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18.		Favor	Anthony Pimentel	<p>I write this as a non-Jewish Mexican-American resident. It is critical for every American to support the state of Israel right now. Hamas, and other terrorist organizations like Hezbollah and the Houthis, are backed by the world's largest state-sponsors of terror, Iran. These actors want nothing more than to destroy Israel, eliminate women's rights, crush LGBTQ+ ideals, and tarnish any signs of western civilization or democracy—including all minorities in America and not the "right type" of Muslims. It is essential America stands with Israel right now. Let's ask ourselves: If Hitler was alive today, who do you think he would be rooting for?</p> <p>The answer to that question should help you determine whether you're on the right or wrong side of history today. I hope Los Angeles finds itself on the RIGHT side of history today.</p>
			Brent Sacks	
			Brent Sokol	<p>Being pro-Israel doesn't mean being anti-Palestinian Arab. It means fighting to have a Jewish Homeland in Israel— a right to exist. With the massacre of Jewish children, families, and near entire communities last weekend this is a time for moral clarity. Los Angeles County will be remembered for its statement. Please make the correct choice. No one should suffer what Hamas did to those Israeli children, women and seniors—kidnapped, tortured, burned alive, beheaded — whatever your politics. A support for the State of Israel is support for humanity, and the moral rejection of barbarism. LA County we need your public statement now to support Israel in the face of those who would commit another genocide against its inhabitants.</p>
			Cliff Goldstein	
			DAVID MATTHEWS	
			David M Shapiro	
			Debbie Mandel	
			Eric Levander	<p>I encourage the County to condemn the horrific terrorism in Israel, support Israeli defense, condemn Hamas for keeping hostages and preventing innocent people from fleeing, condemn Egypt from closing their borders, and the condemning subsequent antisemitism calling for the annihilation of the Jewish people.</p>
			Evelin Avila	
			Gwen Yeager	Please see NY Rep Ritchie Torres' statement, too.
			HENRY W BAKER	
			Jill Smith	

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			John M Erickson
			As a strong supporter of Israel and representative of a community with a large Jewish population, I want to express my full support for the State of Israel and condemn, in the strongest ways possible, the terrorist actions by Hamas and the ongoing struggle to get free individuals who are currently being held hostage. The ongoing attacks against Israel must stop and we must continue to show our full support and take a stand against hatred and terrorism being inflicted on the people of Israel and Jewish communities across the world suffering.
			Kyle Rose
			Leah Mendelsohn
			The state of Israel has the absolute right to defend itself from a Terrorist Organization. It needs to eliminate Hamas, which has demonstrated its terrorist, barbaric actions against innocent Israelis (including beheading babies and raping women). Israel is not going into Gaza for vengeance or retaliation - it is just going into Gaza to rid itself of the terrorist organization which is still killing its people and will continue, even if this war ends, unless Israeli forces can truly annihilate them. We need to make sure that Israel and the world understand the motive and purpose of Israel. Also, the Israelis try to let the innocent Palestinians know they are coming and asking them to move to a different area - no other country does this when they are at war.
			Lily Huynh-Diep
			Louis A Lipofsky
			Now is the time for the unconditional support for Israel. Hamas seeks the death, not only of Israeli's but all Jews, yes even here in LA. We urge the Board to unanimously vote its support and to condemn those who promote an equivalency between the slaughter of babies and invalids, with any their political aspirations.



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18.		Favor	Matthew Friedman	<p>October 13, 2023 To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Matthew Friedman, and I am a staff member of the Los Angeles office of ADL (Anti-Defamation League).? I am here this morning to ask you to support Agenda Item #18, a resolution to show support for the State of Israel.</p> <p>On October 7, the terrorist group Hamas unleashed a barbaric and unprecedented massacre on Israel.? As of now, the death toll in Israel includes over 1,300?civilians, with more than 3,000 injured, including men, women and children. There are reportedly over 150 civilians, including women, children as young as 9 months, and elderly Holocaust survivors, who were kidnapped and taken as hostages into Gaza by Hamas and others.? This also includes hostages from at least 10 countries, including the U.S., France, Germany, Mexico, Brazil, and Thailand.?</p> <p>The reports of the atrocities committed by Hamas continue to get worse.?? We've learned that these terrorists gunned down entire families in their beds, executed children in front of their parents, and murdered babies in their cribs.? There have been reports of other human rights abuses such as the rape of young women and teens as well as the abuse of corpses.? Hamas terrorists and their supporters gleefully recorded many of these hideous acts and shared these videos widely for propagandistic purposes.?</p> <p>We are also saddened by the tremendous loss of innocent life in Gaza.??But make?no mistake,?thousands of people would still be alive and unharmed had Hamas not launched their bloodthirsty attack.? This was not legitimate resistance.? This was not anticolonial action.? This was not fighting for freedom.? This was murder, rape, torture, revenge, and hatred.? While this resolution is largely symbolic, its symbolism will make a huge impact?on those of us in LA County and around the world who stand against depravity and terrorism.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Michael Garfinkel	We ask the Supervisors to pass Item 18 supporting the State of Israel in the face of unprecedented and barbaric terrorist attacks on its citizens, including the slaughter of young people joining at a music festival supporting peace.
			Mindy Mamelak	
			Naomi Goffman	

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18.		Favor	Rachelle Fox	<p>October 16, 2023</p> <p>Please support Israel</p> <p>The Jewish People have been the subject of hate and violence for centuries. The cycle must stop. Please condemn violence and support peace. Stand in support of Israel's right to exist and condemn the kind of brutal attacks by terrorist organizations whose only agenda is genocide.</p> <p>Innocent Palestinian people should not be made to suffer because their leadership refuses to work toward peace. Brutality on either side is not the answer.</p> <p>I recognize the Palestinian people's right to safety and security, but as long as their agenda is Death to the Jews, we cannot support them.</p> <p>Stand with Israel and work toward peace.</p> <p>Thank you, Rachelle Fox</p>
			Ryan Senneff	
			suzanne prince	
			Yaakov Subar	It is imperative and moral that we support the state of Israel, who's civilians were slaughtered, against the "pure unadulterated evil" (to quote the President). Thank you
		Oppose	A A	OPPOSE!!! Save Palestine!!!
			A B	<p>I am a constituent of LA county supervisors. I am writing to you regarding the unfolding crisis in Gaza. It is absolutely urgent That you call for an immediate ceasefire and that they call on Israel to allow Humanitarian assistance into Gaza.</p> <p>You all must oppose sending anymore weapons to the Israeli military as it carries out mass genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza. The only way forward is to address the root cause of violence:</p> <p>Israeli military occupation and apartheid, and end US complicity in this oppression.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			A Campbell	As a Jew with close family in Israel: why should our city express support for a nation that has been enacting genocide and ethnic cleansing for the past 75 years? My tax dollars were already at work today bombing a hospital, killing hundreds of people including children. I feel sick. How can anyone in good conscience express support for this?

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18.		Oppose	Aamirah Dastgir	Supporting this shows that you all support the Palestinian genocide. That's blood on all of your hands and consciences forever so do the right thing and oppose this.
			Aaron M Olson	<p>My name is Aaron Olson and I'm a resident of Los Angeles district 13. I am an American Jew and I strongly oppose the furthering of violence in Israel-Palestine, which blindly supporting Israel's war efforts at this time will ensure. I oppose Item 18. We NEED TO CALL FOR A CEASE-FIRE IMMEDIATELY.</p> <p>We can support Israel and its people NOW by helping them to stop the destruction and annihilation of Palestine and its innocent people. Palestinians ARE NOT Hamas, and they should not be blindly bombed and brutalized, just as the USA should not be blindly attacked because we're home to Proud Boys and other terrible hate groups. This is completely urgent, civilians are being laid to waste as we speak.</p> <p>As a member of IfNotNow LA I entirely support the following sentiment and statement:</p> <p>Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p> <p>Thank you, Aaron Olson</p>
			Abby H	



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18.		Oppose	Abdelkarim M Benothman	
			Abdelrahman Sakr	The Islamophobic statements, one after another that we have seen so far from governmental institutions are directly responsible for the dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Palestinian/Arab/Muslim lives is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than beating drums of warfare further and exacerbating human suffering!
			Abdu Bitar	Extremely unfair and unequivocally making schools unsafe for our children
			Abed Bellouche	Stop killing innocent people!
			Abeer Khan	<p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>- Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>- We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>- We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
			Abid Kapadya	Where is the support for Palestine and the hundreds of children that have been murdered and will continue to die? Do you have no shame or humanity?
			Abid Rizvi	<p>We cannot support Israel's indiscriminate use of violence against innocent civilians, almost half of who are children. Both the UN and UNICEF have issued statements calling for a ceasefire.</p> <p>The killing of women and children violates all international rules of war and LA County should not be issuing a statement of support.</p>
			Adeel Sheikh	



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18.		Oppose	Adil S Hussain	<p>We cannot support Israel's indiscriminate use of violence against innocent civilians, almost half of who are children. Both the UN and UNICEF have issued statements calling for a ceasefire.</p> <p>The killing of women and children violates all international rules of war and LA County should not be issuing a statement of support.</p>
			Adrian C Tenney	<p>I am a resident of the first district. I have lived in Los Angeles for over 20 years. I am a landscape architect who works closely with many of the Indigenous tribes based in LA County.</p> <p>I oppose this resolution and I ask that we instead put forward a resolution for a ceasefire, and for humanitarian aid (that is water – food – fuel and medical supplies) to be allowed into Gaza.</p> <p>I do appreciate that callers in the meeting today pointed out the irony of starting the meeting with a land acknowledgement, citing the violence of settler colonization and genocide, then proposing a motion to support genocidal killing of the Palestinian people that is literally based in settler-colonization. You've rendered your land acknowledgment meaningless. Very disappointing.</p> <p>I do not support this resolution because I do not support the mass murder of civilians on either side.</p> <p>The Board acknowledged that Israel was created for the Jewish people – but it won't acknowledge how in this, the Palestinian people were displaced from their land.</p> <p>The Board talked about trauma, but only acknowledge Israel's trauma. Members of the Board acknowledged their own trauma. I am wondering how is your trauma more relevant than the trauma of Palestinian civilians living under occupation of Israeli military?</p> <p>Why do you believe Israelis are deserving of peace, justice and self-defense, but not Palestinians?</p> <p>Why is that? It does not make sense to me.</p> <p>Yes, the Hamas attack was a horrific war crime. But to call this unprovoked is an abuse of your power as leaders because it ignores the context that created the desperation, the context of systematic oppression in which Palestinians are radicalized into Hamas. It is a very dangerous lie, because it justifies the ongoing oppression of Palestinian civilians and adds fuel to the fire of dehumanization of the Palestinian people.</p> <p>This resolution is a call for revenge. Let Los Angeles be a voice for peace.</p> <p>I call on you to bring forward a motion for a ceasefire and for humanitarian aid to be allowed into Palestine.</p>
			Adriana Giuliani	



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18.		Oppose	Ahmed Soboh	<p>Dear members of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors ,</p> <p>On Behalf of Islamic shura council of Southern California and its 70 member organizations, and the hundreds of thousands of people it represents. I like to share with you this statement.</p> <p>It came to our attention that one of today's agenda items is a motion put forward by Supervisors Horvath and Barger's motion, Item #18, called "Support for the State of Israel".</p> <p>We share a common commitment to denounce the loss of innocent lives, irrespective of the perpetrators or victims involved. It has come to our attention, however, that your one sided condemnation primarily focused on the actions of the people of Gaza, who have endured severe hardship as a result of the longest-running siege in the world. This siege, spanning 17 years, has subjected the people of Gaza to constant bombardment of their homes, schools, hospitals, and essential infrastructure, leaving them with limited prospects for a better life. We cannot help but notice a silence in your statements when addressing the actions of the Israeli government towards the inhabitants of Gaza.</p> <p>In order to foster better understanding, it is essential to provide context for the outbreaks of violence and refrain from associating violence with any specific religion. We appreciate the relationships we have built over time and your visits to several Islamic Centers in LA County, where you were warmly welcomed. It is disheartening to witness comments and positions that may jeopardize these valuable connections.</p> <p>We understand that this is an election season, and the support of Los Angeles County residents is of great importance. It is worth noting that hundreds of thousands of Muslims reside in Los Angeles County, with many actively engaged in the political process. We urge you to consider the diversity and perspectives within our community as you navigate these challenging times.</p> <p>Dr Ahmed Soboh Chairman</p>
			Aixin Chen	<p>Why would we support a state with gross human rights violations and who is enacting genocide and has been oppressing Palestinians for decades? Other than to support a state that makes our government and weapons manufacturers richer? This is an absurd question.</p>



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18.		Oppose	Alan Smithee	I am in favor of condemning acts of terrorism. I am also in favor of voicing support for those victimized and harmed by the ongoing conflict, be they Israeli or Palestinian. I am NOT in favor of throwing support behind an institution that has contributed to said conflict's death toll longer than Hamas has even existed. Support should be for people, for the innocents and non-combatants who have little to no say in the decisions made by their leadership; decisions that have had harrowing, life-altering and life-ENDING consequences for so, so many for far too long. Palestinian citizens are not defined by Hamas nor are Israeli citizens defined by the State of Israel. We have long lost sight of what Israel was supposed to stand for. What is the point of a making home on a foundation of bloodshed and dead children? Humanity has made many homes on such land, but why are we so content with repeating history when we have the means and ability to end the cycle and do and be so much better?
			Alia Ahmad	
			Alma M	



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			Anahita Ferasat	<p>While I understand, the devastating attack by Hamas deserves attention, the most you should do is issue a statement in support of human rights and against violence against innocent civilians. As the state of Israel's most recent actions comprise killing 2000 Palestinians, your statement, in support of Israel, automatically supporting that action.</p>



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			Aneesa Ibrahim	
			Anisa Abu-Ramaileh	I strongly oppose this motion as it makes us complicit to genocide and we should instead, be calling for an immediate ceasefire and an end to violence in the region. This motion may also lead to worsening Islamophobia, which is not something Angelenos need. We should stand up for the oppressed and strongly oppose this motion.
			Anita Ramasastry	
			Anna Kevorkian	Over one thousand children in Gaza have already been killed, and I don't want that number to increase. It seems like Israel is attempting to wipe out Gaza which is a war crime and genocide. I don't think LA should assist with that
			Anna Love	
			Annie Alan	No aide for genocide
			Annie Colao	Showing unequivocal support for the State of Israel alientes and disrespects not only Palestinian people and the Islamic religion people but the Jewish community as well. As the death toll in Gaza rises over 2,000 (including the death of nearly 1,000 children), it is a great atrocity to stand in support of a government launching attacks and preventing aid from reaching a state in critical condition. It is possible to support the *people* of Israel and of Palestine without voicing support for radical groups and governments failing to stop the inhumane acts of violence, prejudice, fear, and hate. I urge you to consider this strongly and not stand in support for the state of Israel.



