

**From:** [Khaled Abraham](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:16:12 PM

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**From:** [Venecio Camarillo](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 10-D  
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I have lived in Alameda for almost 10 years now, attending Ruby Bridges Elementary School and Encinal Jr./Sr. High School. I am also a Co-Founder of the Youth Activists of Alameda which worked directly with your offices to create lasting change in the City of Alameda. I currently attend Cornell University studying Healthcare Policy in New York and have had countless lockdowns and threats of shootings on our campus. The issue at hand not only affects national or international interests and safety, but threatens our lives here at home.

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It's interesting that I'm back here again, expressing pleas and concerns with the entire community, over an issue that should have been decided long ago. Almost 4 years ago now, this council pledged to make meaningful change that would protect the lives and members of our community. I implore you to make the same decisions as you did 4 years ago and support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for a ceasefire. We cannot continue to live in a bubble like we did before, thinking that these issues don't affect us. People in Alameda 4 years ago believed that police brutality could never happen in the City of Alameda, but it did and we took action.

Are we going to continue to wait until violence occurs here in our beloved city where supposedly everyone belongs? We cannot continue to standby and watch a war that is killing hundreds of thousands of people. We cannot continue to allow our students in Alameda to be threatened if they want to speak out and raise their voices.

Again, I implore this council to support this letter in support of a ceasefire. Thank you all for your time.

Sincerely,  
Vinny Camarillo  
Freshman at Cornell University  
*Co-Founder of the Youth Activists of Alameda*

**From:** [Auj Mohammadi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [David Kafton](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [David Kafton](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] AGENDA ITEM 10-D -- ISRAEL-PALESTINE WAR  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 3:59:27 PM

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Greetings!

I am a Bay Area resident who strongly opposes the City of Alameda adopting Mayor Ashcraft's Letter, dated 12/21/23, about the Israel's War with the HAMAS NAZIS & their supporters.

HAMAS and their supporters are responsible for all the Palestinian suffering in Gaza. This letter will not stop their barbarism against Israel, free the hostages, or stop Palestinian suffering in Gaza. A cease fire will only allow HAMAS to survive and appease other Islamic terrorists worldwide. There will be more war, more Palestinian suffering, more anti-Semitism, and the spread of Islamic terrorism.

Call for HAMAS to stop fighting and to free the hostages. Tell HAMAS to stop using Palestinians as HUMAN SHIELDS or to let Palestinians take shelter in Jordan, Egypt, Iran, Qatar, and Turkey.

HAMAS' NAZIS are WAR CRIMINALS and have committed CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. They must be killed or captured. The United States helped destroy ISIS in Iraq and we must do the same in Gaza. This will deter further aggression.

The Palestinians and their supporters declared war against Israel after the United Nations in 1947 partitioned Palestine, giving Israel only 10% of the area the Romans named Palestine and the British promised Israel. The Palestinians got 90% of Palestine and are not satisfied. Israel has been at war for 75 years because the Iranian, Palestinian, & other Arab dictatorships will not accept a diverse democratic nation with a Jewish majority.

Israel includes Christians, Jews, Druze, and almost two million Palestinians, about 20% of Israel's population They live, work, and govern together in peace. They are worldwide leaders in science, technology, medicine, and the arts. Israel is a threat to the dozens of Muslim dictatorships who offer only oppression to the people who live under their totalitarian rule. Free Muslims!

If you are serious about the City of Alameda's participation in the Israel-Palestine conflict, I think you should hold several educational town hall meetings so the City of Alameda citizens can learn about this 75 year war which will go on and on as long as people continue to APPEASE the terrorists. Then your citizens can decide what they want to do.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

David Kafton, Ph.D.

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**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reference Item 10-D, Jan 2nd: No to ANY foreign policy resolutions at Alameda  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 3:50:51 PM

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Resending with proper reference in Subject line.

Hi Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Daniel Kreindler, and I am a 24-year Bay Area resident and voter. The letter proposed in Item 10-D, or any other such letter should never be signed by the mayor, as the mayor. Sure, you can all write letters as private citizens, but not in our names.

None of you were elected to represent the residents of Alameda on any foreign policy matter. Now, you may think this letter is “benign” or “balanced”, but it is problematic.

I quote from the letter: "...*the ongoing destruction of Gaza and escalating humanitarian crisis does nothing to achieve that objective. The seemingly unrestrained violence in Gaza serves no one's interests ...*"

I see three problems with this one sentence:

- First, stressing the "*ongoing destruction of Gaza*" without mentioning the "ongoing rockets fired at Israeli cities" or Hamas' Oct 7<sup>th</sup> barbarous massacre is clearly one sided.
- Second, "*seemingly unrestrained violence in Gaza*" - who decided its unrestrained? Again, taking a clear side
- Third, "*serves no interest*" - maybe it does serve an interest? From a strategic deterrence point of view, visible destruction of buildings (after warning the residents to leave, in Israel's case) is actually very strategic and often needed in warfare. Does your expertise cover the concept of deterrence in the Middle East?

Members of this council are not military strategists or historians. What seems obvious at first glance may not be obvious at all. Do any of you understand any of these issues? Should you? Should residents of Alameda expect you to understand? The situation is way too complex, and we as residents do not expect you to understand nor do we *need* you to understand it.

**In short, keep it local - that's what you were elected to do!**

With respect,  
Daniel Kreindler

**From:** ["Du"aa Elnoor"](#)  
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Dear Alameda Councilmembers

My name is Austin Tam, a current member of Alameda County Democratic Central Committee in jAssembly District 18 and California Democratic Party Executive Board to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. We can no longer be complicit in ethnic genocide taking place with our own tax dollars.

Thank you,

Austin Tam, ACDCC 18

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**From:** [Kai Reisa](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 10D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 3:15:15 PM

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Hi,

My name is Kai Reisa and I'm an Alameda resident. As a Jewish resident of Alameda, I strongly support item 10D and urge the City Council to vote for the ceasefire letter. Standing against genocide makes us all safer and Alameda has the opportunity to join unions, cities, and countries worldwide in calling for a ceasefire. Our calls have an impact, and we have a responsibility to act and pressure the federal government for a ceasefire.

Sincerely,

Kai Reisa

**From:** [Nelson Layag](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 10-D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 3:02:35 PM

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Dear Alameda Council

I'm an Alameda resident, a business owner, community volunteer, and parent. I'm voicing support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The U.S. government continues to invest and support the killing of innocent lives in our name. Please add our city to join the other cities and the majority of Americans to call for the end of this immoral act by the government of Israel and their military. The more pressure we put on our national leaders, the more we can see progress towards peace and the saving of many lives. It's critical that institutions and local governments join the the millions of individuals in advocating for peace and the end of the killing of innocents. Thank you.

-Nelson Layag



**From:** [Kauser N](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 3:00:23 PM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:46:13 PM

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**From:** [Sarah Olaes](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 10-D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:45:59 PM

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Dear Alameda City Councilmembers,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community, to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. This is a humanitarian crisis; our city must stand for peace and support the end of the bombardment of Gaza.

I understand that this is a complex issue and our local government may have limited influence but the death of tens of thousands of innocent civilians must be stopped and every voice counts.

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Sarah Olaes

**From:** [Daniel Kreindler](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No to ANY foreign policy resolutions at Alameda  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:45:02 PM

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Hi,

My name is Daniel Kreindler, and I am a Bay Area resident.  
The letter proposed here, or any other such letter should should never be signed by the mayor, as the mayor. Sure, you can all write letters as private citizens, but not in our names.

None of you were elected to represent the citizens of Alameda on any foreign policy matter, You may think this letter is “benign”, “balanced”, but it is problematic.  
Take a look at this one sentence I pulled out of the letter:

*"...the ongoing destruction of Gaza and escalating humanitarian crisis does nothing to achieve that objective. The seemingly unrestrained violence in Gaza serves no one's interests ..."*

I see three problems with this one sentence:

1. stressing the "ongoing destruction of gaza" without the "ongoing rockets fired at Israeli cities" - problem: one sided.
2. "seemingly unrestrained violence in Gaza" - problem: who decided its unrestrained?
3. "serves no interest" - problem: maybe it does serve an interest? From a strategic deterrence point of view, destruction can serve an interest, for example keeping Hezbollah out of the conflict as the Lebanese won't want destruction in Beirut as in Gaza... does your expertise cover the concept of deterrence in the Middle East? Maybe visible destruction of buildings (after warning the residents to leave, in Israel's case) is actually very strategic and needed in this sort of warfare?

Do any of you understand any of these issues? Should you? Should resident of Alameda expect you to understand?

Members of this council are not military strategists or historians. What seems obvious at first glance may not be obvious at all. The situation is way to complex to understand, and we as residents do not expect you to understand or even try to understand it.

**In short, keep it local - that's what you were elected to do!**

With respect,  
Daniel Kreindler



**From:** [Alameda County esident Resident](#)  
**To:** [Manager Manager](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [City Clerk](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I oppose Item 10-D. No inflammatory resolutions or letters!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:44:37 PM

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Dear Alameda City Council,

I am disheartened to learn that Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda is a letter demanding a change to U.S. foreign policy regarding the Hamas - Israel War.

First, city councils are not elected to speak on behalf of their communities regarding foreign policy. Further, there is more than one morally reasonable response to the ongoing war.

I understand that Alameda City Council, like other local governments, has been deluged by activists demanding a local response to foreign affairs. Most of the people who have spoken in Alameda made inflammatory comments, claiming Israel is an “apartheid state carrying out a genocide.” By placing the issue on the official agenda, Mayor Ashcraft has fanned the flames of these lies.

It is heartbreaking that those activists were praised for their rhetoric by the mayor. Ethical leadership requires you to reject this letter’s referral to the Council and to reject the contents of the letter. It is our duty as Americans to support our democratic allies in the fight against terrorism. Further, the only way for government to be effective is for each level of government to focus on the issues within its purview.

Of course, the loss of innocent lives anywhere is painful. It horrifies me that Hamas chose to start this war, continues to hold hostages, and hides behind the civilians of Gaza. I pray for peace.

We won’t solve international crises in the Alameda City Council. The only thing Item 10-D on the January 2nd agenda accomplishes is increasing division locally by legitimizing hateful rhetoric. I urge you to reject the referral and reject the idea of the Council sending a letter to federal officials on this topic.

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An Alameda County Resident

**From:** [Fei Chatila](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:42:14 PM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:42:15 PM

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**From:** [Wylie Herman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:20:10 PM

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**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I oppose Item 10-D. No inflammatory resolutions or letters!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:09:14 PM

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Dear Alameda City Council,

I am disheartened to learn that Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda is a letter demanding a change to U.S. foreign policy regarding the Hamas - Israel War. As an Oakland resident I speak from experience of what such resolutions can cause, and what they cannot do. They can cause cities to bifurcate and alienate large groups of residents from city gov. . And they cannot change the policy of Israel or even American governments.

First, city councils are not elected to speak on behalf of their communities regarding foreign policy. Further, there is more than one morally reasonable response to the ongoing war.

I understand that Alameda City Council, like other local governments, has been deluged by activists demanding a local response to foreign affairs. Most of the people who have spoken in Alameda made inflammatory comments, claiming Israel is an "apartheid state carrying out a genocide." By placing the issue on the official agenda, Mayor Ashcraft has fanned the flames of these lies.

It is heartbreaking that those activists were praised for their rhetoric by the mayor. Ethical leadership requires you to reject this letter's referral to the Council and to reject the contents of the letter. It is our duty as Americans to support our democratic allies in the fight against terrorism. Further, the only way for government to be effective is for each level of government to focus on the issues within its purview.

Of course, the loss of innocent lives anywhere is painful. It horrifies me that Hamas chose to start this war, continues to hold hostages, and hides behind the civilians of Gaza. I pray for peace.

We won't solve international crises in the Alameda City Council. The only thing Item 10-D on the January 2nd agenda accomplishes is increasing division locally by legitimizing hateful rhetoric. I urge you to reject the referral and reject the idea of the Council sending a letter to federal officials on this topic.

Sincerely,

Naomi Katz  
Oakland Resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sadiya Shamim](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1:58:11 PM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Every morning I wake up to see more news stories and videos of bombings in Gaza, and of people's daily lives and struggles having been forcibly removed from their homes and attacked no matter where they go. I was raised in Alameda, and currently choose to reside here as an adult. I am proud of the early education I had in Alameda's public schools, and the teachers who helped inspire my curiosity and care for leaving this world a better place in my lifetime.

As a taxpaying citizen, it is devastating to know that our country has not only given billions of dollars to Israel, but that it also continues to supply weapons to continue inflicting this horror on civilians in what is considered the largest open air prison turned modern day concentration camp. As Biden chooses to bypass Congress with another sale of weapons to Israel this very week, the deaths of now over 30,000 people and counting are at the hands of our country's complicity. I urge you to support Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. It is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values. While we are but a small portion of our country, we have the chance now to stand up and speak out. Maybe by doing so, we can be inspiration to other cities and towns.

