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Honorable City Council Members,

We are your constituents, Americans across this great nation, and worldwide citizens who are asking you to vote NO on the ceasefire resolution, NO to BDS, and NO to withholding military aid to Israel.

Please read this document in its entirety.

The defined role of your council is to value and protect your city and not engage in international affairs.

Have you wondered why this is the only issue that ignites such passion when numerous other global crises demand attention? Are you addressing the following humanitarian disasters with the same urgency?

(1) Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar (2017-Present): Myanmar Buddhist military massacred, raped and displaced over 700,000 Rohingya Muslims. [1].

(2) Uyghur Detention Camps in China (Ongoing): China has put 1 million Muslim Uyghurs in mass detention camps where they are subject to forced labor and sterilization [2].

(3) Yemini Civil War (Ongoing): Muslim civil war. More than four million displaced. Attacks on civilians, hunger, disease. [3].

(4) Syrian Civil War (Ongoing): Muslim civil war. Widespread atrocities, chemical attacks on civilians; shooting protesters. 470,000 dead, 1 million injured; 13.1 million need humanitarian aid [4].

(5) Sudanese enslavement (Ongoing): Arab Muslims have slaughtered 2.5 million black Sudanese

Christians and enslaved 200,000. Jihadists have kidnapped many black Christian girls [5].

(6) Gender apartheid: Hundreds of millions of women in Muslim countries are second class citizens subject to beatings, sexual violence, honor killings, and genital mutilation [6].

These crises describe the offensive targeting of innocents perpetrated by Buddhists, the Chinese, and Muslims. In response to these crises, it would be absurd to justify harassment, segregation, and violence towards Buddhist, Chinese, or Muslim Americans on U.S. campuses, K-12 schools, social media, restaurants, subways, and streets.

Unlike the abovementioned crises, the Israel-Hamas conflict is a DEFENSIVE war that Hamas thrust on the democratic country of Israel on October 7th – targeting and murdering 1,200 civilians and taking hundreds of hostages (American, Israeli, and Foreign Nationals) after firing over 30,000 rockets into Israel for decades [7].

Notably, this was after Israel moved out of Gaza in 2005 – as one of its numerous gestures of peace that have been rejected and met with increased violence [8].

The innocent lives lost in this war is tragic. However, under International Law and ethics, Israel has a duty and right to protect its civilians from these attacks by defeating Hamas and rescuing the hostages [9].

Hamas ADMITS to burrowing itself within the civilian Palestinian population to increase civilian deaths in order to create world protests and delegitimize Israel [10].

However, according to International Law and ethics the responsibility for ALL lives lost falls squarely on Hamas' shoulders. Does this council realize that when America fights against terrorists, they accidentally kill 4 to 60 civilians per terrorist eliminated? Israel's ratio is 1:1. While all innocent deaths are a tragedy, Israel's commitment to fighting ethically outshines every military in the world [11].

These ceasefire resolutions, BDS campaigns, and fervor to interfere with military aid to Israel are part of a global agenda – to delegitimize and destroy the one Jewish State and justify harassment, segregation, and violence towards Jews on U.S. campuses, subway cars, restaurants, and the world [12-15].

Just listen to the chants: "From the river to the sea;" "We don't want a two-state;" "Long live October 7th;" "October 7th again;" "Long live the intifada!"

In fact, Article 7 of the Hamas Charter states: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out, 'O Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him'" [16].

This hate has no boundaries. If you think they stop at targeting Jews, listen carefully to the rest of their chants like, "Death to America!" [17]

THE GREAT MISCONCEPTION

It is a misconception that the Nazis were solely responsible for the murder of six million Jews. The Nazis had collaborators – willing executioners - men and women in communities, towns, cities, and across all of Europe who believed the propaganda and justified slaughtering their neighbors. [18-19].

Like them, you are being given a grave responsibility to choose noisy hate and lies or clear truth and morality.

If you want this war to end, vote NO on an Israeli ceasefire, NO to BDS, or NO on withholding military aid to Israel. This will allow Hamas to retrench and re-strengthen. Rather, call for Hamas to surrender and release all the hostages.

