

From: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
To: [Sean Connelly](#)
Subject: RE: Cease-Fire Proposal
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 12:16:21 PM

Thank you for responding to my request.
Your public comment has been received and is now attached to the history of Paper 271-24.
Regards,
Carol Ann Desiderio,
Malden City Clerk

From: Sean Connelly <seanjackieconnelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: RE: Cease-Fire Proposal

Ops yes, sorry for the miss. Corrected and attached.

From: Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 12:10 PM
To: Sean Connelly <seanjackieconnelly@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Cease-Fire Proposal

Dear Sean,
In order for your submission of public comment to go on the record at Tuesday's City Council meeting your home address, in addition to your name, is required.
Thank you,
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From: Sean Connelly <seanjackieconnelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 8:30 AM
To: Carey McDonald <cmcdonald@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Karen Colón Hayes <kcolonhayes@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Jadeane Sica <jsica@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Stephen Winslow <swinslow@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Ryan O'Malley <romalley@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Paul Condon <pcondon@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Peg Crowe <pcrowe@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Craig Spadafora <cspadafora@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Chris Simonelli <csimonelli@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Ari Taylor <ataylor@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Amanda Linehan <alinehan@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>; Mayor Christenson <mayor@cityofmalden.org>; Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Cc: Jessica Slavin Connelly <jessicaslavinconnelly@gmail.com>
Subject: Cease-Fire Proposal

To all Malden City Councilors,

I am writing to ask you to not sign the cease-fire proposal.

My name is Sean Connelly. My spouse is Jessica Slavin Connelly, and we have an 11-year-old child. We are proud Malden residents of 13 years. Jess is a community activist and I serve on the board of Malden Porchfest and love being part of the Malden community.

The events of October 7 have impacted our family greatly in several ways. Like many Jewish-identified families, it requires extra awareness and strength to battle a constant flow of antisemitism, while living through trauma and in fear. We've all seen a large rise in antisemitism since 2015 and it has grown exponentially since October 7. It breaks my heart how this has affected Jess. The mental anguish, the isolation, and the lack of strong community support in Malden after all the countless hours she has devoted to Malden being a safe and welcoming community for all, has been heartbreaking.

While we all want the fighting to stop and don't want to see innocent lives perish and communities destroyed, we need to have the hostages released immediately, all of them together, and Hamas eradicated. Without such an outcome, history will repeat itself over and over again.

A productive discussion cannot happen when people don't believe in one's right to exist. It's ok to criticize the actions of Netanyahu and the current Israeli government. It's ok to be angry about the loss of innocent Palestinians. However, it's not ok to support a terrorist organization like Hamas whose primary goal is the destruction of Israel and the death of all Jews. If these conditions remain, there will never be any agreement, no meaningful progress, and no peace.

For a city or collection of cities to propose a cease-fire does nothing to change the current state of affairs. Netanyahu is not going to change course or be influenced in the slightest by such action. However, in the meantime, what it does is heighten anger towards Jews in the community. It gives people who are already against Jews more empowerment to harass, discriminate, incite violence, and assault.

Sincerely,
Sean Connelly

The full letter is attached.

Inserted: full text of attached document:

**Sean Connelly
17 Corey Road
Malden MA 02148**

Ward 3

May 29, 2024

RE: Vote No on Ceasefire Resolution June 4

TO:

Malden City Council
Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

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