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**From:** [Sven Pedersen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Action for cease fire in Gaza  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1:48:05 PM

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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1:42:09 PM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

name is Luqman Saib, and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to urge you to express solidarity for and to call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

The people of Gaza are facing a massive campaign of ethnic cleansing and genocide by the apartheid state of Israel, with more than 21,000 Palestinians killed by Israeli bombardment of Gaza in the span of two months. Nearly half of them were children. According to Catherine Russell, the executive director of UNICEF, more than 420 children are killed in the Gaza Strip every day.

I urge you to express solidarity for the Palestinian people in Gaza, and to call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and an end to military aid to Israel, for the sake of human rights and human dignity.

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] "Agenda item 10-D"  
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My name is Austin Tam, a current member of Alameda County Democratic Central Committee in jAssembly District 18 and California Democratic Party Executive Board to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. We can no longer be complicit in ethnic genocide taking place with our own tax dollars.

Thank you,

Austin Tam, ACDCC 18

**From:** [Marilyn Alwan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council agenda 1/2/2024 10D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1:11:06 PM

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My name is Marilyn Alwan and I have been a resident of Alameda for five years.

The unprecedented violence taking place before our eyes and based upon misguided United States policy does not contribute to the safety of America, Israel, Palestine or the world.

I applaud Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft for taking a moral stand on this issue. I urge the City Council members to follow her lead and support the letter she has submitted to you.

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Thank you.

Marilyn Alwan

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Mohamad Suleiman  
suleiman.mohamad@gmail.com

**From:** [Zahra Daghighi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1:20:18 PM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1:14:19 PM

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**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#); [Andrew Nemiccolo](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote NO on Item 10-D of the Jan 2, 2024 Alameda Council agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:30:10 PM

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Alameda Council Members,

Thank you for your service to the community. I am writing to ask you to vote NO on item 10-D of the January 2nd Council Agenda, and avoid involving Mayor Ashcraft and the entire council in international resolutions.

It is not in scope for the Alameda City council to be doing complex foreign policy; and it's especially divisive to try to "oversimplify" a complex international situation. Indeed, many of the pro-Hamas voices pushing for these types of "ceasefire" proclamations by city councils are the same voices simultaneously advocating to "globalize the intifada" and insisting that the 10/7 Hamas terror attacks, systemic rapes of Israeli women, and taking of civilian hostages never happened. Rather than debate back and forth how these types of resolutions should be more appropriately worded, it's sensible to avoid entirely.

Please focus on Alameda City issues that impact local residents:

- Roads and Traffic
- Zoning
- Housing

A NO vote doesn't mean you have no personal opinion on the Hamas-Israel situation. Rather, a NO vote is simply recognition that a city council in California attempting to operate in international policy is far, far, beyond its scope. These types of issues appropriately addressed via contacting a congressperson or senator at the federal level.

Spending time on international policy resolutions is distracting, wasteful, and divisive. Recently, our neighbors in other communities such as San Jose and Foster City have sensibly avoided these one-sided proclamations.

A YES vote opens the RISK that future Alameda City council meetings will have divisive resolutions on every possible situation across the world.

- How will you possibly decide how to address all these matters of world politics and still conduct city business?
- What strategy and guidelines will the council adopt in order to decide how to appropriately weigh in on international affairs?
- Going forward, will the council members' position on international issues be included in the election and campaign process so that voters make informed decisions about council candidates?
- What percentage of time will the city council allocate to city-specific topics vs. national and international topics?

Thank you,  
Andrew Nemiccolo

**From:** [Michael Yoshii](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Yibin Shen](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mayor's letter on Gaza cease fire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:27:58 PM

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Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Daysog & Council Members Vella, Spencer & Jensen:

I am writing to you in support of Mayor Ashcraft's proposed letter calling for a cease fire in Gaza. I have shared at city council meetings about friends who have lost multiple family members in Gaza since October 7th. Among them were children and infants. I have also learned last week that another friend lost his 80 year old cousin. My own sadness is very deep, but I cannot imagine the pain that thousands of families are experiencing in this moment mourning their lost family members. In the meantime, most Gazans are displaced from their homes with no water, food, or medical services and are desperately struggling to survive. As the war in Gaza continues, not only are lives of innocent Gazan civilians in peril, but also the lives of Israeli soldiers, and hostages who are still missing from families. All lives are sacred, and all lives should be valued equally. Continued war is not the answer to the current situation, and sadly, proponents of war often label innocent victims of war as "collateral damage."

My own family legacy includes the tragedy of being "collateral damage" of war. My parents on both sides of the family were subjected to mass incarceration during World War II, and my wife's mother and cousin were survivors or "hibakusha" from the atomic bombing in Hiroshima. My son in law is a refugee from Vietnam, the youngest of 13 children, and a survivor of that tragic war. The legacy of intergenerational war trauma informs our family consciousness to oppose war anywhere, and now, specifically in Gaza.

Additionally, you all are aware that I am Co-Chair of the Friends of Wadi Foquin, partnering with the small agricultural village in the Bethlehem District of the West Bank. As the war in Gaza continues, Wadi Foquin is on lock-down, with work stoppages and closure of the children's schools. The nearby settlement has been armed with weapons and military routinely patrols their village. Two homes have been demolished along with a marble factory in recent weeks. Flyers have been distributed warning them to leave and flee to Jordan or be killed. The war in Gaza is interconnected to life in the West Bank. A cease fire will not only save lives in Gaza, but will reduce the aggression and harm taking place in the West Bank.

For those who may claim that our city council should not engage in foreign affairs beyond our jurisdiction, all U.S. citizens are already involved through our taxpayer funds which support the Israeli military infrastructure. The U.S. funds Israel \$3.8 billion a year with conditions that funds must be used to purchase U.S. manufactured weapons. All taxpayers in Alameda, including yourselves, are funding U.S. weapons used to kill Gazan children, babies, and pregnant women. Our vote to support the cease fire letter is a vote to stop further bloodshed. A vote against the letter is silent consent and endorsement for more war and death.

I want to particularly underscore Mayor Ashcraft's words that **"...unrestrained violence in Gaza serves no one's interests - not the remaining hostages**

***trapped in Gaza who must be released immediately, not the hundreds of thousands of innocent Palestinians who fear every moment could be their last, and certainly not U.S. national security."***

As a United Methodist clergy, I appreciate the moral and ethical stance Mayor Ashcraft has taken as a leader of our community. I urge you all to support her leadership in offering Alameda as a voice of peace rather than a silent, complicit supporter of war.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Michael Yoshii, Co-Chair  
Friends of Wadi Foquin



**From:** [L.T](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:14:29 PM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned Jewish member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and also encourage you to add stopping US aid to Israel and cease collaboration between local police departments and the IDF. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. I am Jewish the the JCRC does NOT speak for me. In fact, I have been personally harassed and physically harmed by Zionists claiming to care about my safety as a Jewish person just because of my anti-genocide stance. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

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**From:** [Chahid Bagdouri](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:14:12 PM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Chahid Bagdouri  
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**From:** [Ofra Pleban](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Request to Reconsider Item 10-D – January 2nd Alameda Council Agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:10:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Special Request to Reconsider Item 10-D – January 2nd Alameda Council Agenda.docx](#)

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Subject: Special Request to Reconsider Sending Proposed Letter on Item 10-D – January 2<sup>nd</sup> Alameda Council Agenda

Dear Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft,

I am a Bay Area resident deeply concerned that the City Council may consider a divisive letter about the Israel-Hamas War. As antisemitism continues to escalate in the Bay Area, and as past examples in Oakland and Richmond show, such action will only further inflame tensions and re-traumatize our impacted communities.

The very discussion on the letter is very likely to be used as a pretext to challenge the very existence of Israel, and use dehumanizing antisemitic tropes, as it happened during other hearings on cease fire resolutions.

In the last few weeks, I sat through hours of public comments on Oakland, Berkeley, and San Francisco sessions of cease fire resolution. These forums were used for expression of pure hate purposeful or based on ignorance. Inflammatory terms such as genocide, apartheid, ethnic cleansing, colonialism, imperialism, and more, were repeated again and again, until accepted as truth.

There was nothing Israel wasn't blamed for, from homelessness, to the use of fossil fuel, to lack of asthma medicine in the pharmacy, and everything in between. It was pure Israel bashing. Just replace "Jews" for "Israel", and it reminded hateful rhetoric some eighty years ago.

Even worse, many of speakers denied that there was a massacre on 10/7, altogether. Some said it was Israel who killed its own citizens. Some exalted the Hamas as a freedom fighter organization. Some booed when the atrocities of the Hamas were even mentioned. Still others said that if there was any killing, it was justified.

And the feeling of Deja Vu grew stronger and stronger.

And there was also just naked antisemitism, for the unsophisticated who did not know, or did not care to mask it as anti-Israel or anti- Zionism: statements from the like of "Jews are controlling the world" to obscene remarks on circumcision.

I was stunned. I was stunned that the council members let in such rhetoric in without as much as a peep of objection or reservation. They set there and let speakers deny that there was ever a massacre. Would they have given a forum to 11/9 deniers? 1,200 people were murdered that horrible Saturday, men, women, young, babies, and elderly, among them my childhood friend. Mati, and her husband, Amir. Some were murdered brutally, after being raped and tortured. But the "esteemed" council members just set there quietly, letting the denials and falsifications be part of the record. What a shameful record.

I must give kudos to Berkely Mayor, Jesse Arreguin, who admirably and fiercely terminated antisemitic calls and remarks mid-sentence.

These vitriol hateful rhetoric do not remain within the council room nor do they end with the hearing, rather they continue to echo and vibrate throughout the community, and create havoc. Since the passing of the Richmond and Oakland resolutions, there has been a marked increase in Jew-hatred in the east bay. Businesses have been vandalized, synagogues have had to pay for expensive extra security, Jewish symbols were defaced or destroyed, and Jewish teachers and students were "greeted" with shouts of "hail Hitler", and the Nazis salute.

Jewish students no longer feel safe at their schools, some having to transfer to schools in areas that have managed to stay above of the fray, and adults are made to feel self-conscious of their Jewishness, and unwelcomed.

And all these for what purpose? Any cease fire must be mutual. Hamas, however, showed time and again, that it will not abide by any such agreement. At the time of the 10/7 attack there was a cease fire in effect that Hamas had violated, as it had violated previous cease fires. A latest temporary cease fire was also violated with Hamas raining Israeli cities with hundreds of rockets. And Hamas swore to continue infiltrating Israel, to carry on murderous sprees similar to 10/7.

As Hamas' charter calls for the annihilation of Jews simply for being Jews ("The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: 'O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.'" (Article 7)), there is no reason to believe it will respect a new cease fire agreement, any more than it has until now.

Thus, any call for a cease fire is not likely to make any change in the global sense, but it sure going to increase incite, divide, and inflame a community already on edge,

Clearly there were, and presently there are, many conflicts throughout the world that claim the lives of innocent people, including children, many times over, and are much less complex than the Palestinian – Israeli conflict. One wonders why choose this is conflict from all others? Was a similar letter sent with regard to the Ukraine-Russian war? And Ukraine did not even invade Russia, nor swore to obliterate Russia, nor took any aggressive measure against Russia, and is clearly an innocent party in the conflict.

There seems to be an anti-Israel hysteria sweeping the nation. No doubt the Council is pressured to join in. it will be easy to join in, but should it? What will be achieved except more divisiveness, more hate, more polarization, and an invitation to more groups to demand that the city makes their own complex international agenda, the city's agenda. And if this city resists other such requests, how will it explain its choice to single out this conflict?

And there is the equally important question, where does the Council get its mandate to speak for the people in Alameda when nobody elected its members because of their stance on Middle East peace.

I call on the Council, I implore, to vote NO on this resolution, and instead, the Council should take steps to bring Alameda residents together and solve the crucial challenges facing the city.

Furthermore, I am asking the Council to take concrete steps to maintain order and decorum during Tuesday's meeting and all future meetings. The antisemitic comments and actions, violent rhetoric, and amplification of conspiracy theories that have plagued meetings in Oakland, Berkeley, and Richmond, have no place in Alameda.

I'm asking you to stand with ALL Alameda residents – say no to spreading hate, and SAY NO to divisive actions.

Ofra Pleban

**From:** [DJ Wong](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 10-D: Requesting Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:09:53 PM

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Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Councilmembers,

I am a resident of Alameda and am writing to ask for your support of Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

My family have been Alameda residents for over 15 years, and my father worked at the Alameda Naval Airbase for over 25 years after serving in the US Army during WWII. I am Christian.

We love and have been proud of Alameda and appreciate the down to earth, caring and diverse community and the ways it cares for its community:

The Warming Shelter, Alameda Food, Midway Shelter for women and children dealing with homelessness and domestic violence, Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Mastick Senior Center and more. This is all in addition to the wonderful street fairs, art and music events that bring people together and lift everyone's spirits. These were started and run by everyday people caring enough to do something – they cared enough not to turn away. They acted, and it's made a difference in many lives. This is what I appreciate about Alameda.