By keeping yourself and your council on the right side of history, your Creator and humanity will judge you as a hero.

Sincerely,

“Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it” – George Santayana.

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Honorable City Council Members,

We are your constituents, Americans across this great nation, and worldwide citizens, including Palestinian and Israeli peace activists, who are asking you to vote NO on the ceasefire resolution, NO to BDS, and NO to withholding military aid to Israel.

We ask you please to read this letter in its entirety to understand our request.

A careful read of the ceasefire resolutions and other resolutions that unjustly vilify Israel will reveal the writers' intentional and glaring omission – a description of the horrors that Hamas has unleashed against both the Palestinians and Israelis.

These documents' disingenuous implication that the suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza is because of Israel are false as are the claims of genocide by Israel against the Palestinian people. It is HAMAS that perpetuates genocide on the Israelis and it is HAMAS that perpetuates egregious Palestinian casualties. It is blatantly false to claim that the only remedies are an Israeli ceasefire and withholding financial ties to Israel. This serves to keep Hamas in power.

HAMAS IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

What the resolution's authors obfuscate is that Hamas is designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S.A. and 27 other countries (1).

Hamas' charter is explicit – their war is not just about land (2). Rather, it is about wiping out democracy, Jewish people, Christians, and all 'infidels.' As Senior Hamas Mahmoud Al-Zahar states in this video (12-12-22), which we encourage you to watch:

"The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is

no injustice, no oppression, no treachery, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity” (3).

Hamas’ violence, however, is not saved just for the ‘infidel.’ Hamas turns this violence steadily against its own people, the Palestinians.

Below is a description of Palestinian daily life under Hamas’ rule, which is vital information for you to make an informed decision.

HAMAS ROBBED GAZA FROM THE PALESTINIANS

Since 2005, Israel has been out of Gaza (4), which could have become a renowned seaside resort – with jobs and a vibrant economy. Sadly, Hamas stole billions of dollars of UNRWA aid from the Palestinians. Instead of using this money towards infrastructure, Hamas and UNRWA used it to create 450 miles of terror tunnels to commit the worst genocide of Jewish people since the Holocaust on October 7 (5).

HAMAS’ VIOLENT COUP OF GAZA

In January 2006, Hamas won the majority of the seats in the Palestinian government. In June 2007, Hamas took over Gaza in a bloody coup, by throwing Fatah fighters off roofs of buildings (6, 7) and marching Fatah soldiers half naked and blindfolded in the street - executing them point blank (8,9).

HAMAS WEAPONIZES PALESTINIAN YOUTH

The UNRWA-Hamas partnership has poisoned over 545,000 Palestinian children through its P.A. curriculum that teaches hatred of Jewish People and Israel, and promotes violence, jihad, ‘martyrdom culture,’ and omits teaching about peace and co-existence. 80 UNRWA teachers and staff across more than 30 schools teach hateful content in their textbooks (10), and numerous Hamas terrorists have graduated from these schools (11, 12).

Since these children are instructed to be murder weapons for a terrorist group, Hamas and UNRWA are directly responsible for all the murders they commit, and for their untimely deaths as terrorists, suicide bombers, and as shields for Hamas (13, 14).

HAMAS’ EXTREME VIOLENCE AGAINST DISSENTERS

Palestinian children and adults are exposed to daily violence by Hamas. It is common for a Palestinian child to walk to school and see a severed head roll by, Gazans hanging dead from electrical wires, Gazans being dragged across town by their feet, or a woman’s head being chopped off with an ax while she is doing laundry. What are these people’s ‘crimes?’ They are Gazans who want to live and work peacefully with the Israelis (15, 16).

Sheikh Mohammed Mushtaha, a Gazan mosque preacher, refused to praise Hamas in his sermon to a group of thousands. On 12/30/23 Hamas fighters violently stormed his house and kidnapped him (17).

HAMAS VIOLENCE: MUSIC, LGBTQIA+, AND CHRISTIANS

Hamas murders people for playing music at weddings (18), tortures and murders people who are LGBTQIA+ (19), and mistreats Christians by attacking their churches, threatening their leaders, and kidnapping Christian youth (20, 21).