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			Arefa Vohra	Disregards the plight of the Palestinian people, the over 1 million refugees displaced from their homes with limited food and water and the unfair position the United States holds with providing military aid to one side.
			Ari Ansari	We should not be supporting an occupying force that has shown repeated disregard for human rights.
			Ariel Hart	this action is supporting ongoing genocide of Palestinian peoples. To stand with Israel in this moment is to greenlight the deaths of thousands of people, families and a whole ecosystem.
			asher price	Israel is engaging in warcrimes against Gaza and its cheif authorities have displayed clear genocidal intent in their language. The people of the city of Los Angeles do not support apartheid governments nor do they support the slaughter of Palestinians. The LA City Council should instead issue a statement calling for an immeadiate cease fire and end of the seige on Gaza to allow humanitarian aid into the area.
			Ashley Figueroa	support for Israel means opposition to Palestine
			Ashley Mendez	This is unacceptable and our country should not support these war criminals. This is genocide.
			Ashley Valenzuela	My name is Ashley, I live in area code 91723, and I urge the Board to reject motion 18. We must condemn Hamas, but we must not endorse the Israeli Government in Genocide. This motion is dangerous, more than 2000 Gazans have been killed in the Israeli airstrikes, more than 1000 of them being babies and children. I implore you to make a statement calling for a ceasefire, Gazans are on the brink of death with no access to water, food, or electricity. The evacuation orders are a death sentence for Gazans as there is no way to shelter, there is no possible way for hospitals to evacuate, how are they to evacuate babies and children who are intubated or connected to machines? Palestinian civilians are the ones being targeted, with no way to safety, over 40 family trees have been completed eliminated from the civil registry, we are enabling a Genocide of the Palestinian people. Please reject motion 18, and endorse a ceasefire of the Israeli Forces.



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			<p>Aslam Akhtar</p> <p>I oppose the killing genocide of the people of Gaza. Supporting the state is Israel equates such.</p>
			<p>Asma Saif</p> <p>I do not support the massacre of innocent people and children in Palestine by the state of Israel</p> <p>,please do not support these massacres by supporting Israel actions</p>
			<p>Ava L Wooton</p> <p>As a Jew, I refuse to blindly stand with Israel as they perpetuate the cycle of violence and commit genocide against the Palestinians. Too many lives have been lost, and the response from Israel has been absolutely shameful. Please do not adopt motion 18.</p>
			<p>Awwab Arif</p> <p>Innocent civilians are dying and this support will only encourage Israel to continue its bombardment of Palestinian civilians.</p>
			<p>Ayah Shiadah</p> <p>We must not allow a right wing government run its course and ravage through a land of indigenous Palestinians where they kill with no regards to children, women, religion or nationality. Israel is antisemitism at its core, they promote racism, genocide and apartheid. Colonialism has proven to cause nothing but suffering, genocide and lies! Stop lying to the people of America. Fortunately for us, the days of fascism is over and Los Angeles knows the truth about Israel's 76 year long occupation and catastrophe at the expense of the Palestinian people.</p>
			<p>Ayesha Parekh</p> <p>How can you support the state of Israel as it bombs, starves, and cuts off water to civilians in Gaza, 50 % of them children? Gaza is an occupied territory under the control of Israel. If you support Israel you will one day be known to be on the wrong side of history, on the side of the oppressor. Shameful this is even being considered when humans rights groups are decrying the bombardment in Gaza by Israel!</p>
			<p>Ayesha R Syed</p> <p>Genocide is unacceptable. The board is only okay with this murder because it is not their family who is being hurt. Have some humanity and stop being in favor of killing Palestinians.</p>



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18.		Oppose	Aysegul Konak	The Islamophobic statements, one after another that we have seen so far from governmental institutions are directly responsible for dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Palestinian/Arab/Muslim lives is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than beating drums of warfare further and exacerbate human suffering!
			AZIZA F HASAN	The massacre of Israeli civilians and taking of hostages a week ago was grotesque. As the sermon at my mosque last Friday said "in Islam, we cannot carry out any violence against innocent civilians. It makes no difference if the civilian is Muslim, Christian or a Jew. Aggression against one is aggression against all." We have a responsibility to not stoke fear & hatred. The omission of Palestinian killings of children & civilians will lead to greater tension in Los Angeles. We are a city of many and all of our grief need to be seen. A 6 year old Palestinian boy was stabbed to death in Chicago over the weekend. Our rhetoric and how we frame this has severe consequences. I urge you to edit to include Palestinians & stand up to expressions of hate & division (Antisemitism, Islamophobia & all forms of hate) before adopting. Lives in Los Angeles depend on it.
			AZIZA F HASAN	The massacre of Israeli civilians and taking of hostages a week ago was grotesque. As the sermon at my mosque last Friday said "in Islam, we cannot carry out any violence against innocent civilians. It makes no difference if the civilian is Muslim, Christian or a Jew. Aggression against one is aggression against all." We have a responsibility to not stoke fear & hatred. The omission of Palestinian killings of children & civilians will lead to greater tension in Los Angeles. We are a city of many and all of our grief need to be seen. A 6 year old Palestinian boy was stabbed to death in Chicago over the weekend. Our rhetoric and how we frame this has severe consequences. I urge you to edit to include Palestinians & stand up to expressions of hate & division (Antisemitism, Islamophobia & all forms of hate) before adopting. Lives in Los Angeles depend on it.
			B Uribe	
			Benjamin meza	We need durable solutions that include two states, not just escalation of violence such that everyone is either dead or enlisted on both sides. That is not a world anyone wants to live in.
			Bennett Koss	Strongly oppose
			Brandon A	



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18.		Oppose	Buthaynah Madany	The ethnic cleansing of over 1 million people is a genocide and NOT a right to defense. The cutting off of human rights to Palestinians has been named an apartheid by multiple human rights organizations. Explain the difference between Ukrainian freedom fighters and a Palestinian coalition resorting to forceful resistance after peaceful protests and resistance consistently results in mass casualties and death including that of the renowned journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. Atrocities on both sides should be condemned but to SUPPORT a genocide goes against what America claims to stand for and especially goes against what California claims to stand for.
			Callie Ryan	As a Jewish person and a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians. I have lost many family members on both my maternal and paternal side of my family to the Holocaust, I have seen first hand the ways in which this type of trauma that we are seeing unfolding before our eyes effects the physical, mental, and spiritual wholeness of a family. While I am in deep mourning for my Israeli family, friends, and the fear my Jewish community feels, I REFUSE to have our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians. Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis. We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.
			Camille Kolodziejki	Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinian people with our tax dollars. The people of LA cannot condone this, there is blood on our hands. We do not support the state of Israel. We do not support the bombing of hospitals. We cannot stand by to watch a people be starved, kept from water and electricity and aid. We will not buy or supply the White Phosphorus. We do not support the state of Israel.
			Carimah Townes	<p>This proposed resolution is a disgusting endorsement of ethnic cleansing, military violence, and apartheid. It is unfathomable that our elected representatives would consider such a resolution at a time when the people of Gaza, including thousands of children, are being slaughtered and deprived of the basic resources they need to survive, such as water, food, and medical resources. I wholeheartedly oppose this resolution and urge our leaders to consider the violent, Islamophobic repercussions that this resolution will encourage here in LA County.</p> <p>The language of the resolution is nothing short of an approval of the Israeli government's killings as well as manufacturing consent for the genocide of the Palestinian people.</p>



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			Carlos Flores
			Strongly oppose this one-sided statement of support. It would be blind support of collective punishment and war crimes.
			Chanel Malone
			Supporting the apartheid of the Palestinian people will leave our state on the wrong side of history. As we strive to acknowledge the atrocities committed against indigenous communities of Americas, we must ensure that our names are not added to those same atrocities being committed today in Israel!
			Charlotte Austin
			There is no reason for Los Angeles the city to express their support at this time, especially given the devastation that has been seen in Gaza this week. We cannot encourage EITHER antisemitism OR Islamophobia in our beautiful city.
			Christine Assaf
			Ciara Brewer
			Almost 200 Israeli hostages were captured and taken into Gaza, and the Israeli government's response has been to drop over 6,000 bombs on Gaza in the span of one week - this is not a strategy for returning hostages, it is a strategy for collective punishment of civilians. This violence is an expression of something that Israeli decisionmakers have said explicitly - they are more concerned with punishing Palestinians civilians than they are with returning Israelis home safely. These Israeli officials do NOT reflect the wishes of the Israeli people, who want to see their family and friends returned safely. If you want to stand with the people of Israel, call for an end to the bombing and the prioritization of hostage negotiations - not with the extremist Israeli government. There is nothing Jewish about the Israeli government's treatment of Palestinians and my condemnation of the Israeli government is not antisemitic. Hamas killed Israelis in their homes - no one should be killed in their homes - supporting the right of Palestinian civilians not to be killed in their homes is not equivalent to supporting Hamas.
			Cindy Camberos
			Cindy Lin
			Israel has already killed 2100 Palestinians, 700 of which are children. By expressing support for their actions empowers and emboldens them to kill more. WE THE PEOPLE URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THIS ITEM.
			Claire Austin



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18.		Oppose	Claire L Phillips	<p>am an American Jew and a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
			Corinne Allas	It has been heartbreaking to witness the state sanctioned genocide of the Palestinian people. We cannot continue to blindly support and fund a government who has so blatantly committed war crimes against innocent civilians.
			Dana Leota	Support for Israel is giving them the green light to commit genocide. Please do not be complicit: on behalf of your Arab-American citizens, we will never forgive you.
			Danette Bouzanquet	Stop supporting GENOCIDE. Free Palestine
			Daniel Meza	Sadly Israel is actively bombing innocent civilians and especially children at this time. War is horrible. I don't feel it is appropriate for the County to support a state that is committing such atrocities.
			Daniela Giuliani	
			Daryl Gussin	



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			David Vladimir	The language of the resolution being brought to the Los Angeles city council on October 17 is nothing short of an approval of the Israeli government's killings as well as manufacturing consent for the genocide of the Palestinian people
			David B Williams	Genocide is never ok. Request a cease fire immediately.
			Devki Joshi	I ardently stand in opposition to the state sponsored and US sanctioned violence and genocide of the Palestinian people.
			Diana Caracalla	Committing genocide 1000s of children have died
			Dori Wooton	I am a proud Jewish woman who opposes blindly standing with Israel. We demand a ceasefire, provisions of humanitarian aid, and an end to the genocide of the Palestinian people.
			Eduardo K Diaz	I implore for the county of LA to reject this motion as Israel is committing acts of genocide against Palestinians. This motion is dangerous and set the precedent for Israel to continue committing its crimes against Palestinians. While the attacks this past we were unprecedented, we can not deny that fact Palestinians have been under occupation and settler colonial violence for the past 75 years. Zionism itself was based on the antisemitic premise that Jewish people can not live among others, it is a lie upheld by European antisemitism. In stead of dealing with the atrocities they committed, the ground work for the destruction of Palestine was set in place with the Balfour declaration. Nothing exists in a vacuum and nothing justifies the support of genocide, this is turning your back on all the oppressed people in this country and allying, aligning, and supporting white supremacy and settler colonialism. The issues at hand are not about religion, it is about oppression and marginlization of people in the face of state violence.
			Edward Smith	Stop the genocide. By supporting the state of Israel we are supporting ethnic cleansing of Palestinian people. I will not stand by and watch (or support) as my government sends OUR taxpayer dollars by the billion to the Israeli state to destroy an entire race.