Ceasefire is a Moral and Community Health Issue:

Please demand a ceasefire in Gaza and uphold human rights in Palestine. What happened on 10/7 was horrific and the perpetrators should be brought to justice. What's happening in Gaza and the West Bank is killing innocent civilians. Approximately 600 children have died in Ukraine in 18 mos., 34 children were killed on 10/7 vs. 6000+ children in Gaza in 2 months. Even 1 child's or human being's death is tragic, but the difference in numbers is shocking. In many cases entire families have been killed - entire future generations are gone. If the people were switched, and it was 6000 Israeli children who were killed, would we call for a ceasefire? What would we do? As a Christian, I believe that all lives are precious. The rise in anti-Semitism and anti Arab rhetoric and behavior is increasing around us, not because we are asking for a ceasefire, but because of the horrific violence affecting both Israel and Palestine. If there is a permanent ceasefire, there is a greater chance for successful negotiations, problem solving and peace. There would be less side-taking. By asserting that all lives are precious and standing up for humanitarian rights, we would be pushing back on divisiveness and hate in our own community. All lives are precious, all people deserve to survive.

We can do something about the heartbreaking and horrific loss of life. It's not about taking sides. It's about humanity. My friend is Jewish. He recently received a letter from his cousin in Israel – who wrote: "Murder is Murder no matter who is hurt or who does it. Murder is murder." His cousin knew people who were killed by Hamas, yet



they both strongly oppose the violence in Gaza. Please support a Cease Fire in Gaza. Every moment we delay results in more devastated families and children. Is it even possible to think about or negotiate a lasting peace if there is so much violence against the families and children? Please support a Cease Fire. We can act, every step helps and it will help our own community.

I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
DJ Wong

**From:** [D Dorenz](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I oppose Item 10-D. No inflammatory resolutions or letters!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:43:50 AM

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Dear Alameda City Council,

I am disheartened to learn that Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda is a letter demanding a change to U.S. foreign policy regarding the Hamas - Israel War.

First, city councils are not elected to speak on behalf of their communities regarding foreign policy. Further, there is more than one morally reasonable response to the ongoing war.

I understand that Alameda City Council, like other local governments, has been deluged by activists demanding a local response to foreign affairs. Most of the people who have spoken in Alameda made inflammatory comments, claiming Israel is an “apartheid state carrying out a genocide.” By placing the issue on the official agenda, Mayor Ashcraft has fanned the flames of these lies.

It is heartbreaking that those activists were praised for their rhetoric by the mayor. Ethical leadership requires you to reject this letter’s referral to the Council and to reject the contents of the letter. It is our duty as Americans to support our democratic allies in the fight against terrorism. Further, the only way for government to be effective is for each level of government to focus on the issues within its purview.

Of course, the loss of innocent lives anywhere is painful. It horrifies me that Hamas chose to start this war, continues to hold hostages, and hides behind the civilians of Gaza. I pray for peace.

We won’t solve international crises in the Alameda City Council. The only thing Item 10-D on the January 2nd agenda accomplishes is increasing division locally by legitimizing hateful rhetoric. I urge you to reject the referral and reject the idea of the Council sending a letter to federal officials on this topic.

Sincerely,  
Dorit Dorenz

**From:** [frankees samad](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 10-D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:43:08 AM

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Dear Alameda City Councilmembers,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza (agenda item 10D). I have been a resident of Alameda for **34 years**. I was raised in Alameda, went to K-12 school here, and after having gone off to college, came back after graduating and convinced my now husband to come and live in the "greatest city in the Bay Area". We live here with our 2 children, whom I am intentionally raising in Alameda, and in the future, when they learn about this in the history books, I want them to be proud that the city they were raised in took a stand for justice. I believe our city is diverse and welcoming to ALL people, having been an Afghan refugee with my family those 34 years ago. Alameda has a record of being on the right side of history, I am hopeful that Alameda will be on that right side of history yet again by calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. This letter is the step in the right direction, I am also urging the city to pass a ceasefire resolution.

The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

**Ceasefire is a safety issue.** The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our unofficial motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

**Ceasefire is a moral issue.** As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional

ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq. Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Item 10D vote no or remove please  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:38:37 AM

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**From:** Susan Natt <sue13dives@comcast.net>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10D vote no or remove please

City Council,

Please consider seriously withdrawing item 10D from the Agenda or vote it down. While the intent is admirable overall, locally, this is not a positive step for Alameda's integrity and community image. Protesting and having local government make or change policy has zero effect on what is happening over seas. They have their own agendas and honestly have no idea where Alameda is and frankly do not care. They have bigger concerns than what some tiny town in California thinks! And in reality this resolution will also have zero effect in Washington DC. What it does do is cause additional local strife and tension which is already too high. It is escalating at an alarming rate HERE among your citizens. Focus on that. We already have too much division and angst among Alameda's ethnic and religious groups, Innocent Jewish residents in particular, WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN ISREAL OR PALESTINE already feel tossed aside and not protected. Sadly a diverse community also includes the ignorant. Alameda's Jewish residents feel very vulnerable right now and feel as if their own communities (& country) are hanging them out to fend for themselves. The City Council should NOT approve this resolution for the sake of its entire community. Time and energy should be put into protecting ALL citizens of Alameda not just the most vocal or the largest groups and definitely local policy should not be based on the perceived and often misrepresented but mostly misunderstood issues from other countries. The situation in the Middle East is so much deeper and complicated than the average person here can even fathom and no one is taking the time to learn about it before jumping up and band waggoning with yelling on one side of the case or the other. Again all good intentions. No one wants war. Every decent person wishes this never happened but again this is not the way to help.

Thank you,  
Susan Natt  
318 McDonnell Rd

Alameda, Ca 94502

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda - Don't do it!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:37:39 AM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda - Don't do it!

Dear Alameda City Council,

I am a Bay Area resident who visits Alameda. I was worried to learn that Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda is a letter demanding a change to U.S. foreign policy regarding the Hamas - Israel War.

First, city councils are not elected to speak on behalf of their communities regarding foreign policy. Further, there is more than one morally reasonable response to the ongoing war.

See the word of Vice-Mayor Stacy Jimenez, City of Foster City who faced a similar dilemma:

*"This request created a response by our community that saw 1,000 plus emails and over four hours of passionate and vigorous public comment. What resulted is a tear in the fabric of our close knit community. Councilmember Hindi, who made the request to bring forth this topic, should, in all of his experience, have known better."*

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As we have clearly seen from the "debates" in Richmond and Oakland, the only thing formally discussing this war does is legitimize anti-Israel and anti-Jewish rhetoric. We will not solve the Middle East Crisis in the Alameda City Council. But your ethical leadership is needed to ensure that everyone is welcome on the island.

The only thing Item 10-D on the January 2nd agenda accomplishes is increasing division locally by legitimizing hateful rhetoric. I urge you to reject the referral and reject the idea of the Council sending a letter to federal officials on this topic.

Sincerely,

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Offer Yehudai

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Item 10-D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:37:04 AM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10-D

Hello,

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Rona Morris

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Item 10-D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:37:04 AM

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**From:** Rona Morris <[robrooks@gmail.com](mailto:robrooks@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:41:17 AM  
**To:** CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov <[CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov](mailto:CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov)>  
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**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] No to the ceasefire resolution; it's hypocritical  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:35:29 AM

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**From:** Kimberlee MacVicar <kmacvicarmba@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:36:09 AM  
**To:** MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>; CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov <CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No to the ceasefire resolution; it's hypocritical

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

While it may read like a nice, thoughtful letter that you are considering regarding a ceasefire in Gaza, as a Jewish Alamedan, I am asking you to not fall for this demand. **Please either vote against the resolution or do not second the motion.** Considering no one has approached the council to do the same towards Russia about Ukraine (remember that war?), this is nothing more than a veiled display of anti-Semitism or Jew Hate.

Hamas still has hostages and none of these ceasefire groups are demanding their release or condemning Hamas. Why? This just doesn't pass the smell test.

People pushing for this need to understand they are siding with the terrorist group that broke the years long ceasefire when they chose to attack Israeli citizens and tourists. Like you, I'm not a fan of wars or the devastation we're seeing on our TVs, yet these resolution efforts are not aimed at Hamas. Hamas is continuing to bomb Israel daily.

Despite what some might now be claiming, these ceasefire resolutions are absolutely one-sided and directed only at Israel and American Jewish people are being threatened because of it. Since the Hamas attack, [over 400 Jewish synagogues or organizations across the country have received bomb threats](#). There is a connection. Help keep your Jewish constituents safe by not going down this path.

If you were Jewish, you would understand our concern. Please don't fan the flames.

Thank you,

Kimberlee MacVicar

**From:** [Karen DeSouza](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 10-D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:54:02 AM

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Dear Alameda City Councilmembers,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

**Ceasefire is a safety issue.** The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our unofficial motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

**Ceasefire is a moral issue.** As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq. Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand.

**Ceasefire is a local issue.** [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#) estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand,

Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely

Karen Desouza

**Thank you!**

**From:** [Marilyn Rothman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:33:51 AM

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All communities need to get on board to demand a ceasefire in Palestine.  
I am a homeowner in Alameda and fully support the mayors letter.

Marilyn Rothman

**From:** [Anna](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: I oppose Item 10-D. No inflammatory resolutions or letters!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:35:31 AM

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From: **Aleyderm** <[aleyderm@gmail.com](mailto:aleyderm@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Dec 29, 2023 at 4:11 PM  
Subject: I oppose Item 10-D. No inflammatory resolutions or letters!  
To: <[mezzashcraft@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mezzashcraft@alamedaca.gov)>, <[tdaysog@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tdaysog@alamedaca.gov)>, <[mvella@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mvella@alamedaca.gov)>, <[tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov)>, <[tjensen@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tjensen@alamedaca.gov)>, <[aleyderm@gmail.com](mailto:aleyderm@gmail.com)>  
Cc: <[manager@alamedaca.gov](mailto:manager@alamedaca.gov)>

Dear Alameda City Council,

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It is heartbreaking that those activists were praised for their rhetoric by the mayor. Ethical leadership requires you to reject this letter’s referral to the Council and to reject the contents of the letter. It is our duty as Americans to support our democratic allies in the fight against terrorism. Further, the only way for government to be effective is for each level of government to focus on the issues within its purview.

Of course, the loss of innocent lives anywhere is painful. It horrifies me that Hamas chose to start this war, continues to hold hostages, and hides behind the civilians of Gaza. I pray for peace.

We won’t solve international crises in the Alameda City Council. The only thing Item 10-D on the January 2nd agenda accomplishes is increasing division locally by legitimizing hateful rhetoric. I urge you to reject the referral and reject the idea of the Council sending a letter to federal officials on this topic.

Sincerely,  
Anna Leyderman

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Isabel Marcus](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I oppose Item 10-D. No inflammatory resolutions or letters!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:48:48 AM

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I am disheartened to learn that Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda is a letter demanding a change to U.S. foreign policy regarding the Hamas War that started when Hamas terrorists attacked Israeli civilian in their home on a Saturday morning during a holiday to commit the first massacre of Jews since the holocaust.

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While we all pray for peace in the world, we won't solve international crises in the Alameda City Council. The only thing Item 10-D on the January 2nd agenda accomplishes is increasing division locally by legitimizing hateful rhetoric. I urge you to reject the referral and reject the idea of the Council sending a letter to federal officials on this topic.

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Alec](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In reference to item 10-D of the Jan 2 Council agenda.  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:30:28 AM

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I am a Bay Area citizen who visits Alameda. I am disheartened to learn that Item 10-D on the January 2 City Council Agenda is a letter demanding a change to U.S. foreign policy regarding the Hamas - Israel War.

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As we have clearly seen from the "debates" in Richmond and Oakland, the only thing formally discussing this war does is legitimize anti-Israel and anti-Jewish rhetoric. We will not solve the Middle East Crisis in the Alameda City Council. But your ethical leadership is needed to ensure that everyone is welcome on the island.

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Sincerely,

Alec Budman

**From:** [Anna Baltzer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Jewish Pro-Ceasefire Alamedan - Support Agenda Item 10D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:33:42 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am a Jewish Alamedan writing **in support of item 10D**, Mayor Ashcroft's letter for a ceasefire.

I love our island and am so proud that our leaders are considering a ceasefire letter. Israel's bombings of Gaza have killed tens of thousands of Palestinians, nearly half of them children, while Israel's cutting off of food and water has brought half a million Palestinians to the brink of starvation. Asking that our country use its significant leverage to play a role in working for peace, rather than funding violence, is in total alignment with our values as a community.

Please don't let anyone tell you that Alameda Jews oppose a ceasefire. Jews of Alameda are as diverse as any identity group in our city. The idea that Jews have the same opinion, or share a common political allegiance, is a fundamental tenet of real antisemitism and must be rejected unequivocally.

My synagogue, my rabbis, my children's Hebrew school teachers are calling publicly for a ceasefire. They are among hundreds of thousands of Jews across the country doing the same. Thousands of Jews put their bodies on the line and been arrested – including hundreds in the Bay Area, among them Alamedans – saying Not in Our Name, and Never Again – for anyone. Many, myself included, are the descendants of Holocaust victims and survivors horrified by the abuse of our history to justify a genocide against the Palestinian people.

Ceasefire is indisputably a local issue. Residents of Alameda are watching their families slaughtered day after day. From Alameda alone, more than \$1 million tax dollars are sent every year to Israel in the form of U.S. weapons; that means our tax dollars are going to bomb Palestinian hospitals when they could be used to fund Alameda schools. My Jewish children are growing up in a world watching unfathomable violence in the name of Jews everywhere; this is not a safer world for my children. We in Alameda are not separate from what is happening, and saying nothing in the context of our deep complicity is not neutrality; on the contrary, our silence is what enables our continued, one-sided involvement.

