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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Haigh, Susan (Legal); Pressman, Deirdre (Legal)
Subject: Public Comment from Michele Reich
Attachments: PCMicheleReich20241015 CC.pdf

Please find attached Michele Reich's public comment for the Council meeting of October 15, 2024.

Thank you.



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How YOU Can Help Save African Wildcats and Keep Them Safe!

- ✓ Make a donation towards our African Wildcat Project at SaveACat.org/Donate. Your generosity will enable us to continue working closely with organizations in South Africa to TNR domestic cats and prevent interbreeding with African wildcats.
- ✓ Contact your federal legislators. Call, email & snail mail your senators & representatives and urge them to work on behalf of threatened and endangered species, particularly wildcats. Protection and conservation efforts are vital for their survival.
- ✓ Vocalize the importance of affordable spay/neuter and TNR programs for cats. Educate your friends, family & neighbors, along with local city councils. Respond to TV, newspaper & online media articles.
- ✓ Take ACTION! Become an ACR volunteer or find a local group in your area. Implement a TNR program in your community. Partner with a local veterinary clinic and encourage them to offer TNR services.

Did you know today's housecats, and alleycats, have some pretty wild and unique ancestors?

It's true! Over 10,000 years ago, some individual African wildcats became socialized to humans. Wildcats were enticed by rodents living off the grain storage of early agricultural villages in the Fertile Crescent region of the Near East and soon a mutual relationship between cats and humans was formed ... creating our cat friends we know and love today!

Mission Statement

Alley Cat Rescue's (ACR) commitment is to help stray and outdoor community cats in the United States and around the world, by promoting humane nonlethal care to improve cats' lives. ACR works to reduce the number of feral cats living in colonies through a proven method called Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR).

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AN ALLIANCE FOR CAT PROTECTION



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www.saveacat.org/african-wildcat

Where do African wildcats live?

- Throughout Africa and the Near East
- Forested mountains, plains, grass/bushlands, deserts



What do African wildcats look like?

- Similar size to the domestic cats except for long front legs
- Color depends on habitat though all are similar looking to today's Tabby cat
- Light sandy colors in the deserts and grasslands
- Dark greys and browns in wooded areas
- Rusty red/orange tinge to backs of ears
- Distinctive black stripes run horizontal along the cheeks
- Definitive black rings circle the legs and tail



Photo: Emdoneni Lodge

A Threatened Species

Like most wildcats, African wildcats are at risk of exploitation, despite being protected under international law.



Habitat Loss and Human Encroachment

Increased land development decreases suitable habitat & decreases prey populations (food supply)

Increased conflicts with humans, particularly farmers, who shoot or poison the cats



Hybridization or Gene Pollution

Interbreeding with domestic cats (family pets, strays, or ferals)

Decreases the number of purebred African wildcats



Lack of Resources and Education for Domestic Cat Caretakers

Decreases the number of pet cats who are spayed/neutered

Increases the probability of domestic cats interbreeding with African wildcats

Alley Cat Rescue's Dedication to Protecting the African Wildcat

ACR is working with local South African organizations, Wildlife Scientists, and resorts/lodges in implementing focused trap-neuter-return (TNR) efforts for domestic cats