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18.		Oppose	Eleanor Bray	I do not support an imperialist state carrying out active genocide against the innocent people of Palestine. We can condemn Hamas without promoting support for a government that is ethnically cleansing Gaza and committing war crimes. There is a historical power imbalance between Israel and Palestine and I urge the Board of Supervisors to think critically on this matter and recognize what is happening here.
			eli tizcareno	I oppose this resolution as a life long resident of Los Angeles County, District 5. As Vigilant Love member, an organization committed to ending white supremacy and islamophobia in Los Angeles, I stand with the people of Palestine who have suffered over 75 years of occupation, massacres, incarceration, collective punishment and genocide as we speak. I do not stand for violence, and this resolution further promotes violence that Los Angelenos of all walks of life are speaking about on this call today. History shows that violence for violence does not work, it only kills more people, and this resolution does not support an end to occupation that is the root cause of the violence we are seeing today. Please listen to the voices of so many of us, please vote no, and educate yourself so you do not uplift a state that is enacting genocide and settler colonialism. Instead call for U.S. to demand seize fire and solutions from those who are most impacted. This resolution further supports hate crimes in Los Angeles and I say please oppose this bill.
			Elizabeth Ayoob	The Israeli government is plowing forward toward a fully genocidal attack on Palestinians in Gaza. This is absolutely the wrong time for our government to voice its support for this apartheid state. I, as a former county government employee, beg our Board to set itself on the right side of history here.
			Eman Abdel-Latif	
			Eman Atef	
			Emma bornstein	
			end the genocide	
			Erica R	



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			Erika Thi Benjamin
			Dear Honorable County Supervisors, I'm writing to urge the board to NOT support the State of Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people and to call for an immediate cease fire on Gaza. Islamophobic statements from government institutions and leadership are directly linked to the dramatic rise in bullying and violence against Muslim children, including the horrifying murder of a 6-year old Palestinian boy in Chicago. The disregard of human life, especially Palestinian/Arab/Muslim lives, is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than support for genocidal acts on the people of Gaza and violence upon Arab and Muslim communities in the diaspora.
			Erin Schneider
			Ethan P
			Evan Apodaca
			I do not support state-sanctioned genocide or military aid of Israel in any way shape or form
			Fahmeeda Motala
			Faisal Qazi
			The Islamophobic statements, one after another that we have seen so far from governmental institutions are directly responsible for dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Palestinian/Arab/Muslim lives is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than beating drums of warfare further and exacerbate human suffering!
			Faiza Haniffa
			Fariha Ahmed
			Stop this genocide
			Farina Hashim
			Totally
			Fatemeh Mashouf
			Yesterday, a man threatened me and my Muslim children outside of their Muslim elementary school because people are interpreting this widespread "Stand with Israel" sentiment to mean that it's ok to harass and hurt Muslims. If this resolution passes and their school is attacked, the city of LA will be to blame. Muslims will pay the price with their blood but we won't be silenced. I am documenting this warning so you can't pretend not to know the likely impact of your actions. We have the receipts.
			Fatima Siddiqui
			You have the moral obligation to end the genocide. Be on the right side of history. Too many Palestinians have died. End the apartheid
			Fatma Kokon



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18.		Oppose	Fauzia Musherraf	Isreal is committing a genocide in of Palestinians. Civilians are being bombed , thousands of innocent people are dying. The US media is one-sided only showing when the Israelis are harmed.
			Fawad Shaiq	I am opposed to this one sided resolution that makes no mention of the atrocities being afflicted upon the Palestinian people. Over 3,000 Gazans have been killed in the last week, over 1/3 of those being children. That's 1,000 kids dead because of Israel's policy of collective punishment. I urge the board of supervisors to stand for everyone's humanity. To support an immediate cease fire, and to urge humanitarian aid to be delivered to the suffering in Gaza. They have run out of food, clean water, power and medical supplies.
			Gabrielle Zerbib	<p>I am an American Jew and a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
			Gabrielle E Davis	
			Gaia C	We cannot support an apartheid state occupying indigenous lands and committing war crimes. We can't support human rights violations and overtly threatening and bombing innocent civilians, hospitals, schools, and UNRWA buildings.



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18.		Oppose	Gibran Flanders	I am absolutely disgusted by what is taking place in Palestine and even more so by the silence and lack of voices behind a ceasefire to take place with Israel. This is beyond politics, this is ethics!! We must all do our part to be on the right side of history. This is a crime on humanity and turning a blind eye is criminal. Countless war crimes have been committed. Innocent people are dying (might I include thousands of children!!) they are denied access to food, water and electricity. Now they are bombing hospitals. This is genocide. Not only are innocent people suffering and being killed but I'm afraid this only fuels more hatred and violence some of which we are just starting to see here in the United States. Anyone with a conscious can see it is wrong. Please use your power and voice to be a part of stopping this before more innocent people die! Thank you.
			Gloria Campos	I have attached a document with a press release from the UN stating the ways Israel is committing human rights abuses. Israel just bombed a hospital killing over 200-300 people today. They bombed the entryway that was bringing aid to Palestinian children and families. The Israeli government has called on the extermination of Palestinians. This is genocide. They are threatening journalists on the ground. Please- LA residents and citizens are largely opposed to what Israel is doing to the Palestinians- thousands marched this past weekend calling for a ceasefire and an end to supporting this genocide. We stand with the citizens of Palestine who have absolutely no where else to go. It is a shame that this is even up for debate. A baby of 6 years who is Muslim and Palestinian was recently stabbed over 30 times by a white supremacist- this is what happens when we dehumanize others. Please represent the whole of LA and do the right thing.
			Gulnaz Rahman	Boycott Israel
			Hadir Azab	
			Hala Mohammad	Requesting to keep in mind that any resolution that unequivocally supports one side will bring misplaced aggression on the innocent on the opposite side that is Palestinians, Arabs, Muslim Americans or anyone that looks like Muslims/represents the minorities/unknown as it did post 9/11 and during trump era of repressing dissenting voices.
			Hana Khidir	
			Hanifa Karim	Supporting the apartheid of the Palestinian people will leave our state on the wrong side of history. As we strive to acknowledge the atrocities committed against indigenous communities of Americas, we must ensure that our names are not added to those same atrocities being committed today in Israel!
			hanna hur	



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18.		Oppose	Hannah Cornfield	<p>Hi my name is Hannah Cornfield, I am a resident of the 3rd District in LA County.</p> <p>I am an American Jew and believe in a thriving future for Palestinians and collective liberation.</p> <p>Many of us are mourning our Israeli and Palestinian friends and family. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. Where life is precious, life is precious.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our U.S. leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
			Hannah Howard	<p>It is absurd that as Palestinian children are dying every minute, our city council would take sides in a conflict where both the Israeli State AND Hamas have committed war crimes and human rights violations. You should be passing a resolution for a ceasefire, instead your blanket supporting a country that has already killed thousands in the past week killing even more.</p>
			Haseena Mirza	<p>We should not stand by and fuel the flames while Israel bombards Gaza as collective punishment, cutting off electricity and water and forcing evacuation of millions who have nowhere to go. We do not unconditionally support any nation, instead we should hold them up to standards of justice and freedom that we wish for ourselves.</p>
			Hayat Owainat	
			Heba Ashraf	<p>Apartheid</p>
			Henry Artem	<p>The Los Angeles City Council should demand an end to Israel's apartheid of Palestinians and the brutal blockade on Gaza which are all supported by the United States.</p>



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			Humna Ali	
			Ilesha Siler	<p>All life is valuable. Israeli life, Palestinian lives, Black lives, Indigenous Lives, and the list goes on. In public health, we talk about the root cause of inequities. In this case its the root cause of all this pain is the suffering of the Palestinian people living in modern day apartheid. Please call for Peace, NOT supporting a colonial power.</p>
			Iman Abdelaal	



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			<p>Name ismet ozturk</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>I absolutely do not support Israel's oppression of the Palestinian people. Do not tolerate the killing of children and people .</p>



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18.		Oppose	Jack Alda	<p>I oppose this resolution.</p> <p>As an elected official who represents a diverse community in LA County—including Palestinian Americans, Arab Americans, and American Muslims—I ask that you acknowledge the suffering of all individuals affected by the violence, including the ongoing suffering of the Palestinians people by the Israeli state.</p> <p>I urge you to retract this resolution and meet with local Arab American and Palestinian American human rights advocates to gain an informed perspective of the situation and meet with local Muslim leaders to gain a better understanding of Islam.</p> <p>I urge you to denounce anti-Palestinian racism, propaganda, and dehumanizing language.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Jacob Jaffe	
			Jacob Moyer	As a member of LA county I strongly oppose our government releasing a statement in support of Israel. They are using their power and weapons to commit genocide of innocent Palestinian civilians in Gaza and to support this is evil.
			Jarod Ottley	<p>This is a humanitarian crisis. To be clear i do not support war crimes of any kind, by any state, regardless of religion, ideology of geopolitical superiority. the killing of any innocent civilians is a violation of human rights. I condemn Hamas for its abuses of human rights and acts of aggression.</p> <p>AND, I UNEQUIVOCALLY, condemn and denounce the gross human rights violations continually perpetrated by the state of Israel, since its inception, and today during this crisis more than ever!</p> <p>I urge anyone listening or reading to explore the truth of this matter. The Words of Dr Gabor Maté are some of the most profound on this subject: He, a jewish man, the youngest survivor of the holocaust, former pro-zionist, physician, and author, in a way that no one else can compare, completely and utterly disavows the actions and the legitimacy of the state of Israel. please learn your history, we must stand for truth and injustice.</p> <p>I do not, cannot, and will not ever support the heinous crimes, dehumanization, and genocide that the state of Isreal is directly responsible for.</p>
			Jasmine Rocha	Making an official statement to Support an Occupying State goes against Angelenos values. Doing so, you've have decided that the suffering of Palestinians in their home country and abroad means nothing.

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18.		Oppose	Jennifer Witte	<p>Hi my name is Jenn, I am a resident of the 1st District in LA County.</p> <p>I am a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
			Jennika Tong	
			Jesse M Lerner	<p>I am an Israeli-American Jew very strongly opposed to this motion. I am heartbroken for Israel and afraid for my family and friends who are still there. However, I do not support blindly standing beside the state of Israel as it actively commits genocide against Palestinians. Please do not weaponize Jewish grief in this matter. We need to demand an immediate ceasefire and prioritize humanitarian aid where it is needed.</p>
			Jessica Herrera	<p>I do not support genocide. Free Palestine.</p>
			Jessica Jocson	<p>There is killing on both sides and let us not over generalize that Hamas = Gaza. A people under occupation have a right to resist. The US should not be in support of an apartheid state like Israel. This is not fiction. By definition Israel is an apartheid state that is ruthlessly punishing Gaza solely because they want their land and feel that the citizens of Gaza are second class. Israel has been charged with numerous war crimes and violations of human rights by the UN and human rights watch. I would be embarrassed that my country would stand by a country such as this. What principles of liberty and justice for all are being applied here.</p>

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18.		Oppose	Jessica M	<p>My name is Jessica and I urge the board to vote no on this resolution. I was born and raised in Los Angeles and have witnessed countless motions and resolutions be passed by the Board without any hesitation or amendments despite a multitude of opposition from constituents. Time and time again we are left feeling like our voices do not matter. How many times have past representatives had their corruptions revealed and then new reps have come in with claims of being truly for the people they represent? How many times have they then turned around and only promoted their own agendas with great disconnect to what their constituents need and beg for?</p> <p>Please do not let this be another one of those moments. Janice Hahn you represent my district. I beg of you directly and to the rest of the board to hear me when I say...</p> <p>If you have entered this meeting already having decided to pass this resolution because it aligns with your personal or political agenda, please truly hear and FEEL all of your constituent's concerns. This resolution as written cannot be passed. The resolution encourages Islamophobia in LA.</p> <p>I demand the Board reject this resolution and take time to educate yourselves thoroughly on why countless people are calling in to say the resolution is dangerous for Brown and Muslim Angelenos and that it disregards the realities of the current and well documented history of the genocide of Palestinians.</p> <p>I demand the Board reject this resolution and show us that you do represent our voices.</p>
			Jessie M Gussin	As a Jewish person myself I am ashamed and horrified by the actions of the Israeli state.
			John Motter	I strongly oppose the measure put forward by Lindsey Horvath that is in support of the state of Israel and their murder of Palestinians. Israel has killed over 2,3000 Palestinians this week alone. Motions like this are meant to stir up hatred and foment conflict, resulting in such acts as the murder of 6 year old Palestinan Wadea Al Fayoume in Chicago yesterday and the stabbing of his mother by his landlord while he screamed "you Muslims must die!".
			Johnny R Escobedo	not in favor of committing genocide on the palestinian people
			Jonathan M Edwards	Palestinian people suffer under Israel's harsh and violent occupation. Children suffer most for conflicts they have no part or guilt in. Free Palestine.
			Josh Tran	This is a motion diametrically opposed to the fundamental need for peace and visibility of the Palestinian plight. This motion serves nothing but to chill dissent and ignores Muslims living in LA county who are also facing increased levels of violence, racism, and Islamophobia.
			Joshika Money	