I have heard some say that advocating a ceasefire is divisive. But ceasefires do not divide people; bombings do. Everything in this letter calls to end that which divides us, which is why so many Alamedans of all backgrounds stand behind it. Please support Mayor Ashcroft's letter investing in peace and justice, instead of war, as one small but meaningful action we can take toward the world we want our precious children here in Alameda, in Gaza, in Israel, and everywhere, to live in.

With hope,

Anna Piller  
1037 Fountain Street  
Alameda, CA

**From:** [Lean DeLeon](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Malia Vella](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter in support of 10D for 1/2/23 council meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:44:20 AM

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Dear Alameda City Council Members,

My name is Lean de Leon and I have been coming to City Council meetings for the past month & half to speak about the ongoing genocide happening in Gaza.

I have been a long-time resident of our beautiful island since the 90s, with family roots here since the 60s, due to the Naval Air Base, where my grandfathers' enlistment into the US army afforded us to migrate here. I am a graduate of Alameda public schools from pre-K to high school, where I was in leadership and represented the student body. I have volunteered at church toy drives, cleaned up beaches, and organized cultural celebrations. I frequent our parks, public libraries, cineplex, and have tried every restaurant on the island. I mentored middle and high school students in their fight for racial justice. So many of my family, both chosen and blood, reside and thrive here.

I love this city deeply & am invested in building with the community.

**I am so proud of our Mayor's leadership in agendizing a ceasefire letter** to be sent to our federal leaders. I implore **other council members to join in passing it!**

We know the American people want a ceasefire. We know Alamedans want a ceasefire.

Council members do not turn away from the ongoing genocide happening in Gaza. Please use your platform as our direct local elected officials to push our federal leaders who are failing us. Polling has shown that Americans support a permanent ceasefire and de-escalation of violence in Gaza. In a poll from Dec 20, almost **60% of voters want a ceasefire**, where there has been an increase in a month in all three political groupings of Democrats (+4%), Independents (+1%), and Republicans (+11%) (Morning Consult).

Witnessing the genocide has been heartbreaking, to say the least. It was horrific in October. It was nauseating in November. It was miserable during Christmas. And it's a melancholy New Year. Since I spoke last month the death toll of Palestinians by Israel was 15,500, which is now up to almost 22,000. 2/3 are women and children. When I last spoke to you, there were 60 journalists that Israel murdered, it is now up to 100. 1.2 million people in Gaza were displaced, that number has now risen to 1.9 million. Finally, 42% of housing in Gaza was destroyed, a month later it is now recorded at 70%.

We have a moral obligation to speak up. It is our tax money that is supplying the weaponry and artillery used to kill innocent people. **A Ceasefire Letter from the City of Alameda**

**would carry a lot of weight with our history with the Naval Base and military history.**

Alameda continues to be connected to a Bay Area economy entrenched in profiting from war. Blood is on our hands as we are part of the killings of thousands of Gazans, including children. All over the Bay Area are offices of companies that manufacture weapons, surveillance technology, and equipment that Israel uses to bomb, surveil, and demolish Palestinians and their homes. Companies include General Dynamics, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Argon St, Lockheed Martin, Palantir Technology, and Caterpillar. Furthermore, the Oakland Estuary, shared by Alameda and Oakland, serves as a passage for ships that transport weapons and military equipment to Israel. BAE Systems (formerly with an office at 1500 Ferry Point, Alameda, now with two offices in San Jose) partners with Lockheed on the F-35 used to kill Palestinians in Gaza. It also partners with Israeli company Rafael to supply the Israeli military with machine gun systems. Alameda can honor its military history while transforming “swords into plowshares” calling for a Ceasefire Letter and being a local voice for global peace.

Finally, as we enter into a pre-electoral season, **I will be looking at supporting, campaigning, and donating to candidates that support a ceasefire:**

- Council member Tracy Jensen, please support the Mayor’s ceasefire letter. Your bid for the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, to represent the 18th Assembly District, is a body that has called for a ceasefire. I am extremely proud to be a Democrat and know our representatives on Alameda Island organized it. I would love to support you in joining such a courageous body that represents our progressive values.
- Vice Mayor Tony Daysog, please support the Mayor’s ceasefire letter. Your bid for Congress to replace Rep. Barbara Lee, who has called for a ceasefire. I was at the Oakland City Council meeting when their ceasefire resolution passed unanimously, which included the vote of the most conservative Council Member in that body, your opponent, Councilmember Dan Kalb has called for a ceasefire. I would love to support our homegrown leaders in their bid for national leadership, please call for a ceasefire.

With love and solidarity,  
Lean

**From:** [Eugenia Budman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Eugenia Budman](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposing the letter about HAMAS/Israel ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:32:33 AM

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Re: Opposition to Item 10-D on Jan. 2, 2024, City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Daysog & Council Members Vella, Spencer & Jensen:

I hope for the war to stop, for people on both sides to live in peace, but not for the price of my people's lives and constant danger.

There is no consensus of citizens of Alameda or elsewhere about the value of this letter. I know and firmly believe that it would be wrong for one representative of the city government to push an argument that would be seen as supporting the opinion of all our citizens. I vehemently disagree with the text, intention and with the action of sending such a letter.

This City Council clearly is NOT speaking for the entire community and advocates only one point of view. The opinion is clearly beyond its subject matter jurisdiction and simply creates more division, threats to the Jewish community (as we have already seen across the Bay Area) and pain and aggression among the neighbors, instead of living as a community, even though with the opposing views, and safety.

Both Jews and Muslims are feeling physically threatened by the radical views on the issue expressed by antisemites and Islamophobes.

The Jews I represent, being a minority group - are NOT FEELING SAFE in our community among the multiple local uprisings of radicals and their supporters.

Why would the Mayor stubbornly and aggressively place the issue that aggravates and separates their citizens on the regular agenda and thus open for online public comment inviting more aggression and separation in our wonderful city???

The major negative impact of this referral will occur when it is opened for public comment before an overflow in-person and online audience on Jan. 2. There will be arguments, tears, anger, repetition of media lies and truths... There will be turmoil perpetuating the aggression and division. One citizen against another...

Is this what the Mayor is after?

I urge the Mayor to reconsider and remove the referral from the agenda. I urge the Mayor to act as a Mayor and not use this opportunity to promote the Mayor's own views. Even if the Mayor is passionate about the issue.

Do not sacrifice the peaceful life of our city and a Jewish part of the community.

I strongly encourage you to **reject** Item 10-D.

Sincerely,

Gina Budman.

**From:** [Ann Walker](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:04:13 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Sincerely,

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Ann Walker  
annpeacewalker@gmail.com

**From:** [Jackie Young](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:52:15 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. As a member of the Asian American and LGBTQ communities, I understand well that I am not safe unless colonization, imperialism, and supremacy are gone. The state sanctioned violence and technology that facilitates it is being used in Israel against the Palestinian people, and these technologies and tactics are being brought back to the United States to be used in our communities. Over the years, especially during the pandemic with increased violence towards Asians, I know that state power does not keep us safe. We keep each other safe, and the Palestinian struggle is our own. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Jackie Young  
jacqueline.joy8@gmail.com

**From:** [amelia.berger](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:46:43 AM

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Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:26:13 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a rabbi of 51 years who serves Jewish people throughout the Bay Area, including residents of Alameda. I urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a rabbi whose adult children and grandchild live in Alameda, I believe that Alameda has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. Who can possibly believe that collective punishment is a viable stance? It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. In deed, Israeli families of hostages are making this point to their own government and are one of the loudest voices for ceasefire. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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**From:** [Paloma Salazar](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:14:53 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** ["Viviana Acevedo-Bolton"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:54:15 AM

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**From:** [Jennifer Bowles](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:50:15 AM

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**From:** [Kelly Newman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:32:18 AM

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**From:** [Anna Baltzer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:00:27 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear City Council members,

I am a Jewish Alamedan writing to ask you to please vote yes on item 10D, Mayor Ashcroft's letter for a ceasefire.

I love our island and am so proud that our leaders are considering a ceasefire letter. Voting for an end to the violence is in total alignment with our values as a community.

Please don't let anyone tell you that Jews oppose a ceasefire. The Jews of Alameda are as diverse as any in our community. The idea that Jews have the same opinion, or share a common political allegiance, is a fundamental tenet of real antisemitism and must be rejected unequivocally.

My synagogue, my rabbis, and my children's Hebrew school teachers are calling for a ceasefire. They are among hundreds of thousands of Jews across the country trying everything possible to speed a ceasefire. Thousands of Jews have been arrested – including hundreds in the Bay Area, among them Alamedans – saying not in our name, and never again – for anyone.

Many, myself included, are the descendants of Holocaust victims and survivors horrified by the abuse of our history to justify mass killings of another people.

Ceasefire is very much a local issue. People in our city are witnessing their families brutally killed. Our tax dollars are going to bomb Palestinian hospitals when they could be used to fund Alameda schools here at home. My Jewish children are growing up in a world watching unfathomable violence done in the name of Jews everywhere; this is not a safer world for my children. We in Alameda are not separate from this, and saying nothing in the context of our deep involvement is not neutrality; on the contrary, saying nothing is what keeps in place our existing, one-sided engagement.

I have heard some say that advocating a ceasefire is divisive. But ceasefires do not divide people; bombings do. Everything in this letter advocates precisely against that which divides us. Please support Mayor Ashcroft's letter as one small step toward the world we want for our children, and children everywhere, to live in.

Sincerely,  
Anna Baltzer  
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**From:** [Tiffany Chen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:49:31 AM

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Tiffany Chen  
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**From:** [Modest alghazali](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:49:18 AM

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**From:** [Kathy Kenny](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:47:00 AM

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**From:** [Dian Mcpherso](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:46:26 AM

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**From:** [Michael Saney](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:45:07 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I was born and raised in the Bay Area and am writing as a concerned member of our larger community with the request that you support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

I wish to make clear that I identify neither as an Arab nor a Muslim. Regardless, I recognize calling for a ceasefire can improve the physical and emotional safety of community members associated with various ethnicities. Furthermore, a ceasefire is a moral and ethical issue. As a resident of local community and a US taxpayer, I hold non-violence as a core value and thereby would like Alameda to join the ranks of cities urging peace in Gaza. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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**From:** [Sophia Ritchie](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:44:59 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned Alameda resident to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. While I currently reside just blocks from Alameda City Hall, I lived and worked in the occupied West Bank, in the Palestinian city of Ramallah for 4 years. There, too, I lived right near City Hall. Alameda and Palestine are both places I have called home, and both places I dearly love. But today my heart feels broken.

What we are seeing is catastrophic levels of violence against the Palestinian people, primarily in Gaza but also in the West Bank, being funded by US aid/tax dollars and with many weapons likely stamped "Made in the USA". For these reasons, All of us have a responsibility to take a stand, and to speak on this, even if speaking out feels complex or challenging.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Jerry McPherson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:44:54 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:44:41 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

My friend Mai Rajab has been surviving bombardment in Gaza for almost 3 months. She has been displaced twice. They escaped with only the clothes on their backs. They have been freezing, hungry, and traumatized. There is a scarcity of medical care. Children are losing their families.

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**From:** [Kristen Fu](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:43:57 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Ysrael Quezon](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:43:48 AM

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**From:** [Nadja Battersby](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:43:33 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned Jewish Alamedian. I believe that it is critical that we do all we can to call for a ceasefire in Gaza because of the war is causing so much civilian death, destruction and starvation in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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Nadja Battersby  
[nadjaeulee@gmail.com](mailto:nadjaeulee@gmail.com)

**From:** [Clair Dunne](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:43:01 AM

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I am also writing as an community member WHO WAS BORN IN IRELAND (I am a US citizen) and witnessed the occupation of North Ireland and The Troubles during the 1980s. Ireland has a long history of occupation and, with great sadness, we share similar experiences of occupation with both Native Americans (particularly the Choctaw Nation, whose generous donation of \$150 during the Irish Famine has forged an unbreakable bond between the two Nations and, more recently, the Navajo Nation, when the people of Ireland donated over \$1 million dollars to covid relief efforts there) and the Palestinian peoples. It is because i am Irish, that i support any person who is experiencing occupation and discrimination. In the same way, i supported the people of Ukraine, i also must show my support for Palestine. What I am seeing happening in Palestine, especially in Gaza, is shameful and we must say it loud and clear, we do not accept this loss of life.

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I also feel that ongoing bombardments are not facilitating the release of the remaining hostages. In fact, I am concerned that some of the hostages may have been impacted by bombing.

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**From:** [Tehmina Zeb](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:42:58 AM

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As of today, least 20,057 civilians have been and are being murdered, mostly children, women, and elderly. Thousands more are injured, starving, sick, and freezing to death. They have no water and no electricity. This brutality and mass destruction is not a win for anyone. It is a deplorable lose-lose situation for all.

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Alameda's city council has the opportunity to take a stand for what is merciful and humane, and I beg that you do so. To be silent is to be complicit.