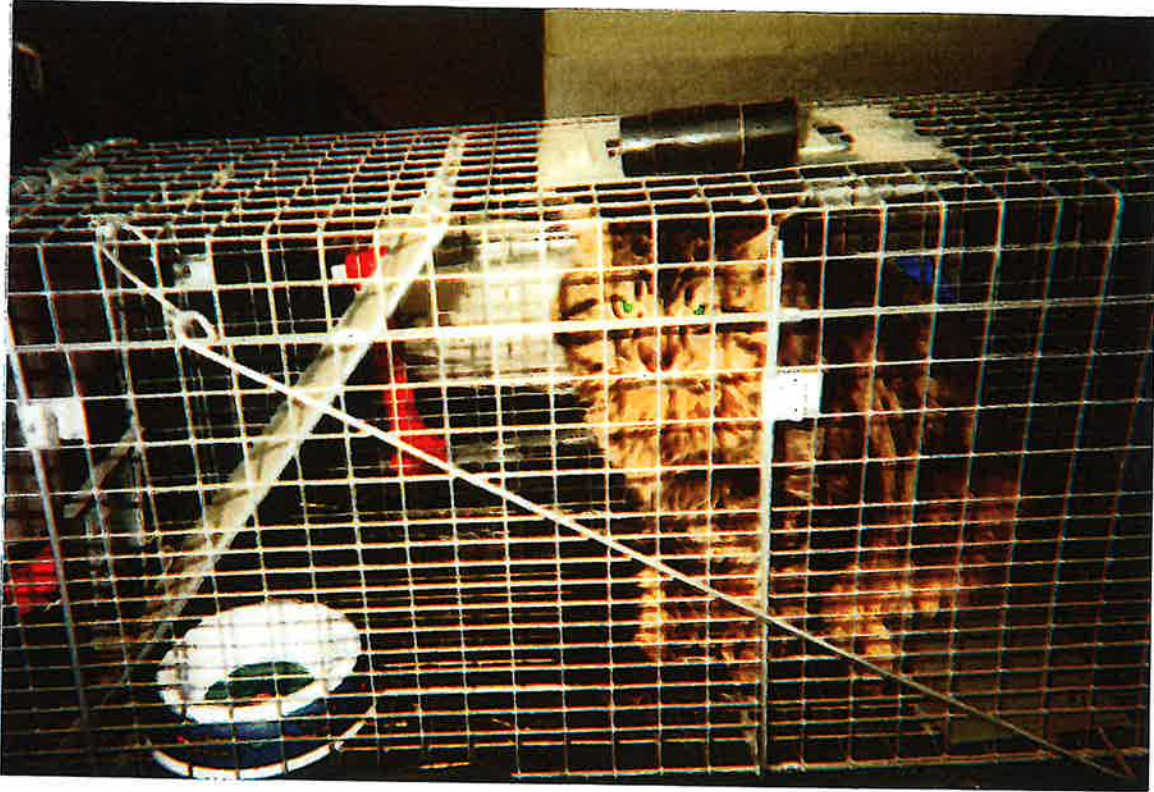
living along game preserves' borders. The intent is to maintain populations of genetically pure African wildcats within these preserves, by preventing interbreeding with domestic cats who live along these bordering territories.

ACR works with South African scientists who are researching conservation genetics of the African wildcat. Particular projects of study are focused on clarifying the current genetic status of the African wildcat population in terms of its hybridization with feral and domestic cats and identifying focal areas for efficient conservation management strategies.

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NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY
OCTOBER 16TH.
TANGIE - 3 YR OLD FERAL



DAY 1 RESCUE AT SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC
(MAY 23)

This cat was residing on my outdoor
basement steps before trapping. 1 yr.
behavior modification - hissed for 3 mths,
if picked-up by animal control and
taken to Humane Society - would be
deemed - UN-ADOPTABLE & bad things would
happen. Became a domestic indoor housecat!

Michelle R.

From: LCRedman <LCRedman@proton.me>
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 2:54 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: tina4kids@msn.com
Subject: Helping the homeless - like Fife

City of Tacoma Clerk,

Please forward to the Tacoma Mayor and Tacoma City Council Members,

Dear Tacoma Mayor & City Council Members,

I want to encourage you to do what the City of Fife is doing to help the city be cleaner and give homes to homeless.

They have tiny homes as part of their Parks and Recreation Department. People who need a home and are willing to work 3-4 days a week to clean up the city, can qualify for a tiny home. They get paid \$250 at the end of each week.

You can learn more by talking to Norman over there. I have met Tony who went through this program and now he is doing great now and has been able and willing to help others.

The Seattle group "Construction for Change" knows about white, metal wall pallet homes with windows that go up like in an hour.

<https://www.constructionforchange.org/project/pallet-shelter/>

It should be great to help people get good hygiene and even their own restroom and bath. This helps the public health of the community.

Some people don't want to go to a shelter because sometimes there can be bed bugs or lice. Also some may want to avoid group shelters because of the concern of messenger RNA foreign proteins in the air even from flu shots. (Negative ionizing filters and UV light filters can reduce these concerns some.)

People who are homeless or also once they can get to tiny home communities, can benefit also from encouragers, counselors, life coaches, and caregivers (to help some of them with self care and medical appointments).