HAMAS PURPOSELY INCREASES PALESTINIAN DEATHS

Hamas leaders have admitted that not only do they strategically use Palestinian civilians as shields, but they also know that Israel does NOT want to harm Palestinian civilians (22).

Hamas intentionally blocks safe passage corridors created by Israel, threatens to murder civilians who wish to evacuate (23), and hides munitions in hospitals, schools, homes, and mosques to INCREASE civilian casualties in order to impede Israeli military operations, demoralize Israel, and delegitimize Israel in the eyes of the world (24, 25). Hamas also loots aid trucks and murders Palestinians trying to get to the aid (26, 27, 28).

Loss of human life is tragic and according to logic and international law, these deaths, and the deaths of the terrorists themselves, fall squarely on the shoulders of Hamas (29).

ISRAEL PROTECTS PALESTINIAN CIVILIAN LIVES

Moreover, numerous war experts (30-32), including John Spencer, Chief of Urban Warfare Studies at WestPoint, laud the Israel Defense Force (IDF) for being the most moral army in the world. He said, "Israel has implemented more measures to avoid civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war" (33). From the IDF's use of precision weapons to avoid collateral damage, to (leaflets) (34), texts, and calls to Gazan civilians ahead of airstrikes, to evacuating urban areas before attacking Hamas outposts, "No military in the world has ever done this" (35).

In fact on May 15, 2024, over 80 U.S. military generals, with expertise in the Middle East, have attested to the FACT that Israel follows international rules of war while Hamas ABUSES these rules to endanger civilian life (36).

Unprecedented in the entire world, Israel endangers its own soldiers to protect civilians (37).

FOOD AND AID

The world must speak out about what Hamas is doing to starve the Palestinian population. Despite the fact that the onus of this starvation falls squarely on Hamas, Israel sends in food and aid trucks because they care about civilian lives! Hamas loots these trucks and murders Palestinians trying to get to the aid (38 – 41).

HAMAS LIES

Hamas uses lies and disinformation as a strategic P.R. weapon. Hamas lied in 2002, 2009, 2012, and 2014 regarding numbers of civilian casualties (42, 43). In fact, months after the 2009 war, the Hamas

leader, Fathi Hamad, admitted that Hamas lied about the number of civilian casualties and that Israel's numbers were correct (44).

In this conflict, when a Palestinian rocket exploded the Al-Ahli hospital, Hamas quickly blamed the Israelis and the media perpetuated these lies. After an investigation and video footage, the truth was discovered (45).

Recent statistical analysis of the Hamas Ministry of Health numbers of casualties uncover that they are statistically impossible. See the analysis here (46, 47).

Armies that fight a defensive war against terrorists in urban warfare have a civilian to terrorist casualty ratio of 4 to 60:1; meaning 4 to 60 civilians are accidentally killed for every terrorist that is eliminated. Israel's ratio is 1:1, meaning they have reduced civilian casualties four to sixtyfold by comparison (48). According to international law (Article 51) and ethics, all of these civilian casualties fall on Hamas' shoulders.

HAMAS VIOLENCE AGAINST ISRAEL

Despite the fact that Israel has offered peace agreements with the Palestinians on at least five occasions (49), Hamas has fired over 30,000 rockets at Israeli civilians since 2001 (50, 51).

On October 7 Hamas, UNRWA employees, and Palestinians high on illegal narcotics (52) brutally raped, burned, beheaded, maimed, and murdered 1,200 Israeli civilians, and took more than 240 hostages, including Americans, and Foreign Nationals in an act of pure genocide (53). Hamas is still holding these innocent hostages (54).

IN SUMMARY:

The resolutions being proposed are rationalized by FALSE accusations against Israel. This letter shows that there is NO genocide by Israel against the Palestinians.

Moreover, these resolutions are created by Hamas-funded terrorist network support groups and lobbyists (e.g., CAIR, AMP, SJP, etc.) and are meant to hide what Hamas does to keep them in power (55-57). Please, do not fall for it.

