

**From:** [Blair Fingerhut](#)  
**To:** [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)  
**Subject:** Re: From a mental health professional, keep local politics local. Stop the divisiveness!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:30:38 AM

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Yes, I would like to be included.

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On Tue, Jun 25, 2024, 10:12 AM Carol Ann Desiderio <[CDesiderio@cityofmalden.org](mailto:CDesiderio@cityofmalden.org)> wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for contacting the Office of the City Clerk.

If you wish this email to be included in the Public Comment record of Tuesday's Council meeting and to be added to the history of Paper 271-24, your home address, in addition to your name, is required for the record.

Thank you,

Carol Ann Desiderio,

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**From:** Blair Fingerhut <[blairaf20@gmail.com](mailto:blairaf20@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** From a mental health professional, keep local politics local. Stop the divisiveness!!!

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

Please read this document in its entirety.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Sudanese enslavement (Ongoing): Arab Muslims have slaughtered 2.5 million black Sudanese Christians and enslaved 200,000. Jihadists have kidnapped many black Christian girls [5].

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

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

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

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

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

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

However, according to International Law and ethics the responsibility for ALL lives lost

falls squarely on Hamas' shoulders. Does this council realize that when America fights against terrorists, they accidentally kill 4 to 60 civilians per terrorist eliminated? Israel's ratio is 1:1. Israel's commitment to fighting ethically outshines every military in the world [11].

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

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

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

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

#### THE GREAT MISCONCEPTION

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

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

If you want this war to end, do NOT call for an Israeli ceasefire, which will allow Hamas to retrench and re-strengthen. Rather, call for Hamas to surrender and release all the hostages.

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

Sincerely,

Blair Fingerhut, LCSW

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

Read full letter with references: <https://ejh.email/NOCeasefireLetterReferences>

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