I recommend they get help to get to an affordable naturopathic clinic - like Bastyr Center for Natural Health in Seattle, get an IgG blood test that naturopaths know about to see if some foods are causing brain inflammation.

Education and support for healthy, tasty, low inflammatory diets should also be helpful.

Dr. Amen (MD) & Tana Amen's (RN, BSN), book Omni Diet has good suggestions for brain health dietary choices & exercises. Smoked canned herring could be substituted for some of the more expensive fish.

Also some large pots for uplifting flowers and plants for all seasons can help to uplift everyone's hearts!

Also Kent, Washington has had a good system where Catholic Community Services screens homeless people and has them go to an emergency shelter - then from there (as I believe) some get okayed to be able to sleep in one church a night or a week) they also get encouraged to go to counseling at Valley Cities and decide on goals & get support to move forward with them.

Maybe in Tacoma the Tacoma Rescue Mission could screen for who could stay in a collection of churches who want to offer "their Father's House" to this cause for 1 week a month, for example.

Thanks for listening, and thanks for helping care for the public health and hope of Tacoma.

Sincerely,
Linda C. Redman
Auburn resident

From: Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 9:32 PM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Sadalge, Sandesh; Walker, Kristina; Diaz, Olgy; Bushnell, Joe; Daniels, Kiara; Scott, Jamika
Cc: City Clerk's Office; Pauli, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Business conditions

Importance: High

Dear City Council, City Clerk, and City Manager,

We have to get tough with these homeless folks. Find out where they came from and send them back. I reported to you many years ago when Ryan Mello was still on the City Council, that homeless people were being shipped here from other states. **NOTHING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE THEN** and even later when I reported to you that several buses had come over the Portland, Oregon bridge into Washington State and they were off loading people at a site that Vancouver had cleaned out and put back as it was before the homeless.

You should have heard from social workers about the people shipped her from Colorado and Baltimore on a one way ticket to Seattle, but sadly, any of them got off in Tacoma. A social worker told a businessman at the Freighthouse Square that they had 200 people under the highway. That social worker was in tears – the businessman told me.

Strengthen our Police Department and hire more officers. These homeless people don't appear to want housing. They prefer their drugs.

Sadly, our police are pulled left and right and there are just not enough of them.

We need our business community to survive. We've lost enough businesses in Tacoma and more will be leaving. If customers cannot feel safe entering a place because they fear their cars will be stolen or they themselves accosted (if you are a woman young person).

WALK IN THE SHOES OF OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY. They invest a lot of money in their businesses and we must take care of them. We need the jobs they create for our citizens.

Ask LIHI's – Sharon – if they identified anyone from out of state that went through their system when Tacoma gave LIHI \$8Million to buy the hotel on Hosmer, Pierce County paid \$1Million and Lakewood several hundred thousand. **WHAT DID WE GET FOR THE SHORT TIME THEY PROCESSED HOMELESS FOR SUCH A SHORT TIME.** Now, the hotel is housing for LIHI tenants.

WE NEED AND EXPECT BETTER FROM YOU!

Sincerely,

The Pacific Avenue Business District Voice

Esther Day

From: Anita's Interiors <anitasinteriors@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 3:08 PM

To: MakeltTacoma@cityoftacoma.org; Esther Day <Dayesther214@outlook.com>

Subject: Business conditions

Hello to Pat Beard,

I would like to comment on the environmental conditions for retail establishments. In front of my store yesterday a homeless encampment was established. They have a fire and are cooking on the sidewalk approximately 50 feet from my store entrance. This morning I noticed it has grown larger and added a stack of used tires to the encampment. Customers do not want to shop in this environment. A customer may stop and they are approached by homeless people. The customers then leave thinking it is an unsafe place to shop. I have dialed 911 twice because of very aggressive panhandling inside the store. No one responded. When I ask for solutions, I am told to always keep the doors locked.

I see people open new businesses only to close them because of the situations I described. I know the city has an ordinance banning camping but it is not enforced.

The root cause of this is the Tacoma Rescue Missions inability, or unwillingness, to manage the people around the temporary housing shelter at 3561 Pacific. I do own a property at 3511 Pacific and because of the environment created by the homeless, I have had my insurance cancelled twice because of the mess they create. There are now quite a few campsites in the woods behind the homeless shelter and these people wander throughout the area and sleep on the sidewalks.