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			Judy Branfman I am Jewish and live in Supervisor District 3 and feel strongly that this motion places you blindly standing with the Israeli government no matter what they do. It encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under more than 70 years of occupation and apartheid. You must value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis and call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.
			Juju Djumena Please never de-humanize the genocide of Palestinians as a whole is warranted via violent destructions, crimes against humanity, and Israeli war crimes with impunity, just because a small groups of resistance movement in Palestine committed war crimes on Israeli citizens. It's unacceptable for Los Angeles officials to overlook with impunity and monstrosity of the systematic killing of hundreds of innocent Palestinian babies, mothers, elders of Gaza in the Palestine, by a very powerful military actions with impunity. Both Israeli and Palestinian people are humans with their full 100% dignity as any human person regardless of their religion, race, gender, or sexual orientation. Thank you for considering my pled to be actually balance and see both innocent casualties of Palestinian and Israeli citizens in the Middle East.
			Julia Rowell
			Julia Yerger
			Kalim B
			Karen Eskander Free Palestine



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18.		Oppose	Karen Hilfman	<p>I'm an American Jew, a member of Jewish Voice for Peace and IfNotNow, Jewish organizations working for justice, equality and peace for Israelis and Palestinians</p> <p>While the actions of Hamas were despicable and have left many of us in intense pain and mourning for friends, family and loved ones who were killed, injured, kidnapped in the violence, we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the deaths of more Palestinians in Gaza.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it stands uncritically with the Israeli government, rubber-stamps a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is poised to carry out mass murder of 2,000,000+ Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of Palestinians as well as Israelis.</p> <p>I've been writing to urge all of our American leaders, now our local LA leaders, to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of what makes Israel unsafe for Israelis and Palestinians - the Israeli government's decades-long continued insistence on occupation, displacement, and apartheid conditions perpetuated against Palestinians in both the West Bank and Gaza.</p> <p>Thank you, Karen Hilfman</p>
			Kari Ayoob	<p>Israeli forces just bombed a hospital killing more than 500 palestinians. Now is not the time to submit a statement of support for this regime imposing genocide on thousands of innocent people. I strongly oppose this stance as a constituent of LA county and urge support for the people in Gaza. This siege must end ASAP or the results will be catastrophic.</p>
			Karin Pally	<p>I am an American Jew. I strongly oppose a statement supporting the Israelis Jews who have imposed an ethnocratic and theocratic state on the land of the indigenous Palestinians; stealing their land, imprisoning both children and adults without charges or trial, overseeing attacks, sometimes fatal, by illegal Israeli settlers on Palestinian adults and children. Ever since 1948 the Israeli government and its Jewish settlers have conducted a reign of terror against the indigenous Palestinian people within 1948 Israel and in the West Bank and Gaza. Your decision to support only Israeli Jews is despicable. I oppose this racist resolution and urge you, if you must say something, to call for peace and justice not more imprisonment, murder and land theft. Israel is now engaging in collective punishment, a war crime and crime against humanity prohibited by the 4th Geneva Convention to which the U.S. is a signatory. In occupied territories the occupier may not forcibly deport protected persons.</p>
			Karma Sweedan	

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			Katherine Quinn	
			Kathleen ONeill	The state of Israel just bombed a hospital killing hundreds of innocent people including children. While the atrocities committed by Hamas against Israel were terrible, I fundamentally oppose calling out a letter of support for the state of israel when they're committing genocide of the entire Palestinian population
			Kathy Jones	
			Kayla Ephros	
			Kayla Wilson	We should not be listening to a proposal that ignores a decades-long blockade that has left thousands without food, water, or power.
			Keith Ballard	
			Kelly Infield	
			Khaja Najmuddin	We shouldn't take part in genocide
			Khulood Madany	I will not support the ethnic cleansing of a people by an apartheid state. Palestinians need our support and protection, I vehemently stand against further supporting Israel's atrocities on the Palestinian people that have been ongoing for decades.
			Kiran Qidwai	Israel is perpetrating war crimes against innocent civilians who want peace and safety for themselves and their families. There is no place for such hate to propagate and we should reject Israel's actions against innocent civilians.
			Kyle Knabb	I am a member of a family of American-Israeli Jews and we are mourning the loss of lives in Israel and Palestine. I oppose this item because it fails to mention the Israeli occupation, the Nakba, genocide, forced displacement, ceasefire, and humanitarian aid. Blind support for the israeli siege on Gaza is support for war crimes.
			Kyle McLain	I oppose the indiscriminate killing of Palestinian civilians and children and the media campaign to conceal this.
			Kylie Nakamoto	



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18.		Oppose	Lara Hernandez Baker	<p>I refuse to live in a county that supports genocide and endorses a settler colonial state unwaveringly.</p> <p>In the past few day, Gaza has faced bombing campaigns by Israel that have killed more than 2100 Palestinians—at least 700 of whom are children. It is clear that Israel is preparing to blindly kill even more Palestinians in the days to come. Israel has also restricted the access of aid to Gaza and have gone as far as targeting the supply and travel routes of Palestinians.</p> <p>The language of the resolution being brought to the Los Angeles city council on October 17 is nothing short of an approval of the Israeli government's killings as well as manufacturing consent for the genocide of the Palestinian people. The Los Angeles City Council should demand an end to Israel's apartheid of Palestinians and the brutal blockade on Gaza which are all supported by the United States.</p> <p>Don't be complicit. Not in our name.</p>
			Laurel Directo	Los Angeles should not support the state of Israel, who just bombed a hospital in Gaza.
			Layal Bata	At a time when the international community must stand up and condemn war crimes, this board is considering endorsing and enabling a genocide. Has the board considered condemning Israel for the war crimes of collective punishment of the entirety of gaza? Of forced displacement of 1 Million people in the the north of Gaza while still bombing their exit routes? Of the illegal white phosphorous used on civilians and children? Not to mention the decades of colonial violence in reaction to peaceful protests by Palestinians for decades. This resolution tells the Arabs, Muslims, and marginalized of LA County that crimes against us have no consequences and are in fact endorsed and enabled by your board. We are watching a genocide in real time, and instead of opposing it, the County would like to offer words of affirmation to a violent regime. Oppose this ridiculous resolution.
			Leena B	
			Leslie Tarian	This is an attempt to demoralize and silence Palestinians. An obstruction of freedom of speech. Making us complicit in genocide and supporting endless wars. Have some humanity.



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18.		Oppose	Lex Britt	<p>Almost 200 Israeli hostages were captured and taken into Gaza, and the Israeli government's response has been to drop over 6,000 bombs on Gaza in the span of one week - this is not a strategy for returning hostages, it is a strategy for collective punishment of civilians.</p> <p>This violence it is an expression of something that Israeli decisionmakers have said explicitly - they are more concerned with punishing Palestinians civilians than they are with returning Israelis home safely. These Israeli officials do NOT reflect the wishes of the Israeli people, who want to see their family and friends returned safely. If you want to stand with the people of Israel, call for an end to the bombing and the prioritization of hostage negotiations - not with the extremist Israeli government.</p> <p>Nearly half of Gaza's population are children. Gazan civilians are dying. There is nothing Jewish about the Israeli government's treatment of Palestinians and my condemnation of the Israeli government is not antisemitic. Hamas killed Israelis in their homes - no one should be killed in their homes - supporting the right of Palestinian civilians not to be killed in their homes is not equivalent to supporting Hamas.</p> <p>We have seen time and again that indiscriminate violence against Palestinians civilians in an effort to keep Israelis safe is a losing strategy.</p> <p>With all due respect, the consul general does not represent the Israeli people, or the will of the American Jewish community - he represents the failing policy of an extremist, autocratic Israeli government. This motion endorses an agenda of violence, revenge, and a continuation of this horrifying cycle of violence - stand with me and the thousands of American Jews calling for peace, equality, justice, and a thriving future for all.</p>
			Liana Elsarraj	Israel is committing genocide
			Lili Aguilar	The state of Israel is committing genocide of the Palestinian people. It is important to advocate for peace through a ceasefire to put an end to this injustice and war crimes.
			Lily Ostrer	As a Jewish person I implore you, STOP. Do not express any more support for the state of Israel as it commits genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. For the love of humanity, please don't do it.
			Lubna Akbany	



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18.		Oppose	Luke Silverman-Lloyd	<p>I am a physician in LA. I stand in solidarity with Doctors Without Borders to condemn the large scale human rights abuse taking place in Gaza. Standing with Israel means you stand with the collective punishment of 2 million civilians over 40% of whom are children</p> <p>Israel has launched a massive bombing campaign, unlawfully cut electricity to Gaza's 2.2 million residents and cut off much of the water supply. From healthcare perspective hospitals now there are running on generators due to the supply restriction Israel has placed on Gaza.</p> <p>These actions are preceded by a more than 16-year illegal closure of Gaza, which the Human Rights Watch has called an "open air prison". Despite a call from Israel to evacuate approximately 1.1 million civilians from Northern Gaza, there is no place to go. Ambulance/EMT's have been targeted, journalists have been killed. White phosphorus has been used on civilians. About one-third of the people killed in the Gaza Strip's bombardment are children. Over 700+ children have died as the world stays silent.</p> <p>As I mentioned, I work at Harbor UCLA. I've dedicated myself to treat the most vulnerable populations regardless of race religion or creed. I cannot imagine if I was asked to evacuate my patients at the hospital, many of whom are on life support, within 24 hours.</p> <p>We have a responsibility to speak for what's right. Stand with Amnesty International. Stand with UNICEF. Stand with me as a physician as I firmly oppose the human rights abuse taking place in Gaza.</p> <p>We must oppose collective punishment of civilians. Of children. I urge you to vote no on this statement in support of Israel.</p>
			M K	<p>The state of israel is a documented apartheid state according to amnesty international and numerous other human rights watch groups around the world. There has been documented cases of human rights abuses, crimes against humanity, and war crimes committed by the state of israel. Contrary to the Oslo Accords, israel continues its illegal expansion of settlements and displacement of Palestinians from their homes and land. No one in good conscience should be supporting such a state.</p>
			mac katter	
			Maeve Clayton	<p>I write to you as a concerned community member and resident of Los Angeles urging you to vote no on agenda item number 18, "Support For the State of Israel "</p> <p>In the past few days, Gaza has faced bombing campaigns by Israel that have killed more than 2100 Palestinians—at least 700 of whom are children. It is clear that Israel is preparing to blindly kill even more Palestinians in the days to come.</p>

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The right of Palestinians to protect themselves is enshrined in international law. Under UN resolution 45/130, Palestinians have the legal right to "struggle by all available means."

Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and even the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem have all called the conditions that Palestinians live under "apartheid." More than 1,000 Palestinians are currently being held under administrative detention, meaning that they are being held without trial. This year alone, we've seen pogroms on Palestinians by Israeli settlers in places like Huwara and Turmusaya which caused devastation and left more than 100 Palestinians dead. Last year, world-renowned Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was targeted and killed by Israel. Even before the barrage of attacks on Gaza, Palestinians couldn't freely leave and were trapped under a total land and sea blockade by Israel. Human Rights Watch calls Gaza the "world's largest open-air prison." This resolution would effectively express support for Israel's brutal treatment of Palestinians and attacks on Gaza, where there is nowhere for Palestinians to shelter, hide, or get away from Israel's bombs.

Furthermore, as Americans, \$3.4 billion of our tax dollars go toward directly supporting the Israeli army every single year. Instead of furthering this support, the Los Angeles City Council should demand an end to Israel's apartheid of Palestinians and the brutal blockade on Gaza which are all supported by the United States.

In spite of all this Western Media continues to push outlandish lies and biased misinformation that not only villainize Palestinians but also Arabs and Muslims as a whole. This has resulted in a rise in violent hate crimes against these communities which was very evident this past week with the murder of 6-year-old Wadea Al-Fyome in Chicago. The perpetrator DIRECTLY states how the recent media climate around Palestine influenced his decision to murder this young boy and critically injure his mother. If Los Angeles chooses to stand with and legitimize the actions of Israel, it can have a devastating impact.



