UN, to smear Zionism as racism. Just read the founding document of the Jewish state, the Israeli Declaration of Independence, and it'll be obvious that it is a lie.

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More recently, on Oct 8, 2023 while IDF was still trying to save its towns and villages from a real genicide, the deceptive accusations of genocide began. Since then in this lastest iteration of the non-stop war waged against us:

-IDF has the lowest civilian/combatant casualty ratio in the history of urban war, and in a situation where jihadist militants consistently disguise themselves as civilians, militarize civilian infrastructure, and literally shoot at us from behind civilians.

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**From:** Mona Goldstein
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cc: Christians United for Israel 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. VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW In addition, under the Export Administration Act and related federal statutes, U.S. persons and entities are prohibited from participating in or supporting unsanctioned foreign boycotts, such as this campaign targeting Israel. City Council members are duty bound to federal legal frameworks. 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? THE TRUTH ABOUT "PRO-PALESTINIAN" PROTESTERS We have watched in horror as protestors have overtaken city councils, state government, and American university campuses with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities. 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: FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID 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

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Not that your resolution will mean anything other than you support terrorism and are anti American since Israel is our ally but Hamas is a confirmed terrorist organization deemed by the United States and many other nations and will be viewed by many Americans as treason. And you know that at least 95% of the people who live in Gaza and Judea and Samaria, aka the West Bank, all support Hamas and the complete elimination of Israel because the majority of it's citizens are Jewish and so they can steal the indigenous land of the Jews as they have been trying to do since they refused the land offered to them and the Jews by the previous invaders, the British Commonwealth, but the Arabs living there refused to share it and live next to Jews so they started 6 wars instead, losing each one. They are very racist people. The Jews were very willing to share and have only wanted to live in peace with all their Arab neighbors but the Arabs refused. The Jews have been in the land of Israel for almost 4,000 years with archeological proof. Islam was invented about 1300 years ago. Israel only belongs to the Jews, it is their ancestral homeland.

These terrorists have now started fires as a continuing attempt to destroy Israel and begin the genocide of all Jews that is written in only their charter. Israelis and Jews have no such desire but will always defend and have the right to defend themselves!

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spearheaded by Iran, and they are continuously being assaulted by terrorist attacks against their citizens.

I will remind you of some of the atrocious acts the barbaric Racist Hamas Palestinian terrorist group committed on Oct.7, 2023 against over 1200 innocent Israelis and innocent people from 42 nationalities including America. The Hamas terrorists threaten Israel that they will do it again and again so you can see what the Jews and Israel are up against:

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Sincerely,

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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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In addition, under the Export Administration Act and related federal statutes, U.S. persons and entities are prohibited from participating in or supporting unsanctioned foreign boycotts, such as this campaign targeting Israel. City Council members are duty bound to federal legal frameworks.

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education) equally.

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Israel is a multi-racial society where the Arab citizens have full rights. Inciting racism or discrimination in Israel is a criminal offense [16].

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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.
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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.
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This is worth repeating. Since 2005, Israel has NOT occupied Gaza.

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Sadly, terrorists boast of hiding among their own civilians to increase casualties [28].

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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].

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We ask you to vote NO on this anti-Israel ballot measure – which is a strategy designed by Hamas supporters to keep Hamas in power and continue to inflict carnage on the Palestinians and Israelis.

With that being said, we urge you to protect our community, democracy, and national security from misinformation and terrorist propaganda.

With deep appreciation,

Matej Markič

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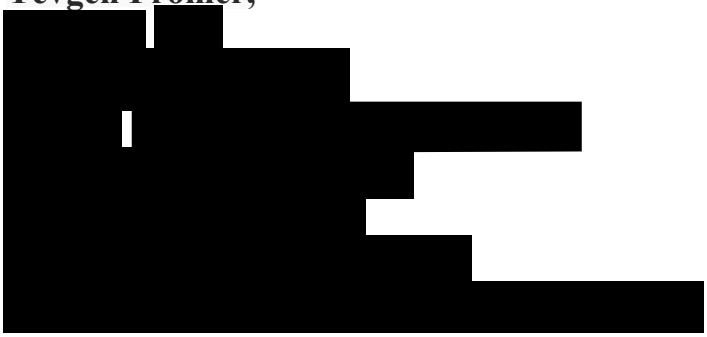

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Pure logic and history upend the protesters' statements.