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**From:** [Hiat Saleh](#)  
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Sincerely,

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Hiat Saleh  
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**From:** [Chahid Bagdouri](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:41:52 AM

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**From:** ["Matt Nguyen, PhD"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:41:04 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as both a concerned resident of Alameda and public health professional, to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The escalation of violence over the past several months has resulted in loss of tens of thousands of lives and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council move in line with the cities of Richmond and Oakland and take a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Nancy Lewis](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:39:35 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Huzaifa Khawaja](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:38:47 AM

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**From:** ["Allegra O'Donoghue"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:38:45 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. We are witnessing the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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I was born and raised in Alameda, and attended high school at SJND. I was among the youth who participated in the walk-out and protest against the Iraq War in 2003. I am again calling on my local representatives to take a stand and use their influence to call for an end to US-sanctioned murder and destruction.

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**From:** [Khudeja Mujahid](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Husna Mohiuddin](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:38:01 AM

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**From:** [Alexandra Dimitruk](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:37:41 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Alexandra Dimitruk  
alexandradimitruk@gmail.com

**From:** [Kiah Summers](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:37:00 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Tiro Miller](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:36:49 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our wider Bay Area community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

What is happening over there demands a global, fine-grained push for ceasefire. Talking about this issue and coming down on the side of the children of Gaza creates the conditions for everyone to engage with this issue, and hopefully, learn that there is some point in engaging with elected officials. Calling for ceasefire is not just a moral imperative, it's practically useful for you in Alameda.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Yasmeen Samy](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:34:49 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Katrina Grace](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:34:11 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

My name is Katrina and I am a resident of Berkeley. I have family living in Alameda and I visit Alameda often. I love this city because I have always felt that Alameda is inclusive to all that live and visit there. I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Katrina Grace  
kuwtkatrina@gmail.com



**From:** [Casey Tran](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:33:25 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I live in Oakland, but I visit Alameda nearly every weekend to go shopping, dine out, and visit the parks. I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Nasim Khan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:30:59 AM

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Sincerely,

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Nasim Khan  
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**From:** [Lenine Umali](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:28:44 AM

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**From:** [wendy\\_chew](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:28:43 AM

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Sincerely,  
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chewwe@gmail.com



**From:** [Muzammil Khan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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Muzammil Khan  
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**From:** [Sadiya Shamim](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:27:55 AM

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Sadiya Shamim  
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**From:** [Ishaq Mohammed](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**From:** [Amber Kury](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:26:44 AM

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**From:** [Habiba Sarmad](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:25:53 AM

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**From:** ["Claire Valderama-Wallace"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:25:05 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a nurse educator who grew up here in Alameda. I went to St. Joe's K-12 and my children attend Alameda schools. I am urging you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Every second counts. Over 21,000 Palestinians have been killed - the equivalent of a quarter of our island's population. U.S. taxpayer dollars continue to fund and provide weapons, technology, and surveillance. Time and time again we see that change at the federal level and also globally begins and is compelled through local leadership and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Claire Valderama-Wallace, PhD, MPH, RN  
Alameda resident and parent

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Deborah Sullivan  
cdisullivan@gmail.com

**From:** [Edin Snagic](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:24:30 AM

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**From:** ["Carlos Williams-Moreiras"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:23:03 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I strongly urge the Alameda City Council to vote yes on Mayor Ashcraft's resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. The Israeli state, in their commitment to the ethnic cleansing of the Palestine, has killed over 20,000 Palestinians since October 7 alone. The vast majority of the dead are civilians, including children and babies. The town of Bethlehem, birthplace of Christ, canceled Christmas celebrations this year, instead mourning the deaths of Palestinian babies at the hands of their military occupiers.

The ethnic cleansing of Gaza also does not make Jews safer. In my social circle, both Jews and Arabs are united in their condemnation of the Netanyahu administration and the Israeli Defense Forces. I have childhood friends who are Palestinian, who have had their right to return to their native land stripped from them. I have childhood friends who are Jewish who are descended from Holocaust survivors, who are aghast at what is happening in their name. Stand with these people, and against Israel's despotism over Palestinians.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Maya Price](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:23:02 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Brewster McCann](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:22:57 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Kara Fleshman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:22:48 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am deeply grateful for Mayor Ashcroft's Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

As a resident of Alameda I will be proud to call this city home when we are able to follow Richmond and Oakland's lead in acknowledging the reality of the eminent danger facing Palestinians. It is imperative that, as citizens of a country that positions itself as the defenders of humanity worldwide while directly funding this genocide, our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,

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Kara Fleshman  
karalazear@gmail.com



**From:** [Bruce Johnson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:22:42 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. I hope our city will take a stand for peace and humanitarian efforts. I acknowledge that the situation is complicated. Ongoing war will not bring peace and safety to the people of Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, or neighboring countries. Our city of Alameda can join others around the world to demand a ceasefire as the most important first step toward peace.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Bruce Johnson  
[brucejohnson51@gmail.com](mailto:brucejohnson51@gmail.com)

**From:** [Maryam Vahedian](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:22:40 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Maryam Vahedian  
maryam.vahedian@gmail.com

**From:** [Priya Chatwani](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:21:59 AM

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Priya Chatwani  
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**From:** [Gracie Schatz](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:21:58 AM

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Gracie Schatz  
gmilletteschatz@gmail.com

**From:** [Claudia Perkins](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:21:40 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed City Council resolution urging an immediate cease fire in the war on Gaza. Negotiations for long term peace and safety for ALL people in the region cannot begin to be successful in the midst of fighting and violent conflict. War is terrifying and must be stopped.

In 2014, my husband and I traveled through Israel and the West Bank as part of a peacemaking conference organized by the Presbyterian Church (USA) the national body of our denomination. Beyond exploring the holy sites important to people of many faiths, we heard directly from people who are Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and atheists working together for peace. The stories and perspectives shared were powerful and reinforced the complexity of the issues. But at the heart of it all are real people with hope — civilians seeking to live together peacefully. We have heard the questions and continue to learn, even if we don't presume to have the answers or solutions necessary.

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I believe that our local elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Claudia Perkins  
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**From:** [Salima Adina](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:21:32 AM

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Salima Adina  
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**From:** [Fahmy Suboh](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:20:32 AM

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Fahmy Suboh  
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**From:** [Heather F](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:20:31 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

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Sincerely,

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Heather F  
hmyf96@gmail.com

**From:** ["Sarrah AL-SAIGH"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:18:53 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Omeera Qadir](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:18:41 AM

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**From:** [Sylvia H](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:18:20 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Michelle Gutierrez](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:18:15 AM

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**From:** [Anusha Allawala](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:17:32 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am a US citizen and have been residing in the bay area for 13 years. I am devastated and heartbroken over the 20,000+ casualties in Palestine caused by the Israeli armed forces. There is pure horror unfolding in Palestine where thousands of children have become amputees or have undergone unimaginable pain and Injury without any medical aid. I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,  
Dr. Anusha Allawala

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**From:** [Deana Hsu](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:16:38 AM

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Sincerely,

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Deana Hsu  
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**From:** [Hanan Masri](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:14:21 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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My maternal family has roots in Palestine, specifically Haifa ( we still have the address of that home but the 1948 expulsion of Palestinians resulted in the loss of that home for "ownership") and Bethlehem. Every day I see faces which look like my family scared and pleading. Please help my family.

All social justice movements are connected by a struggle for basic liberties and dignity and rights. Black, Asian, Indigenous, Latinx, more, we are all in this together.

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aleppoinapril@gmail.com

**From:** [Rachael Mellows](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:12:05 AM

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Rachael Mellows  
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**From:** [Anm Hasan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:09:49 AM

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Anm Hasan  
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**From:** [Sana Sayyid](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:09:21 AM

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Sana Sayyid  
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**From:** [Ahmad Hijazi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:09:19 AM

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**From:** [Sarah Hussein](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:08:19 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:04:53 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:04:40 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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My father and grandparents have passed away in diaspora. It is time for justice to prevail and for the world to step up and stop the genocide of the Palestinians - happening in full view in Gaza and the West Bank. Today is the 85th day of the Israeli onslaught on the civilians they have blockaded in Gaza: More than 21,000 civilians killed (the majority women and children), over 56,000 injured, more than 7000 under the rubble. How can anyone with a conscience remain silent?

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rmjone12@gmail.com

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:02:22 AM

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An outraged citizen

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**From:** [Austin Tam](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:59:16 AM

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Please, please I ask that you support and vote for Mayor Ashcraft's submission of the Ceasefire Letter. This is another step to help to Free Palestine.

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Stop killing Palestinians and tell Israel to move their settlers back inside the green line. Also support the ICJ. Thanks!

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For the safety of the people here in Alameda and in neighboring cities this ceasefire must be called for. Rejecting to call for this will cause harsh implications on Palestinians and Jews in the community as some people will see there is no problem to attack Palestinians, and others will grow more and more hateful of Jews because of Israel's continued war crimes. For the sake of the community please be a voice of reason in these harsh times.

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Ahmad Abdeljabbar  
ahmad.abdeljabbar@gmail.com

**From:** ["Adan Gutierrez-Gallegos"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:55:44 AM

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**From:** [Sereen Alkhaliji](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:55:21 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Sereen Alkhalili  
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**From:** [Astrid Liu](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:55:10 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Astrid Liu  
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**From:** ["Teresa D."](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:54:26 AM

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My daughter and husband are Palestinian so this catastrophe hits close to home for our family. Everyday I see the children of Gaza, dying, starving, freezing in the winter weather, I see my daughter in their faces. Seeing any child having to fight for their life on a daily basis should be enough for the whole world to call for an immediate ceasefire.

Please, let's join together with many other cities across America to call for a ceasefire. These innocent children lives are depending on us to hear their pleas and do anything and everything we can to make a difference .

Sincerely,  
Teresa D.  
Teresadames1@gmail.com



**From:** [Kimberly Wells](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:53:48 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Wells  
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**From:** [Zaheer Mohiuddin](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:53:06 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,  
Zaheer Mohiuddin  
[zaheer@mohiuddin.com](mailto:zaheer@mohiuddin.com)

**From:** [arianna.gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:53:00 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of over 20,000 lives, 1% of the population, and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

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arianna gonzalez  
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**From:** [F.Green](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:52:48 AM

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Mona Masri](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:52:40 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. Other brave cities have taken steps to call for a ceasefire including Richmond and Oakland.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our



city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Mona Masri  
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**From:** ["Sadiya Kazi-Koya"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Sadiya Kazi-Koya  
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**From:** [Lydia Abood](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:52:12 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Lydia Abood  
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**From:** [Lina Seikh](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:51:38 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Lina Seikh  
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**From:** ["Daniela Fuentes-Eckman"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:48:34 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:45:06 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:42:56 AM

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So I urge you to call for a ceasefire. As much pressure as possible needs to be put on the Biden administration to stop supporting Israel in this war and put pressure in the OPPOSITE direction, to stop the violence. The more local government areas get involved in this, the more momentum will build. Time is of the essence, and the remaining issues in the area can only be moved towards solution after the destruction stops.

Sincerely,  
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Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is “Everyone belongs here,” yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft’s letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel’s violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Sarah Deming  
demingsc@gmail.com



**From:** [Kat Greenberg](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:42:30 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Kat Greenberg  
kittylitterbox@yahoo.com

**From:** [Anabelle Ali](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:42:14 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Gabrielle Cohen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:42:04 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned Jewish member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza—a letter which unequivocally supports and protects BOTH Jewish and Muslim citizens by denouncing violence and encouraging for the necessary humanitarian repair in Gaza.

The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Gabrielle Cohen  
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**From:** [Hannah Thompson](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:41:56 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community here in Alameda, and as a Jewish woman, to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Please.

The recent escalation of violence has resulted in the horrific and tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians. It is absolutely imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, and a Jewish woman, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [sadaf qazi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:41:15 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of bay area community. I urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that Alameda city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to all impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda county, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for humanity through peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars should be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives. In times like these, we do not ask what will be the weight of our actions, instead we ask what will be the weight of our inaction on our own collective conscience and on the millions who are suffering.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
sadaf qazi

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**From:** [Anabelle Ali](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:41:09 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Morgan Proctor](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:41:02 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. I believe that all Bay Area communities have a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Nabeel Syed](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:40:42 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Nabeel Syed  
syedshajinabeel@gmail.com



**From:** [Dalia Lashin](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:40:29 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Every day we are seeing more and more innocent lives lost. More to come given lack of aid.

The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza.

This is about humanity. If we do not help and stand for it, can we still say we are human? This has endangered all people regardless of faith or background.

The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq. Let us not allow another horrific atrocious holocaust.

Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to

influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical humanitarian issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Dalia Lashin  
delya9@netscape.net

**From:** [Torin Coffino](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:39:04 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

My name is Torin Coffino. I am an SF resident who teaches middle school in Alameda County.

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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I understand that international conflicts are complex, and our local government may have limited influence on global affairs. However, by taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Vasudha Desikan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:38:57 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our East Bay community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that the Alameda city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

While I'm not a resident of Alameda, I'm frequently there to visit friends and family and shop at local businesses. Gaza is a personal issue for me as I have numerous friends from Gaza whose families' lives are in peril because of the ongoing war. In turn, it is making our community members feel less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue and a local one. Our communities in the East Bay have a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand.