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	I reject the adoption of this resolution and urge you to do the same.
Maggie Friedman	
Maha Bitar	The rhetoric we have seen so far from government institutions is directly responsible for the dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Muslim Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Muslim/Palestinian/Arab lives is irresponsible and shameful, and is often disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than continued human suffering!
Maham Omer	
Mahi Hossein	We cannot support state sanctioned genocide.
Mahmoud Fadawi	"The Islamophobic statements, one after another that we have seen so far from governmental institutions are directly responsible for dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Palestinian/ Arab/Muslim lives is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than beating drums of warfare further and exacerbate human suffering!"
Mahmoud Quwaider	
Malak Shahin	We cannot support an apartheid state. They are killing innocent civilians. This is a genocide and it needs to be condemned as such.
MALEA Khan	
Manahil Haroon	
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Marcos Siref	For the past seven decades, the state of Israel has had unchecked power over the Palestinian people. Amnesty International recognizes it as an apartheid state. Please recognize that full fledged support of Israel is supporting modern day genocide.
Maria Mansoor	The suffering of one people should not take precedent over the suffering of another. Israel has consistently and systematically carried out a campaign of annihilation of the Palestinian people. Please I urge you to send a message that we will not support violence against anyone.
Maria Rashid	
Marissa Conlon	
Marissa Galardi	What a horrible, distasteful statement to make right now.
Marwa Aboubaker	
Mary Dunlap	

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Maryam Haidar	
Maryam Miller	
Matthew Hing	
Mecca Madany	The genocide against the Palestinian people opposes all that we as Angelenos stand for in regards to freedom of life.
Medhat Sallam	Please don't adopt this item.
Mehwish Shakeel	
Melissa A Sherman	<p>* Hi my name is Melissa Sherman, I am a resident of the 92821 District in LA County</p> <p>* I am member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>* Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are praying for the release of the hostages. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>* This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>* Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. 1030 of those being children. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>* We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>* We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
Michael Ayoob	I do not support Hamas, they are a terrorist organization. However, Israel, an internationally funded government, is committing war crimes in Gaza. Today, a hospital was bombed and hundreds are feared dead, a direct violation of the Geneva Convention. I am a Palestinian-American, and my people are being slaughtered. Voicing support for Israel's actions is tantamount to supporting a US-backed genocide.
Michael Keelan	

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Mobashshera Jabeen	
Mohamed Asiad	Genocide of palestenians
Mohamed Bahardeen	<p>It's important to approach the topic of Israel with empathy and a commitment to understanding. However, there are pressing concerns related to the state's policies that can't be overlooked. Historically, numerous reports and studies have drawn parallels between Israel's treatment of Palestinians and the system of apartheid previously seen in South Africa. These concerns are primarily based on differences in treatment, rights, and access to resources between Jewish Israelis and Palestinians, both in the occupied territories and within Israel itself.</p> <p>Additionally, some international observers and human rights organizations have expressed concerns that certain actions taken by Israel against Palestinians, particularly in Gaza, may amount to collective punishment. This is prohibited under international law, as it punishes an entire population for the actions of a few.</p> <p>Furthermore, while the term "genocide" is heavy and should be used with caution, there are voices within the global community who feel that certain policies and actions towards the Palestinians could potentially verge on this. Regardless of terminology, the significant loss of life and the systematic discrimination faced by Palestinians cannot be ignored.</p> <p>Israel's establishment and expansion of settlements in the West Bank also directly challenges international law, specifically the Fourth Geneva Convention which prohibits an occupying power from transferring its own civilian population into the territory it occupies. This has been confirmed by resolutions from the United Nations and rulings from the International Court of Justice.</p> <p>While every nation has the right to security and self-determination, it's crucial to ensure these rights don't come at the expense of another people's basic human rights. Support for any state should be contingent upon its respect for and adherence to international law and human rights standards.</p>
Mohamed Nooruddin	Boycott Israel
Mohammad Abou-Ramadan	
Mohammad Ali	Stop the genocide of Palestinian civilians.
Mohammad Esfehani	<p>In the past few day, Gaza has faced bombing campaigns by Israel that have killed more than 2100 Palestinians—at least 700 of whom are children. It is clear that Israel is preparing to blindly kill even more Palestinians in the days to come .</p> <p>The language of the resolution being brought to the Los Angeles city council</p>



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	I reject the adoption of this resolution and urge you to do the same.
Mohammed Haq	All life's matter specially people of Palastine
Mohammed Mi	Respect for humanity and no to Anti humans . All lives matters regardless of faith or color . Illegal occupation should end.
Mokaram Milbes	Please oppose this resolution human rights organizations including Israeli human rights organizations have claimed that Israel is in apartheid state. That's the root cause of the problem If you support one side what you're doing is you are asking for the oppression to continue and not solving the problem. You have to be able to be brave and speak the truth and say what it is.
Molly B	The State of Israel has been designated an Apartheid state by the UN and has been committing war crimes against native Palestinians for decades. The current siege on Gaza is abhorrent and goes far beyond any measure of their so-called self defense. I most strongly oppose this measure.
MUDASSIR MAYET	The Islamophobic statements, one after another that we have seen so far from governmental institutions are directly responsible for dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Palestinian/Arab/Muslim lives is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than beating drums of warfare further and exacerbate human suffering!
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Muna Buser	
Mustafa Khan	We cannot support Israel's indiscriminate use of violence against innocent civilians, almost half of who are children. Both the UN and UNICEF have issued statements calling for a ceasefire. The killing of women and children violates all international rules of war and LA County should not be issuing a statement of support.
Nabeeha Aleem	It is unfortunate to witness the death of so many, but supporting one side is dehumanizing the Palestinian people. By sending a unilateral statement in

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	support of Israel, we are condemning and advocating for the violence and genocide against an entire population.
Nadia Chaudhry	Schools should advocate for peace. Choosing sides will lead to tension and hatred. Schools must be a safe haven. Schools must remain neutral on religious matters. Schools should avoid sloganeering, which drives wedges between Angelenos and creates the conditions for bigotry (especially Islamophobia AND Antisemitism).
Nadia S Hassen	
Nadin Ouri	Count my votes as 10,000 Los Angeles County Residents. We all are against Israel and it's brutal genocide of Palestinian citizens. This is not a war if they have broken multiple International War Crimes, a few examples if you have not heard: Bombing safe routes, bombing hospitals, using white phosphorus bombs, the list goes on. It is not a war if there is no military to defend its people. They are, to put it bluntly, choosing to kill mothers and children specifically so they can end future generations of Palestinians. Israel is trying to desperately have them evacuate so they can begin gaining more occupied land, and then repeat this strategy on other occupied Palestinian land. If you support Israel, the backlash will be huge and I am sure I can receive more than 10,000 votes right now. We cannot be put in the history books of future American generations that we were complicit in the genocide and termination of civilians and their communities.
Nadine V Torres	
Nagham Muhyieddeen	Oppose the county of LA supporting Israel
Nahal Sohbat	
Najmia Manjoo	Israel is an oppressive state that commits war crimes in the name of "defense"
Nazia Fazili	#Israel is an oppressor and killing innocent people especially kids and elderly and sick! It is time to stand against the lies and oppression of 75 years of #Israel and not support it. It will be a big disappointment to support a war criminal country like Israel! Instead it should be held accountable and stop from killing more precious lives! It is a shame it is even included in the agenda!
Naznin B	Good morning. We ask the Board of Supervisors to pass a different resolution that represents and recognizes ALL Angelenos by calling for a ceasefire, an end to the killings and standing with the innocent people of Gaza and Israel
Neha Kazalbasch	All life is matter Jews as well Muslims. Stop genocide .
Nes Mo	
Neveen Salem	
Nicholas Neihart	Please stand up and do the right thing by advocating for a ceasefire. The Palestinian people are being destroyed. Please do not send any military aid to Israel and do not support their bombing and blockade of the Palestinians living in Gaza



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Nick Thorburn	Ceasefire now. War crimes are being committed. Hospitals are being bombed. Children are dying.
Nico Dregni	Supporting this resolution would express support for 75 years of settler colonial violence, ethnic cleansing, dispossession, military occupation and apartheid. Supporting this resolution would be endorsing GENOCIDE. The Zionist entity is currently carrying out genocide against the Palestinian people, while media misinformation and support for Zionist violence in the United States has already lead to hate crimes against Palestinians and Muslims here. In the past week, Gaza has already laid to rest 1,000 martyred children killed by the IOF; yesterday in a Chicago suburb a 6 year old Palestinian was laid to rest after the family's landlord killed him after breaking into the family's apartment. This brutal attack was stoked by Islamophobic and anti-Palestinian rhetoric that is furthered by resolutions such as this. The LA County Board of Supervisors must oppose this resolution, and call for a ceasefire.
Nicole M Pirshafiey	We cannot be one-sided in our support for innocent civilian lives. Please ensure that we are sending aid and support to the displaced Palestinians who are under attack with no safe haven. 500 innocent Gazans were just killed at the Al Ahli Arab Hospital, where civilians were trying to take shelter from the attacks. The IDF needs to stand down and the US needs to call for a ceasefire and de-escalation immediately. We cannot just send support to the grieving Israelis attacked by Hamas. We need to actively, immediately stop our one-sided support to the government of Israel and acknowledge the war crimes happening in Gaza. Did we learn nothing from the reactive violence after 9/11? The hundreds of thousands of innocent people killed? We have to do better. We have to stand with people, not governments.
Nidal Khaja	By only showing support for Israel you dehumanize and disregard the lives of the Palestinians. They have lived under occupation and constant threat and acts of war crimes for decades. It is embedded in settler colonial white supremacist ideology. I don't want my tax dollars used for genocide. BTSelam, Isreal's human rights watch group, classifies these as war crimes. Please be on the right side of history.
Niki Nourmohammadi	
Nilofer Quaid	
Nina Jalili	<p>What you are supporting and now complicit to is ethnic cleansing, genocide and incitement of more hate and Islamophobia on U.S. territories. Isreal has violated EVERY humanitarian international law and guilty of every single war crime. What you are standing for is criminal. How can LA be a sanctuary city to many, yet consciously vote to not sanctify a single life abroad?</p> <p>You are supporting the displacement of 1.1 million innocent Palestinians. Death of 800 children & growing, death of 11 journalists. 15 ambulances & 12 aid workers. Destructions of hospitals, roads, buildings, houses of worship, and the lineage of 75 Gazan households. Not to mention the previous systematic displacement of 750,000 other Palestinians because of the 1948 Nakba. Any support to Isreal will only show the moral deprivation of this</p>

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	<p>country and the lack of consciousness as Americans.</p> <p>As a concerned California resident, I would like U.S. politics to either HELP and call for end to the occupation of Gaza and the West Bank or at the very least a ceasefire of all bombings and ground war fare. As of now Isreal, turned off the Palestinians water, electricity, and not allowing food or aid go in. They have bombed their exit routes to Egypt, while the president of Isreal wants to push them out into the dessert. If this board voted to support Isreal you will be complicit in the murder of 1.1 million people. I know staying out of geopolitics of the region is not possible, but at least let's not make it worse.</p> <p>We have an opportunity of foresight in this situation and to be on the right side of history. Let's not make the grave mistake of annihilating innocent men, woman and children, for the sake settler colonials and imperialism. How many more historical memorial museums does LA want to erect remembering the death of millions because of a fascist autocracy. Isreal is committing real time genocide. If you ever wondered how you would have behaved during the time of the Holocaust, you are now witnessing it again in in 2023, in Palestinian concentration camps and open air prison. Please be on the right side of history and vote NO to help Isreal.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Nishat Ahmed	
Nivein Behairy	<p>All lives are equally important. Hamas is NOT all Palestinians and Israel's collective punishment to the ppl of Gaza is a war crime. Where is the justice in the military might of Israel and the US being focused on innocent civilians? Remember that the blood of the ppl of Palestine and victims here in the US that will be impacted by the hate you create will be on your hands. I beg you to vote your conscious and not your popularity????</p>
Nizar Milbes	<p>It appears to be biased that you want to support the state of Israel but not the Palestinian people. Palestinian people are killed in oppressed every single day for the last 75 years. We need to address the root cause of the problem which is the apartheid supremacist system that has been imposed on the Palestinian people. By you supporting this resolution you are effectively continuing oppression and the conflict and not holding those accountable that are responsible for the problem. Be brave and oppose this resolution and support both sides if you need to.</p>
Noor Bilbeisi	<p>I strongly oppose this item and disappointed that the district would take such a biased political stance when human rights are involved.</p>
Noora Ali	<p>As an Arab American Muslim, I strictly oppose any and all shows of support for the occupying state Israel. Israel is guilty of numerous war crimes, crimes against humanity, and violations on the Geneva Convention. By bombing escape routes they promised would be safe for the 1 million Palestinians they forced to evacuate, attacking any and all relief aid, shutting off food, water, and energy to Palestinians it is clear Israel wants nothing less than to violently murder 2.4 million Palestinians, over 1 million of which are children. Not only is Israel currently committing a genocide against 2.4 million Palestinians, they have supported the genocides of the Armenians, Mayans,</p>

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	<p>Bosnians, and apartheid South Africa.</p> <p>Additionally, Israel's military has trained American police forces to be hyper militarized, teaching the LAPD —and other police departments—tactics that would be used to kill LA citizens in incidents of police brutality. Any vote in support of Israel is a show of support for police brutality targeting black and brown LA residents.</p> <p>As a citizen of Los Angeles whose tax dollars are currently being used to fund Israel's genocide of the Palestinians, I will withdraw any and all support for public officials who vote to support Israel's genocide of the Palestinians.</p>
Noreen Rahman	<p>This is extremely unbalanced. Israel is an apartheid state committing war crimes, according to Amnesty International. A ceasefire and condemnation of war crimes, condemnation Hamas' attack, and support for Palestinian rights, and call to abstain from Islamophobia is more appropriate.</p>
Noshaba Beig	<p>I am strongly opposed to item 18 & frankly appalled this board voicing support for the Palestinian genocide by Israel. I'm an educator who has served many districts in LA County for 2 decades. LA county is a public school county that has policies that state 'equity & representation' for all students'. When you state you 'support Israel' you're stating you support the genocide of over 1,030 Palestinian children who have been massacred just this week.</p> <p>I ask all of you supervisors- Do you really support Israel indiscriminately killing Palestinian babies, children, women and entire families? Do you really 'support Israel' killing innocent UN Peacekeepers & Media.</p> <p>If you support Israel, You're supporting ethnic cleansing & genocide, and sending a very clear message to all your precious Muslim, Palestinian, and all other diverse children- that this Board will not keep them safe. Your irresponsible, dangerous, & discriminatory motion only encouraging more violence & hate and we hold you each fully accountable. BTW- Having the Israeli consulate sit there like a celebrity is like parading Hitler on your stage, I'm disgusted by your ignorance with this motion.</p>
Noura Elhuzayel	<p>OPPOSITION TO OUR TAX DOLLARS GOING TO KILLING PALESTINIANS AND HELPING THE OPPRESSOR. I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF ASSISTING COLONIALISM.</p>
Olisa Okafor	<p>I cannot in good conscience be in support of a government that imposes apartheid and discrimination of a people. We at harbor welcome all and support all. We must show the same dignity to those in other countries.</p>
Omar Issa	<p>Israel is currently committing a genocide against the Palestinians after 75 years of illegal occupation. Nothing justifies the war crimes they are currently committing. Indiscriminate bombing, cutting off electricity, food, water medicine. Over 3000 Palestinians have been murdered by Israel, over 1000 are children. LA should not be supporting these crimes.</p>
Omar Quwaider	<p>The rhetoric we have seen so far from government institutions is directly responsible for the dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Muslim Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Muslim/Palestinian/Arab lives is</p>

