

From: [Tina Weldai](#)
To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Subject: Re: VOTE NO TO CEASEFIRE
Date: Friday, May 31, 2024 5:53:10 PM

Hi Carol Ann,
I added my address.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2024, at 4:48 PM, Carol Ann Desiderio
<CDesiderio@cityofmalden.org> wrote:

Hi Tina,
Would you mind just adding your address to the bottom of this email and sending it back to me?
Name and address are required, per Council rules, to put your email on the record for public comment.
Thank you,
Carol Ann

From: Tina Weldai <trwladybug@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 2:26 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
Subject: Fw: VOTE NO TO CEASEFIRE

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Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 at 12:43:06 AM EDT
Subject: VOTE NO TO CEASEFIRE

Dear Malden Council Members,

I want to express my deep concern regarding a proposed permanent ceasefire resolution in Malden. Such a resolution is not within the purview of a body of elected officials whose charge is to oversee the wellbeing of its municipality, not a foreign region. Adopting such a resolution would accomplish nothing more than further dividing our Malden community.

This proposal does not recognize the heinous rapes, murders, and kidnappings committed by Hamas on October 7, 2023, which initiated the current conflict. It does not differentiate between the innocent kidnapped Israeli and American hostages held in Gaza, and the lawfully detained Palestinian prisoners held in Israel for crimes committed.

Let us not forget that a "permanent ceasefire" was already in place prior to this most recent violent assault by Hamas. A proposal like this assumes a mistaken equivalency of such a ceasefire. For Israel, a ceasefire would mean ceasing to defend its right to exist. **Hamas would use a ceasefire as an opportunity to continue syphoning resources from the Palestinian people. This terrorist group would simply replenish arms and continue its mission to eliminate the state of Israel and all Jews, as its own charter clearly states.**

The proposal of a ceasefire resolution for the city of Malden has already created significant animosity and division within our community. The adoption of such a resolution will divide us further still.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tina Weldai

97 Hill st., Malden
Ward 5 resident

Malden Jewish Alliance member

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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