I must say that I have never observed a city administration as "out of touch" with the area they manage. I would love to hear from you regarding a solution because the present plan isn't working.

Respectfully,

Allan Holloway, Owner Anita's Interiors

From: Laure and John Nichols <laureandjohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 7:33 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tree protection in Tacoma

We are writing regarding tree protection in the City of Tacoma as new zoning codes are taking place with "Home in Tacoma". Tacoma has one of the lowest tree canopies of any city its size with poor and underserved communities facing the fewest benefits our trees offer to residents. Other communities have added density while also working to maintain an urban tree canopy. Tacoma can do this as well. Don't bend to the pressure from the building and development community. Look at the big picture and our future, and do the right thing.

Thank you.

Laure and John Nichols

From: Kimberly Smart <kimsmart8849@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 11:08 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: kimsmart8849@comcast.net
Subject: HiT Program WITH URBAN GROWTH TREE PROTECTION

Dear City of Tacoma,

I AM Supporting Hit with URBAN GROWTH TREE PROTECTION.

Sincerely,
Kim

Kimberly Smart
Managing Broker

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From: Pamela Transue <ptransue@harbornet.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 19, 2024 2:15 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Home in Tacoma

Dear Members of the Tacoma City Council,

Please include strong tree protections in this next stage of Home in Tacoma. Our city has been going backward on this issue for many years and our desirability and livability goes down with every tree we lose. Please stand up to those who are pushing to do away with strong tree protection.

Pamela Transue
President Emeritus
Tacoma Community College

From: Cathie Raine <cjrrd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 12:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council meeting (10/22/24)

The following Comments are being submitted for the 'COMMUNITY FORUM' part of the 10/22/24 City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Hines and Council Members,

I know that many of you are feeling pressured to approve this proposed 'Home in Tacoma-Phase 2' Plan (Zoning Changes, Administrative and Standards package).. "because we really need more affordable housing ASAP"!
(After all...We have a housing supply emergency!)

This 'housing development' planning has been in the works for years now... "we need to get this done!" (Comments I have heard from a few Council members recently).

However, If "this" is such an 'emergency', why didn't the Planners plan for 'stages' with this plan implementation..a far less extreme (with housing densification) in certain neighborhoods. The City Planners could have written the zoning and construction plans... initiate different levels (with the R-1, the R-2 and R-3) at a lesser density level more consistent with what has been proposed with HB 1110.

Unfortunately, this isn't just a 'simple' situation of the Planning and Development Services (PDS) Dept Planners developing a housing development plan that BOTH provides 'housing' for future residents and ALSO melds well with the character and history of neighborhoods.

Please take note of an important change made to the Zoning code for 'Home in Tacoma' (HIT)..the PURPOSE has changed from:

"Preserve the character and quality of residential neighborhoods"
to
"Support the City's housing growth strategy"
(no more quality?)

Well..truthfully, some residential neighborhoods in Tacoma will be preserved..protected from housing 'densification' plans (view-sensitive, already designated 'historical districts'...)

What other 'community interests' have been involved heavily with the development and writing of these new 'Home in Tacoma-Phase 2' Plans and Code package? The Home Builders/property developers and Pierce Transit (public transit) have their own financial interests connected to these zoning changes! This part of the timeline, for housing development, has slowed this entire planning process down as their 'interests' (requests) have been included into this 'Home in Tacoma-Phase 2' plans

What parts of the Tacoma Community have had much lesser input into the writing of these new 'Zoning' codes? The CURRENT RESIDENTS have seen/submitted comments at the multitude of HIT presentations. Yes..the PDS Planners/City officials have done their 'due diligence' with these presentation opportunities. However, it does not feel that these Planners are actually engaging with residents in a respectful manner.
The residents still do not feel 'heard' or understood.

Please consider the following:

1. How many of these Planners and Construction company owners actually LIVE in Tacoma? Many of these Planners are NOT Tacoma residents...instead live in Gig Harbor, Sumner, Fircrest, University Place, Puyallup,.Seattle..are not part of the Tacoma

community!

2. With this 'housing densification' plan, what neighborhoods will see the greatest impact with R-3 levels being added?

3. Trees need to be a part of any housing development plan AT THE SAME TIME of housing construction...trees need to be considered part of the infrastructure of the property. Realistically, if a property is 'fully developed' per R-3 standards (with the sewer/utility connections placed), trees cannot be added later on due to possible problems with tree root systems' destruction of sewer lines etc.