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	irresponsible and shameful, and is often disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than continued human suffering!
Omrana Ahmed	Israel is perpetuating war crimes against innocent women and children, who are seeking safety with no escape. LA County should reject Israel's inhumane actions.
Os B	
Paige Sterling	
Patrick Marta	Biased support for Israel will fuel islamaphobia/anti-Arab racism and put Muslim/Arab community members at risk of physical/verbal harm as demonstrated in Chicago and San Francisco recently.
Peter Lynch	I support a place for Jewish people to assemble, I do not support the 1948 created state of Israel (most of USAs government is older), which has set upon a chain of events to where now Israeli Jews are doing identical war crimes to nazi Germany. A disgrace not only to all Jews worldwide but all humanity.
R N	Many Palestinians are killed. It's a genocide.
Raahima Shoaib	<p>Hi my name is raahima I am a resident of the 3rd District in LA County.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
Rabia Syed	This idea is ridiculous. We are Americans and we do not support Genocide. I have no idea what the board supports, but Palestinian lives matter.
Rachel Kaufman	
Rachel Pendleton	My name is Rachel Pendleton and I am a resident of the 2nd District in Central Los Angeles. There is an ongoing genocide being perpetuated against the people of Palestine, with over 2500 deaths occurring over the past week as I write this. I am appalled and horrified at the immense loss of human life at the hands of the Israeli government, and I ask the Board of Supervisors to reject this motion.

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Rahim Syed	Humanity means to speak against genocide and murder. You are murdering Palestinians if you support Israel.
Ranhita Bora	We must stand with the oppressed people of Palestine in this new wave of colonialism, or else we will become passive onlookers as one of the largest genocides in history takes place.
Ranya Ali	
Rasagna Kosaraju	
Rashad Al-Dabbagh	<p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli apartheid regime, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinian families in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Palestinian people. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p>
Rawan Sarama	Supporting killers of kids and civilians is against the humanity
Rawan Sultan	
Ray Corpus	The Board of Supervisors statement in support of the racist apartheid state of Israel should not be passed, as it normalizes the ongoing genocide of two million Palestinians in Gaza and will promote violence against Palestinians and Arabs as a whole across the world. Already we've seen a Palestinian mother and a six year old boy in Chicago stabbed to death because of the hateful and irresponsible rhetoric being spread by the news and government officials. A declaration of support for Israel would only further this and their ongoing massacres and blockades of water, food, fuel, electricity, and aid to Gazans. Right now, the only side with the power to resolve this crisis are Israel and the US. The board should instead be calling for deescalation, peace, and standing with the people of Palestine against genocide, hate, and ethnic cleansing. Thank you
Refka A Beyati	
Rehab H Douma	The Islamophobic statements, one after another that we have seen so far from governmental institutions are directly responsible for dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent terrible murder of a 6 year Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Palestinian/Arab/Muslim lives is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than beating drums of warfare further and exacerbate human suffering!
Richard J Ferro	Given the nature of the violent, unwarranted, and horrific attacks by the Israeli government on the people living in the Gaza Strip, I oppose this statement of support for the State of Israel. Collective punishment on a group of people in retaliation for the violent acts of a few is not justice, and it behooves the members of the LA Board of Supervisors to recognize the atrocities being

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	committed against Palestinians.
Rihab Beituni	
Rizwan Hashim	
Roberta Orellana	Thousands protested the support of Israel and called for you to stand with Palestine. Do that, do your jobs and stand with the people of Los Angeles to COMDEMN the occupation of Israel.
Robyn Chaconas	<p>Hi my name is Robyn Chaconas, I am a resident of District 3 in LA County.</p> <p>I am an American Jew and a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans, over 1,000 of them children. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>We demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades. We need to open our eyes to the violence that has been inflicted on Palestinians for decades, and recognize and stand up for the fact that ALL LIFE IS SACRED.</p>
Rubina Ali	We opposed
Rubina Alvi	<p>Did this board craft motions and resolutions when a Palestinian American journalist was murdered by Israel? When children were murdered playing on a beach? During the 75 years of occupation? Bombing during the holy month of Ramadan. The use of white phosphorus? Israel has no moral high ground.</p> <p>It is such a dangerous precedent to stand with Israel and blank check for Israel to kill, massacre, and is a thinly veiled attempt to steal more land. This is the definition of a genocide. It is collective punishment. It is state terrorism. This is not indiscriminate bombing, it is targeted bombing.</p> <p>What about a motion and resolution when settler terrorists kill Palestinians</p>



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	<p>and move into their homes? Or the sick IDF attacks on innocent children? Or when the IDF storms worshippers in masjid al Aqsa during Ramadan? For decades we've seen the pictures, the videos. I can only surmise that this board just does not care.</p> <p>Who benefits from this so called war? The military industrial complex, politicians, the corrupt and criminal leader of Israel, Netanyahu. It is not Jews and it's not Israel.</p> <p>Vote no on this motion and protect your Palestinian and Muslim constituents who are targeted daily because of their religion and their heritage.</p> <p>Free Palestine</p>
Ryan Weinstein	I'm in direct opposition to this item. There is an act of genocide currently being perpetrated by the state of Israel against the Palestinian people in Gaza and beyond. It is our duty to speak out against any support for this criminal, genocidal action, most particularly by speaking against any action of support by the United States of America.
S K	I oppose the genocide of the people of Gaza. Supporting the state is Israel equates such.
Sabrina Hills	<p>All lives matter. We oppose hypocrisy and blind allegiance to a nuclear power that oppresses innocent children and maintains what UN defines as an open air prison. How does anyone support Israel as it carpet bombs civilians and uses white phosphorus committing war crimes?</p> <p>Where were you during peaceful protests in Gaza when unarmed Palestinians were being shot at including paramedics and journalists before the current rampage began?</p>
Sadia Chaudhry	All lives matter. State of Israel is not a democracy and US cannot support a Terrorist state committing mass genocide of Palestinian Christians and Muslims. The solidarity to Israel has caused hate crimes against Muslims in the US and caused a rise in Islamophobia, it has caused a divide in our nation. US is a Nation of free speech for all not just Israel. LA should be condemning Israel for the attacks on civilians and children.. all lives matter, all kids matter.
Sadia Uddin	I refuse to use our tax dollars to facilitate harm to innocent Civilians.
Sahar Rammaha	I oppose the killing genocide of the people of Gaza; I oppose the support of a state that commits war crime after war crime. I oppose the state of Israel for putting Palestinian Americans at risk through bigotry.
Sairah Budhwani	Be on the right side of history. DO NOT support genocide!
Sakeena Mirza	The Palestinian people have been living under an occupying force for over 75 years. To unilaterally voice support for the state of Israel ignores their unjust occupation and continuing settlement of sovereign Palestinian lands. The

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	state of Israel continues to show disproportionate force against civilians and we need to demand that it show restraint and refrain from escalating an already catastrophic situation.
Sakirah Tu	Poor innocent civilians , women, children, elderlies in Palestine daily. They have been oppressed and injustice for so long. Please help liberate them and stop the killing for both counties.
Saleha H Farooqui	It's ethnic cleansing of Palestinians . Women and children are being slaughtered.
Salim Akbany	What business LA County board of supervisors have to get involved in this war ???
Salma Nasoordeen	
Sam Vinal	<p>Hi my name is Sam Vinal, I am a resident of the 3rd District in LA County.</p> <p>I am an American Jew and a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p> <p>We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.</p>
Sameen Ansari	<p>I am a physician in LA. I stand in solidarity with Doctors Without Borders to condemn the large scale human rights abuse taking place in Gaza. Standing with Israel means you stand with the collective punishment of 2 million civilians over 40% of whom are children.</p> <p>Israel has launched a massive bombing campaign, unlawfully cut electricity to Gaza's 2.2 million residents and cut off much of the water supply. From healthcare perspective hospitals there are running on generators due to the supply restriction Israel has placed on Gaza.</p> <p>These actions are preceded by a more than 16-year illegal closure of Gaza, which the Human Rights Watch has called an "open air prison". Despite a call</p>



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	<p>from Israel to evacuate approximately 1.1 million civilians from Northern Gaza, there is no place to go. Ambulance/EMT's have been targeted, journalists have been killed. White phosphorus has been used on civilians. About one-third of the people killed in the Gaza Strip's bombardment are children. Over 700+ children have died as the world stays silent. As I mentioned, I work at Harbor UCLA. I've dedicated myself to treat the most vulnerable populations regardless of race religion or creed. I cannot imagine if I was asked to evacuate my patients at the hospital, many of whom are on life support, within 24 hours. We have a responsibility to speak for what's right. Stand with Amnesty International. Stand with UNICEF. Stand with me as a physician as I firmly oppose the human rights abuse taking place in Gaza. We must oppose collective punishment of civilians. Of children. I urge you to vote no on this statement in support of Israel.</p>
Samir El sakka	
Sammer Tarazi	Israel is committing war crimes and genocide to Palestine and the people of Gaza. This is not something LA county should be representing.
Sammy Salamh	
Sana Syed	
Sara Ahmed	Bombardment of innocent Palestinians in the name of defense is inhumane. Over 2000 Palestinians are dead and Israel has cut off electricity and water. They are creating a humanitarian crisis
Sara Gomez	I don't support people who commit genocide
Sarah Abuhadwan	This is a GENOCIDE! Palestine has a right to fight for their freedom!!
Sarah Aleem	Gaza is our next humanitarian crisis. Israel is perpetrating war crimes identified by the UN, amnesty international, human rights watch. Instead of a resolution in support of Israel, it is a moral obligation to call for an immediate ceasefire and call on Israel to allow Humanitarian assistance into Gaza. We must put the lives of innocent civilians— including a million children— above political agenda and oppose sending anymore weapons to the Israeli military as it carries out mass genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza. The only way forward is to address the root cause of violence: Israeli military occupation and apartheid, and end US complicity in this oppression.
Sarah Daoudi	Please recognize the Palestinians in Gaza whom are living in a state of genocide where over 1 million people have lost their homes, hospitals have been bombed, and over 1000 children have died. Denounce Israel's apartheid regime and hold them accountable for their international war crimes of no food, water, or electricity to over 2 million people.
Sarah Jacobus	I am American Jew, grieving the loss of Israeli lives and the deaths of over 2000 Palestinians in Gaza, half of them children. Israel has dropped more bombs on Gaza in the past week than the U.S. did in Afghanistan in the first year of the war there, and they've cut 2.3 million people off from food, water, fuel, and electricity. This collective punishment of a civilian population is not



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	self-defense; it is a war crime. That this resolution makes no mention of Palestinians is an egregious omission, and I strongly oppose the resolution.
Sarah Le Long	
Sarah Moe	
Sarah Ra	It is truly despicable that you would so much as consider a resolution to express "unequivocal support for Israel" as it is actively bombing a hospital, killing 1000 civilians. This is genocide, who do you think you're representing when you vote in favor of that?
Sarah Razi	Israel does not deserve any support whatsoever since they are committing genocide against the Palestinian ppl
Shahina B	
Shahram Samie	Releasing such a statement is likely to be divisive and to contribute to the recent spike in Islamophobia and anti-Arab sentiment. Recent demonstrations have shown that large segments of our populations would not be in favor of such a statement. Thank you for your consideration of this comment.
Shanaz Aqil	Israel is committing a genocide- stopping food, water and electricity. Our tax dollars will absolutely not support Israel. Those voting for support WILL NOT BE RE-ELECTED.
Sharmaine Dupree	I oppose the support for the state of Israel as they are literally committing genocide in front of the entire world. SHAME ON YOU!!
Shaza Quadri	We cannot unequivocally support another country's use of violence against innocent civilians.
Shazia Fazili	Israel is apartheid state. It has oppressed Palestine for last 75 years. It has colonized it and turned it into an open air prison. When oppression is at its highest with the world watching it is time to act and stop this apartheid!! It is a genocide now and they are openly calling for it.
Shereen Saadeldin	Oppose the county of LA supporting the genocide in gaze
Sherna B Gluck	As the Jewish American daughter of a rabbi/talmudic scholar, I cannot in good conscience unequivocally support Israel. Its continued illegal occupation and apartheid policies require us to speak out against unequivocal support. Right now we must call for a ceasefire. The US must do everything possible to de-escalate the current crisis.
Simon K	Israel is committing a genocide against the people of Palestine. This is not something our county should be supporting.
Sireen Mustafa	They are committing genocide against the Palestinian people. Western countries should not support in killing of innocent civilians. Stop these atrocities. Not in our name!
Sofia H	The people of Los Angeles stand with Palestine. The genocide that has been happening has long been ignored for over 75 years. As a result of the lack of support to the Arab and Muslim communities, we've witnessed heightened islamophobia and racism in schools, workplaces, and more. Los Angeles