Leaving Hamas in power perpetuates brutality against the Palestinians and heinous terrorist attacks on Israel. When you say 'cease fire now,' you might think you are protecting innocent people. What you are doing, however, is allowing Hamas' brutal leaders to retrench and re-strengthen. In essence, you are hurting the people you say you are concerned about.

How can you help Palestinians and Israelis? Do NOT call for an Israeli ceasefire or a financial and military aid boycott of Israel. Rather, call for Hamas' unconditional surrender and return of all the hostages. Only that will stop the terror attacks against Israel and Hamas' brutality against the Gazan civilians themselves.

Sincerely,

"...What does truth require? It requires us to face the facts as they are, not to involve ourselves in self-deception [and] slogans." ~ President John F. Kennedy

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I was born in the Soviet Union, in which people had little housing and were forced to live in communal apartments.

The new policies being put forth by the Los Angeles City Council call for the immediate and blanket freeze on substantial remodels of all Non-RSO Units, the removal of substantial remodel as a cause of action for evictions for all Non-RSO Units, extremely excessive penalties under the new enforcement program for all Non-RSO Units, and the astronomical and destructive mandatory damage awards under the revised Anti-Harassment Ordinance (applicable to ALL RSO and Non-RSO units!). They will destroy what's left of the housing providers in LA and create a Soviet style housing market in the City.

Here's the lesson - once you destroy the private housing providers there will be no housing at all. Just more homelessness, astronomical rents for what is left in the housing stock, and a bankrupt City government unable to provide for housing.

I don't think you want to be remembered as the Council that destroyed housing in LA.

Stop the madness and stop these insane proposals in their tracks.

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I am sending this e-mail to you to urge you to not implement All Electric and Energy Efficiency Requirements, unless they are funded. They will further destroy small owners of multifamily properties in Los Angeles.

You cannot expect maintenance of apartments, lower rents, lower cost energy to renters, and additional apartment stock when adding to the already staggering burdens imposed on apartment owners, which are the predominant providers of housing in the City of Los Angeles.

These new mandates will make the housing crisis even worse by forcing existing owners with older properties to exit the housing market with their properties replaced by luxury housing to maximize returns on investment for developers and institutional investors. This will fuel further gentrification throughout the City of Los Angeles.

These new costs are coming at a time when housing providers, especially mom-and-pop owners, are already struggling financially due to drastically increased costs for everything due to inflation, including hugely increased property insurance, skilled labor (electricians, plumbers, carpenters, roofers and painters) as well as city-sanctioned increases on water, sewer, and trash hauling.

Ultimately, by continuing to add to the burdens of these owners you will disincentivise anyone from owning and running apartments in the City. LA is becoming a housing desert and if you impelment these measures there will be no affordable housing to speak of. You will also bump up against the takings clause of the US Constitution as has happened previously in New York in the late 70's where regulation was deemed unconstitutional as it deprived property owners of their property by depriving them of all reasonable returns.

These mandates are a slow rolling disaster that will destroy all housing in Los Angeles and cause the City to spend money defending losing lawsuits.

Please act in accordance with reason and stand against the implementation of these counterproductive schemes.

Thank you.

Subject: Another Eviction Moratorium and Rent Freeze

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Please do not enact another Eviction Moratorium and Rent Freeze. There is very little housing as it is, because there is no incentive to own or build in LA. This will further destroy housing stock. If you truly want to help tenants and create housing stock issue subsidies to tenants. This will incentivize more building, rehab, and other creation of units in LA. Freezing rent and outlawing eviction will just keep on destroying housing producers and reduce stock.

Subject: Remodeling Moratorium

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Vote No on the Remodeling Moratorium. The reasons are:

- **Harms Both Housing Providers and Tenants**

This ordinance is extremely harmful to existing renters and rental housing providers, especially mom-and-pop owners. Substantial remodels are necessary for major system repairs or replacement and/or hazardous material removal. These major repairs cannot wait until June or August to be addressed. They must be fixed immediately or will force owners to sell their properties “as is” for demolition only to likely be replaced with luxury housing. Further, this moratorium will force renters to live in properties needing major repairs or lose their housing to demolition. This substantial remodel moratorium is a LOSE-LOSE for renters and rental housing providers.