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FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID

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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cc: Christians United for Israel 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,

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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.

VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW

In addition, under the Export Administration Act and related federal statutes, U.S. persons and entities are prohibited from participating in or supporting unsanctioned foreign boycotts, such as this campaign targeting Israel. City Council members are duty bound to federal legal frameworks.

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?

THE TRUTH ABOUT "PRO-PALESTINIAN" PROTESTERS

We have watched in horror as protestors have overtaken city councils, state government, and American university campuses with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities.

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:

FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID

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.

In Israel, all citizens whether Jewish, Arab, Armenian, Baha'i, Christian, Druze, Muslim, etc. have equal rights. They can live, work, and travel wherever they want, and they are provided the same government services (e.g., health insurance, free public school, subsidized university education) equally. They attend the same universities and have the same voting power and opportunities. In fact, they hold positions in all industries (e.g., law, medicine, politics) – including positions as judges and members of the Knesset. Israel is a multi-racial society where the Arab citizens have full rights. Inciting racism or discrimination in Israel is a criminal offense [16].

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 indigenousity, 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].

In 1967 Egypt, Syria, and Jordan started a war with Israel. Hafiz al-Assad ordered his Syrian soldiers to "strike the enemy's [civilian] settlements, turn them into dust, pave the Arab roads with the skulls of the Jews, and strike them without mercy" [20]. Miraculously, Israel won the war and gained territory in the Sinai, Golan Heights, West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. In 1982, Israel gave the Sinai to Egypt, which has created peace between the countries [21]. With similar hope, Israel left Gaza in 2005 as one of many gestures of peace with its Arab neighbors that have been met with violence [22]. This is worth repeating. Since 2005, Israel has NOT occupied Gaza. In response, Hamas overtook Gaza, slaughtered Palestinian leaders, created 450 miles of terror tunnels, launched over 30,000 rockets at Israel, and on October 7 perpetrated the most heinous attacks on the Jewish people since the Holocaust including the kidnapping of Israelis, Americans, and Foreign Nationals still missing today [23-24].

## FALSE CLAIMS OF GENOCIDE: HAMAS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF PALESTINIANS

Both Hamas and the protesters' accusations of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are blatantly false. Numerous military leaders, including John Spencer (Former Chair of Urban Warfare Studies, WestPoint), testify that "Israel has implemented more measures to avoid civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war" including its use of precision weapons and the sending of leaflets, texts, and calls to Gazans ahead of airstrikes to provide time for them to evacuate targeted areas [25-27]. Sadly, terrorists boast of hiding among their own civilians to increase casualties [28].

Armies that fight defensive wars against terrorists in urban warfare generally have a civilian to casualty ratio of 4 to 60:1; meaning 4 to 60 civilians are accidentally killed for every terrorist eliminated. This was true for U.S. and coalition troops in Mosul (2016-2017) [29]. However, Israel's ratio is less than 1:1, meaning they have reduced civilian casualties more than four to sixtyfold by comparison [30]. While the loss of innocent life is tragic, according to International Humanitarian Law (Article 51) these deaths fall squarely on Hamas [31].

Statistical analysis proves what Israel has been saying along - that the Ministry of Health numbers are false [32].

HAMAS ADMITS: NO GENOCIDE HERE

As in previous wars that Hamas has started, Hamas leaders have finally admitted that they lied about numbers of civilian casualties [33], and that 72% of casualty numbers are male terrorists [34].

Moreover, Palestinian civilians attest to the fact that Hamas steals food from aid trucks and murders Palestinians trying to reach the aid [35-38].