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	prides itself on diversity and standing with marginalized communities which is why we the people stand with Palestine. Any support of the Israeli government is a disgrace.
Solita Montoya	This is a very violent agenda to blindly support and I strongly oppose
Sophia Fornbacher	
Stacey Ng	I am a resident of District 65 in LA County strongly opposing the United State's relation with Israel. I stand in strong solidarity with the Palestinian people and I'm asking that my representatives do the same. I fear this resolution will encourage Islamophobia in our communities and bring harm to our Palestinian and Arab neighbors as we've already seen in Chicago. I am disturbed that our local LA leaders are considering condoning genocide in their support for Israel. I ask instead that they call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.
Stephanie Colao	I strongly oppose this resolution to support the continued settler occupation, genocide, and displacement of Palestinians. LA cannot turn its back on its Palestinian, Muslim, and Arab constituents, who are increasingly facing Islamophobic and racist attacks. More than that, LA cannot support Israel's countless war crimes. Criticism of Israel is not antisemitic. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism is extremely dangerous and antisemitic in itself. Israel cannot shield itself from legitimate criticism through this baseless equivocation. Supporting this resolution would support ethnic cleansing, apartheid, genocide, and dispossession. The U.S. cannot continue to fund Israel's military, and I call on all public officials to pressure the U.S. government to withdraw military support.
Sterling Wells	
Suad Salameh	The state of Israel is ethnically cleansing innocent Palestinian woman and children. We as a nation should oppose such gruesome violence against innocent civilians.
suha Khan	do not support mass genocide
Syed Ahmed	Support cease fire now. All lives are important.
Syed Bukhari	Boycott Israel
Syed Hussain	
Syma Aslam Chaudhry	The UN has declared Israel an occupying power, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have well documented examples of the human rights violations Israel is guilty of for the past 5 decades. This Occupation needs to end and CANNOT be supported
Taliha Yasin	<p>We cannot support Israel's indiscriminate use of violence against innocent civilians, almost half of who are children. Both the UN and UNICEF have issued statements calling for a ceasefire.</p> <p>The killing of women and children violates all international rules of war and LA County should not be issuing a statement of support.</p>



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Tamara K	No funding to Israel for war and genocide. The US is a hypocrite with its own history of occupation, genocide & slavery of indigenous & Black people.. The US can't even provide housing, health care, education , healthy food etc to people., but wants to fund war & genocide. I don't condone any violence ! Palestine has been under Israel apartheid occupation for 75 years. Stop bombing Gaza & Free Palestine !
Tamara K	No money for war & genocide. Do not advocate any violence. US is notorious for occupying indigenous land, committing genocide of indigenous and enslavement and genocide of Black people . We have no business funding genocide of Palestinian people and funding war . Los Angeles , the state of California and nation can not even house the population, provide quality health care services , education, youth, senior & disabled programs. Stop the war against Palestinian Civilian Population, this is a war crime. #FreePalestine #NoWar #StopTheViolence
Tammy Chang	
Tanweer Aziz	You are murdering Palestinians with your own hands if you support Israel.
Tara Milch	I am Jew and I condemn the violence that is happening right now to the people of Gaza. We demand a ceasefire we demand the United States stands up for the innocent civilians who are being killed and displaced by the relentless bombing. Supporting Israel does not mean sanctioning the death of thousands of a vulnerable civilian population.
Tareq Abdallah	Stop the genocide in Gaza!
Tasneem Arain	Stop the support of Israel. Stop the genocide of Palestinians!
Tessa Lamberton	Israel is performing ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in Gaza. This is wrong and should not be supported.
Tina T	I am a physician in LA. I stand in solidarity with Doctors Without Borders to condemn the large scale human rights abuse taking place in Gaza. Standing with Israel means you stand with the collective punishment of 2 million civilians over 40% of whom are children Israel has launched a massive bombing campaign, unlawfully cut electricity to Gaza's 2.2 million residents and cut off much of the water supply. From healthcare perspective hospitals now there are running on generators due to the supply restriction Israel has placed on Gaza These actions are preceded by a more than 16-year illegal closure of Gaza, which the Human Rights Watch has called an "open air prison". Despite a call from Israel to evacuate approximately 1.1 million civilians from Northern Gaza, there is no place to go. Ambulance/EMT's have been targeted, journalists have been killed. White phosphorus has been used on civilians. About one-third of the people killed in the Gaza Strip's bombardment are children. Over 700+ children have died as the world stays silent. As I mentioned, I work at Harbor UCLA. I've dedicated myself to treat the most vulnerable populations regardless of race religion or creed. I cannot imagine if I was asked to evacuate my patients at the hospital, many of whom are on life support, within 24 hours. We have a responsibility to speak for what's right. Stand with Amnesty



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	International. Stand with UNICEF. Stand with me as a physician as I firmly oppose the human rights abuse taking place in Gaza. We must oppose collective punishment of civilians. Of children. I urge you to vote no on this statement in support of Israel.
Umar Hakim	
Usamah Simjee	Ridiculous to give blanket support to a settler colonial state that has thus far killed thousands of Palestinian innocent civilians indiscriminately. How on Earth is the city of LA in support of this? If we want to send a word of support to Israeli settler families, we must also send support to native Palestinian families who are downtrodden, poorer, have lost more, and have had to endure attacks like the one earlier this month - for the past 75 years.
Uzma Ali	Israel is committing genocide, about 50 % popopulation is children in Gaza. Israel bombing innocent children old women, reporters. Stop this genocide pls.
Uzma Sheikh	
Vera Tykulsker	This violence it is an expression of something that Israeli decisionmakers have said explicitly - they are more concerned with punishing Palestinians civilians than they are with returning Israelis home safely. These Israeli officials do NOT reflect the wishes of the Israeli people, who want to see their family and friends returned safely. If you want to stand with the people of Israel, call for an end to the bombing and the prioritization of hostage negotiations - not with the extremist Israeli government. We implore you and all people of conscience to stop the imminent genocide of Palestinians.
Wogai Mohmand	In this moment of unimaginable suffering and widespread misinformation and dehumanization of Palestinians, I am disturbed by motion 18 and ask the supervisors to reject this dangerous motion. Supporting this resolution would express support for 75 years of settler colonial violence, ethnic cleansing, dispossession, military occupation and apartheid. Supporting this resolution would be endorsing GENOCIDE. This resolution would enforce a double standard against the Palestinian and Arab community of Los Angeles County. This motion is dangerous because it stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid. Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 3,000 Gazans. I demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.
Yanel Saenz	Free Palestine

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Yasser Abdel-Aziz	Look at the news!! They are bombing children and civilians and hospitals. I do not support that. The problem did not start 10 days ago. The problem started with them Israeli occupation of Palestine. I do not support occupation and genocide. Shame on us if we did support Israel
Yazeed Kesbeh	We should be focusing on promoting peace. Not continuing to fund the genocide of Palestinians. This cycle of violence will never end of Israel is propped up by the US.
Youssef Sherif	
YUKIKO DYER	Supporting Israel is supporting War Crime. 500 children in Gaza killed and nearly 300 women killed. Food and drinks supplies are cut off by Israel government which is considered war crime by the UN.
Zachary A Flores	This resolution does not represent the people in Los Angeles County. The 75 year occupation of Palestinian land by the Israeli government has resulted in the brutal death of civilians and the construction of a n apartheid state. Supporting this resolution would be supporting the effective genocide of a people who have long been oppressed. I would be appalled if anything from the city's budget went into supporting the oppressive state of Israel.
Zahra Kamil	We cannot support Israel's indiscriminate use of violence against innocent civilians, almost half of who are children. Both the UN and UNICEF have issued statements calling for a ceasefire. The killing of women and children violates all international rules of war and LA County should not be issuing a statement of support.
Zainab Arain	Israel is an apartheid state, as recognized by international human rights organizations. It is committing a genocide against the Palestinian people. Anyone with a shred of humanity and morality will opposed their actions.
Zara Malik	- Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis. - We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone. - We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.
Zoe Juarez	Support for the State of Israel amounts to support for the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. Just today, October 17, Israel bombed a hospital in Gaza, killing hundreds. This is just one of the myriad war crimes the State of Israel is currently committing, a list which also includes bombing of wells, the forced expulsion of over one million Palestinians from Northern Gaza, and the collective punishment of all Palestinians in Gaza. It is imperative that BOS not pass a resolution in support for the State of Israel.



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	Zohira A Mohammed	
	Zoya Hajee	I urge the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to reject resolution number 18 to "Support for the State of Israel." In now way will this resolution keep us safe. Support for this resolution means endorsing 75 years of ethnic cleansing, settler colonial violence, and apartheid. For 16 years, Israel has subjected Palestinians in Gaza to a brutal military siege, cutting Gaza off from the rest of the world and trapping over 2 million Palestinian residents inside. Israel's siege on Gaza has caused severe shortages of life-saving medicine, food, electricity, and clean water that make life unbearable. This resolution enforces a double standard against the Palestinian and Arab community in LA. Where is the support for them when Israel commits crimes against humanity and keeps Palestinian people in an open-air prison deemed uninhabitable by the United Nation?
Other	Fatima S Iqbal-Zubair	
	Gwen Yeager	What does this mean? I have Israeli friends and support them. I am against Hamas and the atrocious attack that occurred. I also am against innocent Gazans being killed. I don't like Israel's current government nor fo my friends. Consider condemning the attacks and supporting Israeli citizens. At this point how can you not also recognize innocent Palestinians caught in the conflict?
	jack paradise	stop the killing of innocent palestinians after the horrible attacks by hamas in israel. hamas does not equal palestinians. thank you!
	Lieba Faier	<p>I am an American Jew and a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.</p> <p>Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis.</p> <p>We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone.</p>
	Maria Beg	While it is important to support those who have suffered in the recent conflict, we cannot ignore the Palestinian people. The people of Gaza deserve our support as well. They have suffered immensely not only during this war, but for many many years. We must show support for them as well. Ignoring the Palestinian people makes many Muslim Americans feels isolated and that the lives of Palestinians do not deserve the same level of recognition as Israelis and this leads to anti-Muslim and Islamophobic rhetoric. Please show support for the Palestinian people as well.
	Reyoot Berry	I condemn Hamas and terrorism, but I also am against the death of innocent

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				Gaza civilians that are suffering because of the decisions by Hamas.
			Ricardo Ramirez	The U.S. President has already addressed this matter. The board should concentrate on the issues that affect locals and let the president deal with foreign issues. The board has a lot of other things to get done, do your jobs.
			Shaya Rusti	Peace in Palestine and Israel. Stop the violence. End the atrocities on civilians. Provide humanitarian aid in Gaza and a political solution for Palestine to exist with Israel in peace.
			Suroor Karim	Add language to include Palestinian experiences
			Yosi Perlstein	Hi my name is Yosi Perlstein, I am a resident of the 5th District in LA County. I am an American Jew and a member of IfNotNow LA, a movement of American Jews organizing our community for equality, justice, and a thriving future for Israelis and Palestinians. Many of us are mourning our Israeli friends and loved ones who were tragically killed by Hamas. We are in intense pain and grief, but we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians. This motion is dangerous because it blindly stands with the Israeli government, encourages a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid. Israel is on the brink of carrying out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of BOTH Palestinians and Israelis. We are here to demand that all of our American leaders, including our local LA leaders, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Never again means never again for anyone. We need to tackle the root cause of the violence – the Israeli government's system of displacement, occupation, and apartheid perpetuated against Palestinians for decades.
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The reports of the atrocities committed by Hamas continue to get worse. We've learned that these terrorists gunned down entire families in their beds, executed children in front of their parents, and murdered babies in their cribs. There have been reports of other human rights abuses such as the rape of young women and teens as well as the abuse of corpses. Hamas terrorists and their supporters gleefully recorded many of these hideous acts and shared these videos widely for propagandistic purposes.

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Thank you.