By taking a principled stand, Alameda can contribute to the collective voice advocating for peace and the protection of civilian lives.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions the Alameda city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Vasudha Desikan  
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**From:** [Jac Dalziel](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:38:53 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values. Although I was raised in a church where we believed to be the descendants of one of the ten tribes of Abraham (aka the Chosen People, alongside the Jewish), I am against the genocide in Gaza and believe all people deserve freedom, medical care, housing, food, water, electricity and protection. I believe ALL people deserve these basic human rights.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [alana.reyna](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:38:18 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Soraya alavi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:37:37 AM

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Fernando Soto Reyes](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:37:17 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

From a humanitarian standpoint, you must support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence, the resulting tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, makes it imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is the bare minimum. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

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**From:** [Amanda Pease](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:37:04 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a proud Alamedan (for over 4 years now!) and as a concerned community member to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. As a descendant of Armenians who fled the Armenian genocide and settled in America, I have been impacted all my life by the aftermath of genocide - the heart-wrenching stories, the long-term impact, and the way politics can twist the truth on the ground.

I've spent much of my life trying to understand how to reconcile my place as the descendent of those who survived that genocide. I can clearly remember, as a high schooler, asking my father whether we had any relatives still in Armenia. He looked at me with shock and said "no. Everyone that was able to flee did, and everyone that couldn't flee died." He then offered to pull out a family tree and show me everyone listed as dying in 1917. I didn't take him up on the offer, but that day changed me and I took my first step towards deepening my understanding of conflicts and support of communities facing genocide.

The recent escalation of violence in Gaza has resulted in devastating loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values. I have felt so welcomed in Alameda, not only as a descendant of Armenian immigrants but as a queer person, and I've been so proud of this little City as we continue to be a humble but impactful example of diversity, empathy, and deep care for folks from all backgrounds and walks of life. We must support a ceasefire in order to continue being this example for change.

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**From:** [Iqbal Mohib](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:37:03 AM

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**From:** [Ned Nooda](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:36:27 AM

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**From:** [Neveen Acero](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Allison Miyashiro](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:34:54 AM

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**From:** [Livvy Nolin](#)  
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Sincerely,

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Livvy Nolin  
livvynolin@ymail.com

**From:** [JUMANA MUWAFI](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:34:46 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. As an American-Palestinian with family members being subjected to a relentless assault, I am worried sick every minute about their well being. At this point we are no longer talking just about their safety from bombs. We are talking about starvation, thirst, access to medication, mental breakdown from more than 80 days of continuous bombing.

Whole families are getting wiped out, children are left alone in this world, pregnant mothers are unable to deliver safely, children are getting limbs amputated to save their lives. It is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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**From:** [Ellie Marquez](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:33:46 AM

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Sincerely,

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Ellie Marquez  
elliemm2730@gmail.com

**From:** [Julie Casey](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:33:28 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Julie Casey  
[julie.anna.casey@gmail.com](mailto:julie.anna.casey@gmail.com)

**From:** [Shideh Khsshe](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:32:45 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Sincerely, S. Khashe

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Shideh Khsshe  
shideh.khashe@att.net

**From:** [Jim Heffernan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:32:39 AM

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Sincerely,

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Jim Heffernan  
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**From:** [F.Green](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:32:37 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
F Green  
salamehf@yahoo.com

**From:** [Joann Ruckman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:32:27 AM

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**From:** [DENNIS OWENS](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:32:22 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I am writing as a 40 year Alameda resident to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Let's clear our collective throat and send a loud and clear message to our federal government that it needs to use its considerable power to insist on a cease fire commencing immediately.

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**From:** [Alison Traina](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:32:14 AM

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**From:** [Mara Schechter](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:31:18 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I'm a Jewish Oakland resident who spends a lot of time in Alameda, with loved ones in Alameda and some experience in Alameda politics, including when I served as one of AD18's delegates to the state Democratic party.

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Mara Schechter  
[mara.schechter@gmail.com](mailto:mara.schechter@gmail.com)

**From:** [Andrew Custer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:30:57 AM

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Andrew Custer  
custer.andrew@gmail.com

**From:** [Christina Van Rooyen](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:30:33 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Christina Van Rooyen  
ccook.speech@gmail.com

**From:** [Ahmed Mustafa](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:30:12 AM

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**From:** [Aysha Abraibesh](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:29:41 AM

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Sincerely,

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Aysha Abraibesh  
aysha.abraibesh@gmail.com

**From:** [Art Khan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:29:30 AM

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Sincerely,

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Art Khan  
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**From:** [Rebecca Kao](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:29:04 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned member of the Bay Area community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. As an AAPI political advocate and young organizer, I believe that all people, especially those from marginalized identities, have the privilege and responsibility to stand in solidarity with Palestine in this moment. As diaspora Asian communities in the Bay supporting Palestine, our solidarity is strengthened by the histories we carry, and are not limited by our individual connections to the Israel-Palestine region or lack thereof. The issues of military violence and genocide affect us all. I call on all Alameda City Council members to understand this and do what's right in calling for ceasefire now.

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca Kao  
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**From:** [Rami Bargawi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:28:18 AM

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Rami Barqawi  
healthspirits@aol.com

**From:** [Lorcan Sliter](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:28:12 AM

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Sincerely,

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Lorcan Sliter  
lorcansliter@gmail.com

**From:** [Sur Adam](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:26:57 AM

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Sur Adam  
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**From:** [Deana Hsu](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:26:30 AM

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Deana Hsu  
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**From:** ["Ray Stubblefield-Tave"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:26:29 AM

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Ray Stubblefield-Tave  
ray.stubblefield.tave@gmail.com

**From:** [Ellie Gladstone](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:25:55 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

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Sincerely,

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Ellie Gladstone  
elanngladstone@gmail.com

**From:** [Arfi Oktavianti](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:25:05 AM

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**From:** [Warda Ali](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:24:08 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Isa Flores](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Mariam Jebari](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:22:29 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Jeanette Cool](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** ["Arianne Schneider-Stocking"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**From:** [Margaret Okuzumi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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I know several Palestinian families personally who have lost multiple relatives and even many dozens of relatives since October 7 to this conflict. So much senseless loss of life and destruction. We are complicit in these atrocities if we don't speak out. I hope you will add your voice to that of other local cities who have taken a stand against this misuse of our tax dollars.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Okuzumi  
[mokujo@gmail.com](mailto:mokujo@gmail.com)

**From:** [Kashif Wasim](#)  
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kashifwasim4u@gmail.com

**From:** [Chahid Bagdouri](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:18:21 AM

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**From:** [Maria Khatri](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Faris Jabbar](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:17:37 AM

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jabbarsquad1@gmail.com

**From:** [Seher siddiqee](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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Sincerely,

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Seher siddique  
sehers\_92@yahoo.com



**From:** [Nancy Stein](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** ["Yi-Xian Li"](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:15:03 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Jane Jewell  
[janec@jewellfamily.com](mailto:janec@jewellfamily.com)

**From:** [Yousef Hammad](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:14:34 AM

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Jamie Chow  
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**From:** [Rupali Raju](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:58:48 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Taylor Chow](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:57:55 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:57:50 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I was born and raised in Alameda, attending Alameda public schools from K-12. Now, I am a student of History and English at the University of Chicago. In Alameda public schools, I learned to use my voice to speak up against injustice. As a History student, I have learned what exactly injustice looks like, and it looks like what's happening in Palestine right now. In the face of this horrific genocide, I urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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**From:** [Isa H](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:57:45 AM

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**From:** [Kimberly Wong](#)  
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**From:** [Tara Soudbakhsh](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:56:37 AM

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There are groups and voices who will try to convince you that this is complicated, that there is a long and complex history here. Sure, there's history, but this isn't complicated. We all know that raining down bombs like this is wrong. Yes, the Hamas attack was terrible and reprehensible. But so is this retribution. It's not complicated. We can think 2 thoughts at the same time.

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We must do what's right. We can't allow this to go on with our financial and moral support. Please support the mayor's letter.

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We will be accepting that genocide is just part of the human condition.

That genocide is what humans do and not worthy of condemnation.

This travesty also brings shame to the Jewish people and particularly the Jewish religion. The flag of the Zionists usurped the religious symbol, the Star of David. This is a sacrilege that will haunt Judaism going forward.

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**From:** [Camille Santana](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:50:56 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. I am connected to College of Alameda as an adjunct faculty member and I know, care and support many Alameda residents that attend College of Alameda. Alameda residents are diverse and understand the struggle of the Palestinian people. They are connected to their humanity and know what is happening is wrong. There have been several crimes against humanity committed against the Palestinian people by the state of Israel such as collective punishment, indiscriminate bombing, killing of civilians, and targeting civilian infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and places of workshop. Calling for a ceasefire as the majority of the world has is NOT divisive. All UN members have voted for ceasefire except for the U.S., Israel and 2 Micronesian countries that are solely dependent on the U.S. for survival. Calling for a ceasefire is humanitarian choice. Choosing to stay silent is a choice to support the continued bombing and violence on a community that is already devastated after 80+ days of nonstop bombing. The alarmingly vast majority of those killed in Palestine have been civilians almost half being children. CHILDREN. We as U.S. citizens MUST take a stand against these acts of extreme and horrifying violence.

Alameda Councilmembers have an opportunity and duty to pass a ceasefire resolution and it matters. It does. Every city and every person in whatever position they are in must be vocal and stand for a ceasefire. Many voices is powerful. I hope you will pass a ceasefire resolution. We teach our students how to respond to injustice and whether it matters to stand up for what we believe is right. Do we stand up for justice even when it is uncomfortable? Or do we stay silent because of fear? What values are we teaching the young people and general public? We need bold and courageous leaders to do the right thing. Your voters are watching how you are responding in this moment.

Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for a ceasefire resolution sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their concerns. This is important and necessary, and brave.

Do the right thing and take a principled stand for justice and with integrity for a permanent ceasefire to stop the immediate violence in Palestine.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Salam Ramahi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:46:59 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am an anti zionist Jew and concerned member of our community urging you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Every day I don't understand how things can be more and more horrific, but they are. As of this email over 25,000 people have been killed by the Israeli military, over 55,000 injured, and over 2 million people displaced from their homes. Gaza is the most dangerous place in the world to be a child right now. It is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:45:05 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

I've decided to share a letter I sent to family and close friends (including some who live in Israel) on October 17th 2023.

Hi folks,

I've spent several days thinking about what I wish to say and how I wish to say it. I know some of you will disagree with me, and this is ok with me.

For those who don't know, I was raised Jewish, in the conservative movement. I was Bat Mitzvah'd and attended religious school through high school. I went to Brandeis for undergrad.

As someone who is pretty familiar with Judaism's principle beliefs and precepts, it is difficult for me to imagine anything less aligned with the tenets of Judaism as I learned them, than what the Israeli government is doing to the Palestinian people.

It's long been a source of shame in my life that I belong to a people who survived the Holocaust, who have nevertheless gone on to perpetrate another holocaust on another people. We were put in concentration camps, and now we put others in concentration camps. The rhetoric Israeli leaders use when speaking about Palestinians calls to mind the way Nazi leaders spoke about Jews. They called us animals, dehumanized us, and now we do the same to others.

I like being Jewish. I have other identities, but Jewish is the one I most frequently claim publicly. And yet the politics and policies of the Israeli government vis a vis Palestinians have caused me to distance myself from Judaism, from Jewish life and culture. How can I inhabit Jewish spaces, when my position on Palestine brands me an anti-semite, a self-hating Jew?

I think people feel intimidated by Israel and Palestine because we are told that it's a complicated issue. It's not complicated. One side has all the money, power and resources, and the other side has nothing. That's it. When we talk about blame and responsibility for the current situation in Israel, power matters. One side is oppressed, the other side is using their immense power and resources to do the oppressing.

Moreover, the side with the money and power hasn't always held such a privileged position. I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that until relatively recently, the positionality of Jews in the wider world more closely resembled that of Gypsies, or of refugees from North African countries. In many ways, Jews were the original Palestinians, an unwanted people without a homeland, tolerated at best and reviled and targeted at worst.

All of this makes the extraordinary violence perpetrated by the Israeli government on the Palestinian people all the more reprehensible. Is it wrong to say, in light of our history, that

Jews should know better, be better? To my mind, a true Jewish state would be a nation state that welcomed all peoples, that gave deference to and strove to live in harmony with those already living on the land, because Jews, more than many other peoples, know what it is to be oppressed.

People have reached out this past week, checking on me and my family in light of the violent attack by Hamas. While I very much appreciate the concern, and am grateful family and friends in Israel are safe, I find myself wondering: why don't people ask how we are doing whenever the IDF bombs a neighborhood in Gaza, or whenever extremist settlers attack Palestinians in the West Bank? As a Jew, am I only able to grieve the suffering and death of those who look like me, who pray like me?

I've long been disturbed by the fact that the world only talks about Palestinians when something happens to Israelis, when Hamas or Hezbollah or some other militant group commits violence against Jewish Israelis. In between these violent episodes, the plight of the Palestinian people is barely mentioned, despite the fact that the Israeli military regularly commits acts of violence against Palestinian men, women and children, despite the fact that the Israeli government rips Palestinians from their homes as they sanction ever more settlements. Think about that. Palestinian death and suffering only ever matters to the world in the context of Jewish Israeli death and suffering. And it's been this way for years. If your pain and suffering was only ever acknowledged in the context of someone else's pain and suffering, how would that impact your sense of your own humanity?