In addition, many of these construction projects are to be built to property lines with inadequate ROW areas for 'street tree' tree planting plans later on.

4. Transit options and transit route planning is inadequate to meet the needs of residents living in some of these planned 'higher density' target areas. For example, a number of newly constructed apartment areas (greater than 15) have already been completed in the South Tacoma areas ('Tacoma Mall Extended Growth Center' area west of the Mall & along the length of South Tyler Street)..with no current plans to extend increased transit services to these areas of South Tacoma. Keep in mind..construction of these apartment areas has been completed and units occupied! Is this a fair (or, safe) situation for the residents living in these neighborhoods?

There is no 'guarantee' (within the writing of these new codes) that public transit services WILL be planned for higher density areas in the future. Just a 'wishful' thinking situation...no on- site parking provided for apartment dwellers..no guarantee of transit services either!

5. The 'Equity Index' and 'Climate Consideration' factors were NOT included with the 'Home in Tacoma-Phase 2' zoning and standards package plans. 'Low Equity' and 'Very Low Equity' areas of Tacoma will experience some of the most intense housing densification plans/projects!

Older housing (houses with lawns/trees/bushes) will continue to be demolished and replaced with apartment buildings (up to 5 stories tall) in these lower equity areas with tree canopies of less than 11%! These areas of Tacoma have been documented as 'low/very low equity' areas with documented 'low/inadequate' tree canopy areas .. Part of 'heat islands'. This 'Home in Tacoma' zoning change would further harm these types of neighborhoods..cause a further decrease in the quality of life for the residents living in South Tacoma especially with the plan to add more residents to already 'low equity' areas. To be fair, the opposite should be the planned for these neighborhoods in Tacoma. However, it is possible that the Planners don't care that they could be creating a 'slum' in South Tacoma and other areas of Tacoma.

This same department (PDS Dept Planners) thought it was a 'reasonable plan' to locate and approve that Bridge Industrial 2.5 million sq ft fulfillment center IN South Tacoma...

5. With any amendments written/to be added with the 'Administrative' and 'Zoning' codes package: DO NOT ALLOW INDIVIDUAL PLANNERS TO HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PERMIT APPLICATIONS THAT REQUIRE 'ZONING' CHANGES (without a review/approval first by the City Council members). If the Planners are able to make zoning changes, at their discretion, you will not need to have any of the other HIT codes written

The 'Bridge Industrial' warehouse project (permit No. LU21-0125) was approved by 1 person (administratively) per the TMC written previously. So a decision being made per one Planner's discretion?!

Please consider rejecting this 'Home in Tacoma-Phase 2' plan. Request, instead, the adoption of the Housing Development plan most consistent with what has been written with HB 1110. It has been an established tactic of the PDS Dept to wear out residents and Council members with the endless number of presentations..to the point of everyone just wanting to get the approval "over with"..."tired of hearing about it".

Also...the only people wanting this 'HIT-Phase 2' package approved ASAPBare the home builders..related to THEIR future financial gains!

Remember what your current constituents want for our Tacoma community! Please do not ignore or dismiss the Tacoma

residents' input!

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie (Raine) Urwin
South Tacoma resident

From: Sharon Babcock <shbabcock@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 4:45 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Home in Tacoma project and tree

Dear Council members,

As you make decisions regarding next steps for Home in Tacoma, I write in support of urban tree protection as a solid part of the project.

Sharon Babcock
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253-759-3627

From: Mark Strand <mstrand708@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 7:39 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Homes In Tacoma

I wish and hope that Tacoma will not pass this bill. What makes Tacoma so special are the neighborhoods. People bond in neighborhoods. People are proud of their neighborhood. People feel connected to their neighborhood whether you are in the North, South, East or West section of Tacoma people connect with their neighbors. We do not need more multiplex high-rise structures or high density buildings. They change the character of neighborhoods. We do not want to be like Seattle or Vancouver, Canada where they have destroyed the neighborhood fabric with high-rises and houses built so close together. People bought houses on large lots and tore down the existing house and build three or more houses on the same footprint. Or built high multiplexes which do not fit in to the neighborhood. Please use common sense and kill this bill. Keep Tacoma Tacoma. Thank you for serving Tacoma and taking time to read my message.
Mark Strand