- **There’s No Urgency**

This ordinance is not urgent as the original motion from Council Member Bob Blumenfield has waited in committee for more than 4 months already (since October 2025). To force property owners that have already taken out loans, paid for permits and issued proper notice to stop work now is irresponsible and an abuse of the City’s power. The amendment by Council Member Jurado is extreme and unreasonable.

- **City Data PROVES That There is NO Rampant Misuse of Substantial Remodels**

This ordinance has DATA from the City proving that there are NO rampant “renovictions” occurring in the City and that a moratorium is NOT needed. At the Housing and Homelessness Committee meeting on February 19th, the LAHD testified that only 98 substantial remodel evictions have occurred since January 2023, which is less than 4 per month and only 2 in 2025. Compared to 350,000 households that rent in properties that are not covered by the rent stabilization ordinance in the City of Los Angeles (according to Economic Roundtable’s 2024 report). Council Members Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield are Chair and Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, respectively. As such, they should know to rely on VERIFIABLE DATA from the City as a neutral party to make decisions, not on unverified stories by activists that want to destroy rental housing ownership.

- Conduct a Study WITHOUT a Moratorium

This ordinance is unnecessary as the City can proceed with a study as to whether it wants to eliminate substantial remodels as a No-Fault cause without it. Council Member Bob Blumenfield claims that the freeze is needed to conduct a study. This is a false claim as the City can do a study with or without a moratorium and has already had 4 months in which they could have done so. If a study is desired, then this motion should be substituted in its entirety for directions to LAHD to conduct a thorough study with outreach to rental housing providers.

- STOP Using the “Renoviction” Hoax to FALSELY VILLIFY Housing Providers

This ordinance is being pushed forward as a vanity project by certain City Council Members that cannot admit they have bought into the “Renoviction” Hoax despite clear and convincing DATA. Instead, they want to believe unverified stories to strip rental housing providers of their right to conduct needed major system repairs. LAHD’s data shows no need for this ordinance NOR for any removal of substantial remodels as a No-Fault eviction as no widespread “misuse” is occurring. When will the City Council stop abusing rental housing providers based on fearmongering by extremists determined to destroy private property rights?

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Across Los Angeles, a total of 40 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) invest revenues collected from assessments on private properties into providing supplemental services in the public realm of the neighborhoods they serve. These districts support key business corridors and tourism destinations, including Hollywood, Downtown, Venice Beach, Highland Park, Sherman Oaks, Studio City and others.

For many BIDs, the supplemental services they provide include the maintenance and management of public waste receptacles and the removal of litter and debris from streets, alleys, sidewalks, plazas, parks and other public spaces. For example, The Hollywood Partnership removes on average 75 metric tons of trash per month from the Hollywood Entertainment District. A 2020 report by the Los Angeles BID Consortium estimated the total amount of trash collected by BIDs across Los Angeles is greater than 20,000 metric tons per year.

To provide these services, BIDs may incur any or all of the following expenses: purchase, repair, and maintenance of waste receptacles; purchase of supplies and materials, including bin liners and garbage bags; purchase, operation, and insurance of specialized equipment, such as commercial garbage trucks and trash compactors; and labor expenses related to maintaining a workforce for the collection and transport of trash. BIDs are then charged for the disposal of collected materials, either by the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), by a City-designated waste hauler, or upon disposal at a City-designated waste management facility.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) report within 60 days on the services the Bureau provides within the geographic areas covered by Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), or its designated waste hauler, as compared to the service levels provided outside of BID areas, including but not limited to, how many tons of refuse the Bureau collects.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services report within 60 days on how many lane-miles of street sweeping it provides in BID areas in comparison to service levels provided outside of BID areas.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with support from LASAN, be instructed to report within 60 days on options the City can use to offset costs related to waste disposal for each active BID existing under ordinance, as verified by the Office of the City Clerk.

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