Written Public Comment

Agenda Item #18: Support for the State of Israel

Hadir Azab, Council on American Islamic Relations, Greater Los Angeles (CAIR-LA)

October 17, 2023

Dear Supervisors,

I am disappointed to see the LA County Board of Supervisors consider the adoption of a resolution that would state their support for Israel, one that is currently committing a genocide of the Palestinian people. As a city that is a representation of the diversity and inclusivity in Los Angeles, I am ashamed to see such a disregard for Palestinian lives. Stating support for Israel and condemning Hamas does not acknowledge the historical and ongoing political actions by the State of Israel against Palestine or the innocent Palestinian civilian lives lost. Israel's recent attack on Gaza has resulted in the tragic death of over 2000 Palestinians—many of whom are elderly, women, and children. The implication of this resolution would be that this board values Israeli lives over Palestinian lives. This is disheartening and only deepens divisions in our community as you would be very clearly standing against the innocent Palestinians. It's crucial to acknowledge that the violence in Palestine is deeply rooted in a history of Israel's military occupation, ethnic cleansing, racial segregation and Apartheid, and human rights abuses. The suffering endured by the Palestinian people cannot be ignored. As an elected official who represents a diverse community in Los Angeles—including Palestinian Americans, Arab Americans, and American Muslims—I ask that you:

- acknowledge the suffering of all individuals affected by the violence, including the ongoing suffering of the Palestinians people by the Israeli state.
- urge you to oppose this resolution and meet with local Arab American and Palestinian American human rights advocates to gain an informed perspective of the situation and meet with local Muslim leaders to gain a better standing of Islam and address your harmful statements.
- publicly and categorically denounce anti-Palestinian racism, propaganda, and dehumanizing language.

Regards,

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Policy Coordinator, CAIR-LA

Oct 17 2023 (Today): **Israel bombed the Baptist HOSPITAL in Gaza.** It was sheltering patients and displaced people. It is estimated up to 300 people were killed- so far.

Oct 16 2023: **Israel bombed that Rafah crossing to stop aid being delivered** to Gaza.

UNITED NATIONS: “The rights of civil society members are being violated by all entities in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, UN Commission of Inquiry says; Israeli Government restrictions intrinsically linked to occupation

GENEVA (8 June 2023) – The rights of civil society members in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory are being violated by authorities in all areas through harassment, threats, arrests, interrogations, arbitrary detention, torture and inhuman and degrading treatment, according to a [report](#) to the Human Rights Council issued today by the UN Independent International [Commission of Inquiry](#) on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel.

The report examined attacks, restrictions and harassment of civil society actors in Israel, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem. It found that **the majority of violations are being committed by Israeli authorities as part of the Israeli Government’s goal of ensuring and enshrining its permanent occupation at the expense of the rights of the Palestinian people.**

The report found that the Israeli Government has increasingly restricted civic space through a strategy of delegitimizing and silencing civil society. This includes criminalizing Palestinian civil society organizations and their members by labelling them as “terrorists,” pressuring and threatening institutions that give a platform for civil society discourse, actively lobbying donors, and implementing measures intended to cut sources of funding and support.

This strategy is being implemented in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory against Israeli and Palestinian civil society organizations and activists, and internationally against international advocates of Palestinian rights.”

From South Africa to Norway, the Middle East to Southeast Asia, calls for an end to the siege of Gaza are growing. Thousands of people across Los Angeles marched this past weekend calling for a ceasefire and an end to the human rights abuses occurring in Gaza at the hands of Israel and with funding from the US government.

THIS IS GENOCIDE

AS RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES WE REFUSE TO BE COMPLICIT

PLEASE FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO LISTEN

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Thank you.

I'm an American Jew, a member of Jewish Voice for Peace and IfNotNow, Jewish organizations working for justice, equality and peace for Israelis and Palestinians

While the actions of Hamas were despicable and have left many of us in intense pain and mourning for friends, family and loved ones who were killed, injured, kidnapped in the violence, **we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the deaths of more Palestinians in Gaza.**

This motion is dangerous because it stands uncritically with the Israeli government, rubber-stamps a blank check for Israeli violence, and erases the experience of Palestinians under occupation and apartheid.

Israel is poised to carry out a mass murder of 2,000,000+ Palestinians in Gaza. The Israeli government has already killed over 2,500 Gazans. We have to value the innocent lives of Palestinians as well as Israelis.

I've been writing to urge all of our American leaders, and now our local LA leaders, to **call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.** Never again means never again for anyone.

We need to tackle the **root cause of what makes Israel unsafe for Israelis and Palestinians** - the Israeli government's decades-long continued insistence on occupation, displacement, and apartheid conditions perpetuated against Palestinians in both the West Bank and Gaza.

Thank you,

Karen Hilfman

Thank you,
Estee Chandler
213.400.9201

Board Members of the Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party have asked, in their individual capacity, for this statement to be shared because the Party- as it stands- cannot use its resources for a statement inconsistent with the Party platform.

First and foremost, the children of Palestine and Israel do not need more statements from the West, and will never see any of them. We are not writing this to massage egos or satisfy litmus tests. We hope to use this moment as a means to spread truth in a climate where misinformation and disinformation spread faster than verified information. Even well-meaning folks believe and spread incorrect information because it is difficult to ascertain documented facts as we are being inundated with incessant propaganda designed to incite emotional responses that only perpetuate division and benefit the military-industrial complex.

There is no single piece of text that can encompass this geopolitical power struggle. This attack did not happen in a vacuum. The radical right-wing government of Israel is a long-time US-backed administration that has violated International Law and the Geneva Conventions for over 75 years, and is carrying out an occupation that prevents millions of innocent humans from living a life of dignity under an apartheid state. The Israeli government is as right-wing as the Trump administration and does not represent the Israeli people as a whole. The terrorist group Hamas does not represent Palestinians as a whole, just as the U.S. government does not represent its populous as a whole. Hamas carried out a violent attack that also violated International Law, knowing their decision would harm and kill thousands more innocent people in Gaza as the radical Israeli government cut off water, turned off electricity, blockaded the borders so humans could not safely pass, and drops Western military grade bombs and internationally banned chemical weapons in civilian areas. Half of Gaza's population are children who reside in one of the most densely populated regions of the world. Huge swaths of both Palestinian and Israeli peoples long for peace and to see an end to needless suffering.

We condemn Hamas's attack on Israeli civilians, and we condemn the 75-year illegal occupation and violence against the Palestinian people by the Israeli government, the current military assault in Palestinian Territories, and the US government that has been funding these human rights violations using our tax dollars. We are disheartened that not all lives seem to be valued equally by some people in power, by the mainstream media, and by some of our own statewide electeds who are in the know but choose to turn a blind eye to the loss of Palestinian lives. We condemn hate crimes here and overseas and stand in solidarity with allies and those affected by them. As Progressives, we believe every life deserves to live in dignity and thrive in true freedom,

and we know that a peaceful Israel is not possible until the liberation of the Palestinian people becomes a reality.

We will strive to educate and empower our members by spreading awareness with accurate, fact-checked information in hopes of bringing all of us closer to a better understanding of this crisis, and in turn a better understanding of one another.

— the following members of the Progressive Caucus Board:

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Amar Shergill, Chair Emeritus

Good morning. I just learned that the *LA Board of Supervisors is considering an "Support for the State of Israel" resolution in an hour* and it will endanger Muslim Angelenos and Palestinian supporters.

Please pass a different resolution that represents and recognizes ALL Angelenos by calling for a ceasefire, an end to the killings and standing with the innocent people of Gaza and Israel

I encourage the County to condemn the horrific terrorism in Israel, support Israeli defense, condemn Hamas for keeping hostages and preventing innocent people from fleeing, condemn Egypt from closing their borders, and the condemning subsequent antisemitism calling for the annihilation of the Jewish people.

We cry for the innocent Israeli men, women, children, grandparents, infants and soldiers who were brutally murdered in the terrorist massacre of October 7.

The slaughter of civilians, and the kidnapping of hostages by Hamas terrorists dehumanizes and terrorizes Jews around the world. It must be condemned in the media, on college campuses and by government officials around the world.

The Islamophobic Statements, one after another that we have seen so far from governmental institutions are directly responsible for dramatic rise in bullying against Muslim children and the recent horrific murder of a 6 year Palestinian boy in the Chicago area. The disregard for human life, especially Palestinian/Arab Muslim lives is irresponsible and shameful, disguised under statements of solidarity with Israel that amount to nothing more than beating drums of warfare further and exacerbate human suffering.

From the desk of Ryan E. Senneff

October 17th, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to respectfully ask your support for this motion in its current form, as well as to graciously thank Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Barger for their courage in co-authoring this motion and bringing it forward.

It goes without saying that we are once again seeing the rotten fruits of terrorism on levels never seen since September 11, 2001. Once again, we see the Jewish people unfairly persecuted on levels never seen since the Pogroms of Eastern Europe, or the Holocaust during World War II. Heartbreaking doesn't even begin to describe the images of the horrific attacks, which as you all may know, started on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur war.

But what's been more heartbreaking has been the egregious support for Hamas in numerous pro-Palestine rallies throughout the world. I've watched rallies out of Sydney, Australia calling for Israel's destruction. I've seen images of soccer games where Palestinian flags flew alongside banners saying, "we support your resistance". Even at one of our local schools, namely CSU Long Beach, a student group called La Fuerza Student Association posted fliers for a pro-Palestinian "day of resistance" rally with Palestinian flags and paragliders adorned on them, in reference to the same paragliders used in an attack on innocent concert goers.

The lack of any basic decency as demonstrated by these protestors, including CSULB's La Fuerza Student Association, is exactly why this motion matters. That we as a county, will take bold stands against all forms of antisemitism, racism, sexism, homophobia, etc, no matter where it comes from, and lend our voices to support all peoples faced with unwarranted persecution.

Once again, I offer my sincerest and dearest thank you to Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Barger for introducing this motion.

Sincerely,

Ryan E. Senneff

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Dear members of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors ,

On Behalf of Islamic shura council of Southern California and its 70 member organizations , the hundreds of thousands of people it represents. I like to share with you this statement.

It came to our attention that one of today's agenda items is a motion put forward by Supervisors Horvath and Barger's motion, Item #18, called "Support for the State of Israel".

We share a common commitment to denounce the loss of innocent lives, irrespective of the perpetrators or victims involved. It has come to our attention, however, that your one sided condemnation primarily focused on the actions of the people of Gaza, who have endured severe hardship as a result of the longest-running siege in the world. This siege, spanning 17 years, has subjected the people of Gaza to constant bombardment of their homes, schools, hospitals, and essential infrastructure, leaving them with limited prospects for a better life. We cannot help but notice a silence in your statements when addressing the actions of the Israeli government towards the inhabitants of Gaza.

In order to foster better understanding, it is essential to provide context for the outbreaks of violence and refrain from associating violence with any specific religion. We appreciate the relationships we have built over time and your visits to several Islamic Centers in LA County, where you were warmly welcomed. It is disheartening to witness comments and positions that may jeopardize these valuable connections.

We understand that this is an election season, and the support of Los Angeles County residents is of great importance. It is worth noting that hundreds of thousands of Muslims reside in Los Angeles County, with many actively engaged in the political process. We urge you to consider the diversity and perspectives within our community as you navigate these challenging times.

Dr Ahmed Soboh
Chairman

Tuesday October 17, 2023

Regarding the Motion of **Support for the State of Israel**

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of the first district. I have lived in Los Angeles for over 20 years. I am a landscape architect who works closely with many of the Indigenous tribes based in LA County.

I oppose this resolution and I ask that we instead put forward a resolution for a ceasefire, and for humanitarian aid (that is water – food – fuel and medical supplies) to be allowed into Gaza.

I do appreciate that callers in the meeting today pointed out the irony of starting the meeting with a land acknowledgement, citing the violence of settler colonization and genocide, then proposing a motion to *support* genocidal killing of the Palestinian people that is literally based in settler-colonization. You've rendered your land acknowledgment meaningless. Very disappointing.

I do not support this resolution because I do not support the mass murder of civilians on *either* side.

The Board acknowledged that Israel was created for the Jewish people – but it won't acknowledge how in this, the Palestinian people were *displaced* from their land.

The Board talked about trauma, but only acknowledge Israel's trauma. Members of the Board acknowledged their own trauma. I am wondering how is *your* trauma more relevant than the trauma of Palestinian civilians living under occupation of Israeli military?

Why do you believe Israelis are deserving of peace, justice and self-defense, but not Palestinians?

Why is that? It does not make sense to me.

Yes, the Hamas attack was a horrific war crime. But to call this *unprovoked* is an abuse of your power as leaders because it ignores the context that *created* the desperation, the context of systematic oppression *in which* Palestinians are radicalized into Hamas. It is a very dangerous lie, because it justifies the ongoing oppression of Palestinian civilians and adds fuel to the fire of dehumanization of the Palestinian people.

This resolution is a call for revenge. Let Los Angeles be a voice for peace.

I call on you to bring forward a motion for a ceasefire and for humanitarian aid to be allowed into Palestine.

Sincerely, your constituent

Adrian Tenney

Hello,

My name is Ashley Valenzuela, I live in area code 91723, and I urge the Board to reject motion 18. We must condemn Hamas, but we must not endorse the Israeli Government in Genocide. This motion is dangerous, more than 2000 Gazans have been killed in the Israeli airstrikes, more than 1000 of them being babies and children. I implore you to make a statement calling for a ceasefire, Gazans are on the brink of death with no access to water, food, or electricity. The evacuation orders are a death sentence for Gazans as there is no way to shelter, there is no possible way for hospitals to evacuate, how are they to evacuate babies and children who are intubated or connected to machines? Palestinian civilians are the ones being targeted, with no way to safety, over 40 family trees have been completely eliminated from the civil registry, we are enabling a Genocide of the Palestinian people. Please reject motion 18, and endorse a ceasefire of the Israeli Forces.