HAMAS' GLOBAL SUBTERFUGE

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.

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 governing bodies 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 who 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 ballot measure – which is a strategy 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,
Michelle Ganeles

“This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.”
- Justice Thurgood Marshall

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**To:** [redacted]
**Subject:** Please vote NO on ballot question that covers up Hamas atrocities
**Date:** Friday, September 26, 2025 7:43:28 AM

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**Date:** Friday, September 26, 2025 8:06:05 AM

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cc:
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DOJ
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State Assembly/House of Massachusetts
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U.S. Representative of District 7
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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.

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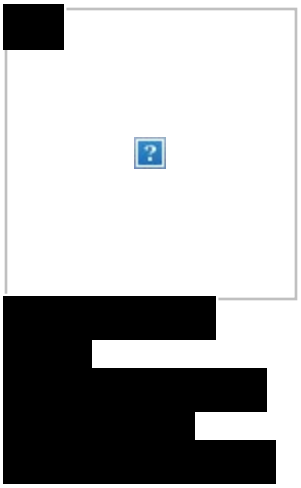

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Christians United for Israel
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Governor of Massachusetts
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State Assembly/House of Massachusetts
State Senate/Legislator of Massachusetts
U.S. Representative of District 7
U.S. Senator

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.

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**Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2025 12:17:09 AM

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State Assembly/House of Massachusetts
State Senate/Legislator of Massachusetts
U.S. Representative of District 7
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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.

VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW

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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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We have watched in horror as protestors have overtaken city councils, state government, and American university campuses with misinformation, extremist ideology, and violent conduct that undermine our democratic way of life and our peaceful communities.

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:

FALSE CLAIMS OF APARTHEID

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.

In Israel, all citizens whether Jewish, Arab, Armenian, Baha'i, Christian, Druze, Muslim, etc. have equal rights. They can live, work, and travel wherever they want, and they are provided the same government services (e.g., health insurance, free public school, subsidized university education) equally. They attend the same universities and have the same voting power and opportunities. In fact, they hold positions in all industries (e.g., law, medicine, politics) – including positions as judges and members of the Knesset. Israel is a multi-racial society where the Arab citizens have full rights. Inciting racism or discrimination in Israel is a criminal offense [16].

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 indigenousity, 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].

In 1967 Egypt, Syria, and Jordan started a war with Israel. Hafiz al-Assad ordered his Syrian soldiers to "strike the enemy's [civilian] settlements, turn them into dust, pave the Arab roads with the skulls of the Jews, and strike them

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## FALSE CLAIMS OF GENOCIDE: HAMAS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF PALESTINIANS

Both Hamas and the protesters' accusations of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are blatantly false. Numerous military leaders, including John Spencer (Former Chair of Urban Warfare Studies, WestPoint), testify that "Israel has implemented more measures to avoid civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war" including its use of precision weapons and the sending of leaflets, texts, and calls to Gazans ahead of airstrikes to provide time for them to evacuate targeted areas [25-27]. Sadly, terrorists boast of hiding among their own civilians to increase casualties [28].

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Statistical analysis proves what Israel has been saying along - that the Ministry of Health numbers are false [32].

## HAMAS ADMITS: NO GENOCIDE HERE

As in previous wars that Hamas has started, Hamas leaders have finally admitted that they lied about numbers of civilian casualties [33], and that 72% of casualty numbers are male terrorists [34].

Moreover, Palestinian civilians attest to the fact that Hamas steals food from aid trucks and murders Palestinians trying to reach the aid [35-38].

## HAMAS' GLOBAL SUBTERFUGE

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.

## 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 governing bodies 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 who 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 ballot measure – which is a strategy 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,
Zach

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**To:** [redacted]
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Sent from my iPhone

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I lived in Somerville for several years, two streets from Legal Seafood. It is shocking that Somerville is proposing this misdirected bill against Israel.

Sincerely,

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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].

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Why would you actively allow this to happen?

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