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Subject: Constituent Request: Vote NO to Ceasefire
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Good morning Lisa and Carol Ann, I am sure you are probably flooded with emails on this issue. I do appreciate your time and I am forwarding this email to you that I sent to the Mayor and to the City Council on May 30th. I am asking for the City Council to vote No to a ceasefire resolution that is being presented by Councilor-at-large, Karen Colon-Hayes.

Kind regards
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From: **Marilyn Andrews** <marilyn1850@gmail.com>
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Dear Malden Council Members, My name is Marilyn Andrews. My husband, Edwin Andrews and I have been residents of Malden for over 35 years. We have taken pride as residents of our City. We were longtime members of Temple Tifereth Shalom on Salem Street, next to the Salemwood School. Ed and I are also members of the Malden Jewish Alliance. I am not in favor of a ceasefire resolution being passed by the Malden City Council. I feel there are many more layers to this issue. The letter below is from the Malden Jewish Alliance.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Best regards
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We represent Americans across the nation, including Palestinian and Israeli peace activists, who are **asking you to vote NO on a ceasefire resolution in Malden, Massachusetts.**

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

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

The document's disingenuous implication that the suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza is because of Israel, and that the only remedy is an Israeli ceasefire, is blatantly false and only serves to keep Hamas in power.

What the resolution's authors obfuscate is that Hamas is designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S.A. and 27 other countries for good reason [1].

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

“The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no treachery, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity” [3].

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

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

Hamas Robbed Gaza from the Palestinians

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

Hamas' Violent Coup of Gaza

In January 2006, Hamas won the majority of the seats in the Palestinian government. In June 2007, Hamas took over Gaza in a bloody coup, by throwing Fatah fighters off roofs of buildings [6] [7] and marching Fatah soldiers half naked and blindfolded in the street - executing them point blank [8]. You can watch the coup here: [\[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1M4eH9Kk7I&list=PL697F8B4785055127&index=1\]](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1M4eH9Kk7I&list=PL697F8B4785055127&index=1) [9].

Hamas Weaponizes Palestinian Youth

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

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

Hamas Extreme Violence Against Dissenters

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

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

Hamas Violence: Music, LGBTQ+, Christians

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

Hamas Purposely Increases Palestinian Civilian Deaths

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

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

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

Moreover, numerous war experts [30] [31] [32], including John Spencer, Chief of Urban Warfare Studies at WestPoint, laud the Israel Defense Force (IDF) for being the most moral army in the world. He said, "Israel has implemented more measures to avoid civilian casualties than any other military in the history of war" [33]. From the IDF's use of precision weapons to avoid collateral damage, to (leaflets) [34], texts, and calls to Gazan civilians ahead of airstrikes, to evacuating urban areas before attacking Hamas outposts, "No military in the world has ever done this" [35].

Unprecedented in the entire world, Israel endangers its own soldiers to protect civilians [36].

Hamas Violence Against Israel:

Despite the fact that Israel has offered peace agreements with the Palestinians on at least five occasions [37], Hamas has fired over 30,000 rockets at Israeli civilians since 2001 [38] [39].

On October 7 Hamas, UNRWA employees, and Palestinians high on illegal narcotics [40] brutally raped, burned, beheaded, maimed, and murdered 1,200 Israeli civilians, and took more than 240 hostages, including Americans, and Foreign Nationals in an act of pure genocide, on the sacred Jewish Holiday Celebration of Simchat Torah [41]. Hamas is still holding 130 of these innocent hostages [42].

In Summary:

These ceasefire resolutions are created by Hamas-funded terrorist network support groups (e.g., CAIR, AMP) and are meant to hide what Hamas does to keep them in power [43] [44]. Please, do not fall for it.

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

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

Sincerely,
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Member of The Malden Jewish Alliance

The Malden Jewish Alliance is dedicated to combating anti-Semitism and hate in all forms in Malden. We use the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism](#).

We are composed of individuals from diverse Jewish backgrounds and perspectives, as well as allies. Together, we strive to create a safer and more inclusive and respectful community for all.

We clarify the definitions of anti-Semitism and criticism of Israel:

One can debate and criticize Israel’s policies and decisions without being anti-Semitic.

However, generalizations about the State of Israel, the people of Israel, and the Jewish Community as a whole is anti-Semitic. This is because it serves to dehumanize and falsely delegitimize the Right to Jewish People to live in peace and with self-determination in our indigenous land with Statehood alongside our Arab neighbors.

When false narratives are shared about the Jewish people, this perpetuates hate and anti-Semitism. These include blood libel, attributing qualities to the Jewish People that other groups have perpetuated against the Jews, using false labels (genocide, apartheid,

colonialism), and rewriting history.

We emphasize the importance within our Malden community to address hate and bias in all forms and to work together to prioritize respectful conversations, learning opportunities, and celebratory events that foster greater understanding, kindness, and mutual respect within Malden.

To demonstrate our commitment, we seek to build a more united and supportive community against hate in all forms, a community that is committed to listening to one another with open hearts and compassion.

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