Michelle Reich
Received 10/21/2024
(Community Forum)

African Wildcat *Felis lybica* The Ancestor of our Domestic Cat



From: Dorothy Greenbaum <dg@brisoctor.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:40 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Protect our community! VOTE NO on ceasefire resolution, BDS, etc. / Protect our community from terrorist propaganda and violence

cc:
Christians United for Israel
Press
State House and Senate Representatives
U.S. Representative
U.S. Senators

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, NO to divesting from Israel bonds, NO to withholding military aid to Israel, and NO to dropping charges against those arrested in the illegal, discriminatory encampments.

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, fervor to interfere with Israel bonds, military aid to Israel, and pressure to drop the charges against those arrested in the illegal encampments, 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, NO to divesting from Israel bonds, NO on withholding military aid to Israel, and NO to dropping charges against those arrested in the illegal, discriminatory encampments. These resolutions will allow Hamas to retrench and re-strengthen. Instead, 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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Sent from my iPhone

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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.

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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

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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).

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ISRAEL PROTECTS PALESTINIAN CIVILIAN LIVES

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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

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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.

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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).

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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.

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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?

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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].

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

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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!"

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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).

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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).

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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).

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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).

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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).

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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).

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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).

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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.

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IN SUMMARY:

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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).

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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).

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HAMAS VIOLENCE: MUSIC, LGBTQIA+, AND CHRISTIANS

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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).

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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:

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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).

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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).

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HAMAS VIOLENCE: MUSIC, LGBTQIA+, AND CHRISTIANS

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FOOD AND AID

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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).

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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.

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IN SUMMARY:

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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.

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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).

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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.

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How can you help Palestinians and Israelis?

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To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Protect our community! VOTE NO on ceasefire resolution, BDS, etc. / Protect our community from terrorist propaganda and violence

Cc:
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State House and Senate Representatives
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U.S. Senators

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Keep in mind that Israel is only a bit smaller than the state of New Jersey.

Israel is surrounded by huge Arab countries. I ask you, why can't a small state the size of New Jersey be allowed to exist, the only Jewish country in the world?

Israel is slandered over and over by charged terms such as "genocide" "apartheid" "occupation" "colonizers." The effort to destroy a sovereign country are intense. But where do these terms, and others, come from? What are the dynamics at work here?

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Iran's Cognitive War Is More Dangerous Than Missiles and Killer Drones
by Avirim Bellaishe

"Khamenei sees his role as a cognitive guide, directing the use of psychological tools and influencers. Beyond military purposes, he makes use of the Palestinian proxies as an expendable terror force against Israel. He employs the narrative of the "Palestinian struggle" to construct new narratives portraying Israel, as the occupier, the racist, and the agent of genocide.

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Israel, it will be accomplished by mobilizing such influencers to activate the public in that direction.” [1]

It’s a chilling manipulation that is now being carried to city councils all over our nation. Please consider carefully before voting to help harm a people and a nation - Israelis and Israel.

Sincerely,
Cindy Damm

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<https://jcpa.org/article/irans-cognitive-war-is-more-danger-than-missiles-and-kill-drones/>

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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).

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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).

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IN SUMMARY:

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How can you help Palestinians and Israelis?

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Sincerely,

Sam Romer

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Cc: City Clerk's Office; Pauli, Elizabeth
Subject: Construction of Fire Pits

Dear City Council, City Clerk, City Manager,

It is important that you drop this Home In Tacoma altogether and work with the State's Rezone HB1110 adopted in April 2023.

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MIDSCALE IS YOUR PANDERING TO TRANSIT. NOTHING LESS

You may not like what I am saying, but I will tell you, you are building death traps for the people who will live in those places and the adjoining homes that are helpless to fight your ignorance and the fact that it does not impact YOU PERSONALLY. BUT IT WILL. IT ALWAYS CATCHES UP.

Stop this insanity of letting real estate investment companies take over our buildings and homes and destroying homeownership opportunities.

Stop this insanity and drop HIT 2.

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Adding my Voice to the email below:

cc:
Christians United for Israel
Press
State House and Senate Representatives
U.S. Representative
U.S. Senators

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

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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].

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