Make no mistake: this war in Gaza is not just. It is not about Israel's right to defend itself. More violence only serves to endanger the lives of the Israeli hostages taken by Hamas. Contrary to what the Israeli government would have you believe, war will not make Israelis, or Jews, or anyone, any safer. But of course, that's not the goal of Netanyahu or his ilk. The current government of Israel is only too happy for an excuse to continue the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people begun in 1948. In that year, 700,000 Palestinians were driven from their homes. Last week, the Israeli government ordered 1.1 million Palestinians living in the North of Gaza to move South or risk death and destruction. We are witnessing a second Nakba.

While it is certainly antisemitic to hate Jews and want to kill Jews for being Jewish, it is not antisemitic to acknowledge the geo-political context surrounding the brutal attack perpetrated by Hamas last week. It is not antisemitic to criticize the government of Israel, to point out the Israeli military's disproportionate power and resources relative to Gaza, or to acknowledge and demand redress for the plight of the Palestinian people. When we try to silence legitimate criticism with charges of antisemitism, when we demand everyone just shut up and support Israel's right to defend itself, we are in dangerous territory as a society. We only have to look at the jingoistic fervor following 9/11 and the ensuing forever wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to know this.

As a Jew, I feel the greatest threat to my safety is not Hamas, or even anti-semitism, but rather the conflation of Zionism with Judaism. I am sick of Israel claiming the mantle of Jewish State, and then perpetrating atrocities against Palestinians, all in the name of keeping Jews safe. It's wrong on many levels.

It is painful to me that my own people call me an anti-semite for saying this. Meanwhile, true anti-semites like John Hagee are welcomed by American Jews with open arms, even though



Christian Zionists like him support Israel for very dubious and self-serving reasons.

So, for the record, I am a proud Jew who supports full Palestinian liberation (and no, I do not think full Palestinian liberation equates to genocide against Jews).

Love,  
Hilda

Sincerely,  
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**From:** ["Kathleen & Stephen Sum"](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:43:50 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:42:16 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Mohammad Hammoudeh](#)  
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**From:** [Diego Arana](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:40:06 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Amber Kury](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**From:** [Adib Abdulzai](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:36:58 AM

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**From:** [Mubarika Alavi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**From:** [Seth Morrison](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:34:29 AM

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**From:** [Delaram T](#)  
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**From:** [Stephanie Hung](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:30:45 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

Ceasefire is a moral issue. As a resident of Alameda, I believe that our community has a role to play in advocating for a peace in Gaza. The images and reports of civilian casualties, including children, are deeply distressing. It is clear that a lasting solution can only be achieved through diplomatic efforts and a commitment to dialogue. Our Congresswoman Barbara Lee has signed on to the congressional ceasefire resolution and was courageous in her disavowal of the war in Iraq.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our

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Sincerely,

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Stephanie Hung  
stephanie.hung4@gmail.com

**From:** [Ola Albaroudi](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:30:44 AM

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Sincerely,

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Ola Albaroudi  
ola\_albaroudi@hotmail.com

**From:** [Lily Friedman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:30:38 AM

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city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Lily Friedman  
lilyanna211@gmail.com

**From:** [Genean Wrisley](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:30:25 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Genean Wrisley  
snowbell20@gmail.com

**From:** [Alikohgadaik Kohgadai](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:55 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our

city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Alikohgadaik Kohgadai  
akohgadai@berkeley.edu

**From:** [Haneen Ali](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:43 AM

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our

city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Haneen Ali  
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**From:** [Husna Mohiuddin](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:32 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned Muslim member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Husna Mohiuddin  
husmohi11235@ymail.com

**From:** [Attila Jaan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:30 AM

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Sincerely,

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Attila Jaan  
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**From:** [Nargis Kohgadai](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:28 AM

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Nargis Kohgadai  
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**From:** [Naaim Yahya](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:13 AM

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Naa'im Yahya  
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**From:** [Beheshta Kohqadai](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:11 AM

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Beheshta Kohgadai  
beheshtakohgadai@gmail.com

**From:** [Freshta Kohgadai](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:28:05 AM

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our



city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Line Hariri](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:27:34 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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**From:** [Sye Gratz](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:26:54 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned Jewish American and member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. Its a reproductive justice issue. It is a justice for all issue. The ongoing genocide in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

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**From:** [Farnaz S](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:26:47 AM

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our

city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Gala King](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:26:39 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned member of Buena Vista United Methodist Church in Alameda, and urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our



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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Sam Sammy](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:26:36 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the urgency of the situation. As a constituent, I believe that our elected representatives have the power to influence positive change, and I urge you to use your platform to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our

city council may take to address this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [susan crites](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:26:23 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Just last evening I watched a journalist report of an Israeli soldier entering an ambulance in Palestine where a wounded citizen had been placed. The soldier then viciously stabbed the patient in the neck killing them to the horror of the ambulance crew who had just them. It is clear that the conflict has reached the point of insane inhumanity with soldiers utterly desensitized to slaughter and operating as mechanical instruments of genocide. This is just one example of the recent escalation of violence that has resulted in overwhelming numbers of deaths and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians. It is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values. As fellow humans of the Earth, we can not sit idly by and watch the slaughter. As Americans, we cannot, in our silence, allow President Biden to think Americans are in solidarity with his sending the very weapons and support to Israel's soldiers that enables them to continue this heartless genocide. We must speak out as communities. We must speak together that we insist Pres. Biden stand on the strong side of humanity rather wither in a morass of political weakness and double speak.

Furthermore, ceasefire is a LOCAL safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine stimulates internal hostilities and models brutality. Thus, our community members' daily lives in Alameda are less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. In fact, many local community members working in education HAVE been targeted. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. My grandchildren attend an Alameda middle school. They are of Arab decent and, like me, understand the horror of what is happening. I DON'T WANT THEM TO BE AFRAID TO SAY THE KILLING IS WRONG!!!

And for Jews, the conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

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to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about any actions our city council may take to address this critical issue.

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**From:** [Dina Hassanein](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:26:02 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Dina Hassanein  
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**From:** [SUMERA SIDDIQUI](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:25:57 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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SUMERA SIDDIQUI  
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**From:** ["Ariana Thompson-Lastad"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:25:52 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a concerned member of our community, a parent and a health researcher to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Deborah Goldberg](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:25:26 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

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Deborah Goldberg  
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**From:** [Gabriela Nassar](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:25:24 AM

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Dear Alameda City Clerk,

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing as a deeply concerned member of our community to urge you to support Mayor Ashcraft's letter calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. How many unalived bodies have to happen for us to take action. The escalation of violence has resulted in tragic loss of life and widespread suffering for innocent Palestinian civilians, and it is imperative that our city council takes a stand for peace and humanitarian values. As a human we have the moral responsibility to ensure the safety of other humans regardless of their race, class, gender, sexual orientation.

Ceasefire is a safety issue. The ongoing war in Palestine makes many of our community members less safe, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. In Alameda, our motto is "Everyone belongs here," yet we are hearing that Palestinian, Arab and Muslim community members are afraid of being doxxed or losing their jobs for attending events or speaking out in solidarity with Palestinians. During a recent walkout, students at Encinal High School reported feeling unsafe demonstrating solidarity with Palestine. The conflation of Zionism with Judaism has also led to Jewish community members feeling unsafe and targeted. Our safety is intertwined. Being Pro-Palestinian does not mean anti-Jew. Jews and Arabs have lived together in peace for thousands of years before the coming of the apartheid state of Israel. My parents and grandparents were there and witnessed this co-existence. Mayor Ashcraft's letter sends a message to impacted community members that their representatives hear their safety concerns.

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Sincerely,  
Gabriela Nassar-Covarelli

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**From:** [Tehmina Khan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:25:14 AM

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As a college student, I stood against apartheid in South Africa. As an educator, I have worked closely with Arab and Muslim communities. I want to say that these statements matter. They tell our kids that they belong here and that they deserve to be safe.

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With Hope and Solidarity,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Nadia Kaaid](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:25:01 AM

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**From:** [Monica Kim](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** ["Brooke El-Amine"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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I am the descendant of multiple diasporas including the Jewish diaspora. I am the descendant of ancestors who did and did not survive holocaust, genocide, and pogroms.

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**From:** [O Sajid](#)  
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I am a head of an Islamic school in the South Bay. I have been horrified about the bombing and shelling of Gazans population and children. The hate and negative rhetoric in the American news caused high rise in Islamophobia and hate crimes. I worry every day about the safety of my students.

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Nihad Mourad  
nihad\_mourad@yahoo.com

**From:** [Deborah Silverman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:20:59 AM

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**From:** ["Ashraf El-Nakhal"](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:19:46 AM

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**From:** [Ziad Mansour](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:18:51 AM

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**From:** [Al Bamda](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:17:40 AM

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**From:** [Gurinder Lahel](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:17:05 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:17:04 AM

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**From:** [Wana Kohgadai](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**From:** [Donna Mansour](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:15:26 AM

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**From:** [James White](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:12:27 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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jswent@protonmail.com

**From:** [Christine Yahya](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:08:33 AM

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**From:** [Rasha Elsayed](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Shaz Pat](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Ilma M](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:42:56 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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As a hijabi Muslim woman I'm concerned about my safety.

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:41:08 AM

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**From:** [Dalia Al Hussein](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:40:10 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:39:54 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:38:55 AM

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I urge you to express solidarity for the Palestinian people in Gaza, and to call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and an end to military aid to Israel, for the sake of human rights and human dignity.

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Dina Elnakhal  
dhnakhal@hotmail.com

**From:** [Ayub Khan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:38:41 AM

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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**From:** [Shekinah Shephard](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:14:49 AM

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Shekinah Shephard  
shekinah@namastecoaching.net

**From:** [j.h](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:24:31 AM

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Dear Esteemed Alameda City Councilmembers,

I write to express my deep concern as a dedicated member of our community, urging your steadfast support for Mayor Ashcraft's impassioned plea calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The recent surge in violence has inflicted devastating losses and widespread anguish upon innocent Palestinian civilians. It is incumbent upon our city council to champion peace and uphold humanitarian principles during these tumultuous times.

Ceasefire transcends mere safety; it is an imperative for our community's well-being. The ongoing conflict in Palestine compromises the safety of numerous members, including Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, and Jews. Despite our community's ethos of inclusivity encapsulated in the mantra, "Everyone belongs here," reports abound of Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim individuals fearing repercussions, such as doxxing or jeopardized employment, merely for expressing solidarity with Palestinians. Shockingly, students at Encinal High School, during a recent demonstration of solidarity, reported feeling unsafe. Equally distressing is the misalignment of Zionism with Judaism, leading to targeted discomfort among our Jewish community. Mayor Ashcraft's letter serves as a beacon of hope, assuring affected community members that their safety concerns resonate with their representatives.

Ceasefire is not solely a moral imperative; it embodies our local responsibility. As an Alameda resident, I firmly believe that our community holds a pivotal role in advocating for peace in Gaza. The harrowing accounts and visuals of civilian casualties, particularly children, weigh heavily upon our collective conscience. A sustainable resolution can only arise from diplomatic endeavors and an unwavering commitment to dialogue. Our esteemed Congresswoman Barbara Lee's endorsement of the congressional ceasefire resolution, coupled with her courageous stance against the Iraq war, exemplifies principled leadership. Aligning with a ceasefire in Alameda not only mirrors her resolute leadership but also amplifies constituent support for her stance, aligning our city with a growing coalition of municipalities advocating for a moral stance.

Ceasefire is undeniably a local concern. Shockingly, Alameda taxpayers contribute approximately \$1,115,883 toward funding Israel's actions against the Palestinian populace. Redirecting these tax dollars could significantly benefit our community's crucial services. Furthermore, our city hosts numerous union and community members whose organizations ardently support an immediate ceasefire.

Acknowledging the intricate nature of global conflicts and the limitations of our local governance, I implore Alameda to stand resolutely, contributing to the chorus advocating for peace and the preservation of civilian lives.

I am immensely grateful for your attention to this pressing matter and trust in your conscientious consideration of its urgency. I eagerly anticipate learning about any actions our city council might undertake in response to this imperative issue.

Respectfully,

Josy



**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Oppose Gaza Cease Fire Resolution  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:33:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [Anti Cease Fire Gaza Resolution 01.02.24.pdf](#)

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**From:** joyceboyd@yahoo.com <joyceboyd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:46:05 AM  
**To:** mezzashcraft@alamedaca.gov <mezzashcraft@alamedaca.gov>; tdaysog@alamedaca.gov <tdaysog@alamedaca.gov>; tjensen@alamedaca.gov <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>; tspencer@alamedaca.gov <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>; mvella@alamedaca.gov <mvella@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Gaza Cease Fire Resolution

Hello Council Members

Attached is my letter opposing the Gaza ceasefire resolution.

Thank you,  
Joyce Boyd

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Please do not support a resolution on Hamas-Israel ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:34:36 AM

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**From:** Marc <pop.pop.art.design@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:50:41 AM  
**To:** mezzashcraft@alamedaca.gov <mezzashcraft@alamedaca.gov>; tdaysog@alamedaca.gov <tdaysog@alamedaca.gov>; tjensen@alamedaca.gov <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>; tspencer@alamedaca.gov <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>; mvella@alamedaca.gov <mvella@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please do not support a resolution on Hamas-Israel ceasefire

I am writing to request that the city council members of the City of Alameda refrain from supporting a resolution on an Israel-Hamas cease-fire.

Mayor Ashcroft states in her draft proposal, and I quote, "Some have argued that a City Council should confine itself to local issues, but we cannot, in good conscience, remain silent in the face of this intense suffering." However, where are Mayor Ashcroft and those supporting this resolution when it comes to Muslim-on-Muslim violence in the various civil wars in the Middle East, including those conflicts in Syria, Yemen, Somalia, and Sudan, where millions have been killed and displaced? Where are they as Iranian forces slaughter young women and their supporters of the Woman, Life, Freedom movement in Iran?

Where is Mayor Ashcroft and those encouraging this resolution on the ongoing Iranian proxy war against Israel using Hezbollah in Lebanon and Houthi rebels in Yemen, as well as Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza, to wipe out the only democracy in the Middle East because it is Jewish? Where are these people, as Iran has turned Syria into a war between its Sunni and Shite citizens? The answer is... nowhere.

Mayor Ashcroft says in her resolution draft, "We were not elected to simply represent our constituents, but also to set an example of ethical leadership." May I suggest that Mayor Ashcroft and the council were, in fact, elected to "simply" provide ethical leadership in protecting and serving the people of the City of Alameda. Period. Your mandate goes no further, especially as none of you have experience in complex foreign affairs. This is not a local issue as much as those supporting the "River to the Sea" movement would like to make it so.

I would like the Council to veto this resolution or at least table it until a full study can be undertaken to warrant its support.

Sincerely,

Marc Eisenman



**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: against agenda item D-10  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:34:12 AM

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**From:** Nicole Loeffler <nicole.loeffler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:23:36 AM  
**To:** CITYCOUNCIL-list@alamedaca.gov <CITYCOUNCIL-List@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] against agenda item D-10

Hello Alameda city council members. I write to you as a proud, long time Alameda citizen and parent.

I feel strongly, and having talked to numerous people, I know there are LARGE amounts of other Alameda citizens who feel the same way, that the council vote AGAINST approving the letter demanding a cease-fire in Gaza. The job of the city council is to help guide our city to be the best city for its citizens possible. The job of a city council is NOT to make statements regarding world wide events, in which once those statements are issued, would make the citizens of your town less safe.

The issues related to Middle East politics are extremely complicated and can not be boilerplated down to a simple call, such as a demand for a cease-fire immediately. I personally believe a path towards peace and democracy needs to occur quickly in the Middle East. However, my personal beliefs, just as your personal beliefs, are very different from what a city council member should be doing on behalf of the governance of our town. Blanket statements, such as the ones included in your letter, often are seen as giving legitimacy to acts of ethnic and religious hate and violence. Never in my lifetime has it seemed scarier to identify as Muslim or Jewish. Your job as elected city council members is to help ensure the safety of all of your constituents.

Please continue to focus on issues of safety for all of our citizens. Please do not hand select geopolitical issues to insert yourselves into, unless the council also plans to take ethical stands on the thousands of other violent conflicts around the world, which I would strongly disagree is a CITY council's job.

Thank you,  
Nicole Loeffler-Siu

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ceasefire Statement  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:37:53 AM

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**From:** gokevinl@aol.com <gokevinl@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 1, 2024 10:34:47 PM  
**To:** Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov>; Tony Daysog <tdaysog@alamedaca.gov>; Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>; Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>; Malia Vella <mvella@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire Statement

Dear Alameda City Council Members,  
I have been an Alameda resident for over 40 years. I have voted in every election opportunity, meaning I helped elect the current members of the Alameda City Council. I did so expecting this body would be considering and making decisions that directly affect Alameda. I am NOT in favor of Alameda elected officials using valuable city time and resources to influence matters beyond Alameda.

Thank you for your service and consideration. If needed, I am available to discuss further details regarding this topic.

Respectfully,

Kevin M. Leong  
48 Kara Road  
Alameda, Ca

**From:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**To:** [May](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Posting residents' letters on your website  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:39:31 AM

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Hi May,

The City of Alameda always attaches all correspondence sent to Council regarding agenda items as required by the City's Sunshine Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Lara

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk  
City of Alameda

**From:** May [mailto:mayg194805@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2023 7:50 PM  
**To:** Manager Manager <MANAGER@alamedaca.gov>; City Clerk <CLERK@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Posting residents' letters on your website

Dear City Manager and City Clerk,

I was quite surprised and worried to see that letters which had been sent to you by residents in response to an agenda item (10-D, on the 1/2/24 agenda) were posted on your website including identifying details.

People identified themselves by name and some even by their address. Posting this private information to the public for everyone to see may create personal safety issues. We are all aware of the tensions in the communities (which the proposed item 10-D is a testament to) - tensions which may escalate and go beyond just writing letters.

I would like to respectfully ask you to take these letters off your public website. I have not seen other cities publish residents' letters to the council.

If you believe that it's important to make the public aware of this correspondence, please publish them without names, addresses, and any other identifying information.

Thank you for your consideration.

May

**From:** [Marilyn Rothman](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:34:00 AM

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All communities need to get on board to demand a ceasefire in Palestine.  
I am a homeowner in Alameda and fully support the mayors letter.

Marilyn Rothman

**From:** [Susan Natt](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [jknoxwhite@alamedaca.gov](mailto:jknoxwhite@alamedaca.gov); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10D vote no or remove please  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:08:43 AM

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City Council,

Please consider seriously withdrawing item 10D from the Agenda or vote it down. While the intent is admirable overall, locally, this is not a positive step for Alameda's integrity and community image. Protesting and having local government make or change policy has zero effect on what is happening over seas. They have their own agendas and honestly have no idea where Alameda is and frankly do not care. They have bigger concerns than what some tiny town in California thinks! And in reality this resolution will also have zero effect in Washington DC. What it does do is cause additional local strife and tension which is already too high. It is escalating at an alarming rate HERE among your citizens. Focus on that. We already have too much division and angst among Alameda's ethnic and religious groups, Innocent Jewish residents in particular, WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN ISREAL OR PALESTINE already feel tossed aside and not protected. Sadly a diverse community also includes the ignorant. Alameda's Jewish residents feel very vulnerable right now and feel as if their own communities (& country) are hanging them out to fend for themselves. The City Council should NOT approve this resolution for the sake of its entire community. Time and energy should be put into protecting ALL citizens of Alameda not just the most vocal or the largest groups and definitely local policy should not be based on the perceived and often misrepresented but mostly misunderstood issues from other countries. The situation in the Middle East is so much deeper and complicated than the average person here can even fathom and no one is taking the time to learn about it before jumping up and band waggoning with yelling on one side of the case or the other. Again all good intentions. No one wants war. Every decent person wishes this never happened but again this is not the way to help.

Thank you,  
Susan Natt  
318 McDonnel Rd  
Alameda, Ca 94502



**From:** [Bill Schwartz](#)  
**To:** [jeffreysmith@aol.com](mailto:jeffreysmith@aol.com)  
**Cc:** [Marilyn Ezy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Manager Manager](#); [Lara Weisiger](#); [Yibin Shen](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: City Hall Must Demand a Hamas Surrender ... Not an Israeli Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 10:06:37 AM

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RIGHT ON!  
Bill Schwartz

> On Jan 2, 2024, at 9:46 AM, jeffreysmith@aol.com wrote:

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> The misguided progressives of Alameda City Hall are wrong to demand a ceasefire in Gaza.

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> Those of us who believe in the sanctity of human life and lasting peace in the Middle East, should demand the immediate, unconditional surrender of Hamas, not a ceasefire from Israel.

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> As reported today, 15,000 Palestinians have been killed, 36,000 injured, 70% of Gaza's homes have been destroyed, half of its buildings are destroyed or damaged, 36 hospitals are shut down, and 29,000 bombs, munitions and shells have rained in on Gaza.

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> Hamas has lost the war; why hasn't Hamas surrendered?

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> There can be no doubt that the antisemites and the anti-Zionists of the entire planet are united in a call for a ceasefire in Gaza; many in this same demographic are also calling for the dismantlement of Israel, supporting apartheid directed at Jews "from the river to the sea" and some call for yet another reprise of Jewish genocide.

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> On October 22, 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. forcefully rebuked the expression of anti-Zionist remarks: "Don't talk like that! When people criticize 'Zionists' they mean Jews. You're talking antisemitism."

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> Should we trust Martin Luther King when he unequivocally declares that anti-Zionism is antisemitism, pure and simple?

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> Since Hamas launched an attack on Israel nearly three months ago, Jew-hatred has rocked elite college campuses, surfaced in tony neighborhoods in blue cities, and beat the bass drum at marches calling for the elimination of the Jewish state, ironically the only democratic country in the Middle East.

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> You are challenged to drive down Harrison Street in Oakland; in the vicinity of 1269 Harrison you can read graffiti imploring, multiple times, "Kill Jews."

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> Hamas could not have anticipated a more favorable, supportive reaction from American progressives; these terrorists understood the counterintuitive effect that horror plays on cognitive dissonance and the non sequitur psychological response of the left.

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> Hamas did not butcher, rape, mutilate and kidnap Israelis for the sake of stealing a march on Israel and gaining a strategic or tactical advantage in an ensuing war.

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> Hamas had no expectations of a military victory in the war they started.

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> Their barbarism was means of provoking a disproportionate Israeli response.

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> Hamas could then point to the ruins and thus shake down various relief agencies—starting at the top with the UN—for money and aid: the spoils of its war.

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> Hamas would then intercept the relief money, siphoning off a disproportionate share.

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- > Simply put, more death and destruction in Gaza, means more money for Hamas.
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- > Hamas is a crime syndicate posing as both a government and a liberation army.
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- > While holding 150 Israeli hostages, it effectively holds 2 million Palestinian hostages as well.
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- > In addition to being human shields, Palestinians are pawns, used by Hamas, to extort money from a multitude of countries and relief agencies.
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- > The Hamas machine is the modern equivalent of human sacrifice.
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- > When the smoke clears, Hamas will begin redirecting the influx of aid money to billionaire capos safely ensconced in Qatar: death and destruction are an essential part of its business plan.
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- > The plan worked in 2014, it shows every sign of working in 2023.
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- > Hamas has openly vowed to exercise their business plan, again and again, in the future: it is a highly lucrative cash cow raking in billions.
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- > The democratic countries of the world should be demanding an unconditional surrender from Hamas, not a ceasefire from Israel.
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- > A Hamas surrender would stop the death and destruction, lead to justifiable “Nuremberg” trials for the Hamas war criminals, and possibly result in the implementation of the two-state solution as proposed in the 1993 Oslo accords.
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- > A ceasefire merely leads to regrouping, rearming, resupplying and reengagement.
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- > America’s credentialed liberal elite, intellectuals, enlightened academics from nearly all the major universities, the well-heeled elite and the woke mistakenly assumed they were uniquely immune to the appeal of racial bigotry.
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- > Jews are an easy group to blame; they are few in number, racially and culturally distinct, highly industrious and successful.
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- > Given the progressive antipathy for winners and successful cultures, Jews are an easy and obvious target with few, if any, true allies on the planet.
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- > The pragmatic Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu cites three conditions for peace: “Hamas (an Iranian proxy) must be destroyed, Gaza must be demilitarized, and Palestinian society must be deradicalized. These are the three prerequisites for peace between Israel and its Palestinian neighbors in Gaza.”
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- > Netanyahu is undeniably a sober, informed realist who understands Hamas.
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- > Meanwhile, sitting safely on the other side of the planet, City Hall in Alameda is following the playbook envisioned by Hamas.
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- > Alameda has been mesmerized by the propaganda, the spurious Pollyanna delusions, specious reasoning, and logic inversions of wokism.
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- > It is time for all of us to make an exodus from la-la-land, shake-off the ignorance and hate intrinsic to antisemitism and anti-Zionism, get real, and get on track for a lasting Middle East peace.
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- > We should drop demands for another temporary ceasefire that can only lead to more death and destruction and result in major fund raising for the corrupt Hamas crime syndicate.
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- > If, some day in the future, we objectively look back on these days like we do the Munich Treaty of 1938, we will be embarrassed by our misguided call for an Israeli ceasefire and humiliated by our missing demand for an unconditional Hamas surrender.

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- > Jeffrey R Smith
- > Lieutenant Commander, USN-Retired

**From:** [T Krysiak](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 10D-Please Vote This Down on January 2 2024.  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 11:38:33 AM

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Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Members of The Alameda City Council:

I stand with ACT and many fellow Alamedans who feel that the Alameda City Council should not enact a cease fire resolution for the Palestinian-Israeli war because of the strong possibility of further inflaming and polarizing our community.

Please be mindful of your constituents' sentiments and act with respectful restraint on this difficult issue. It is best to vote this down. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Krysiak

Sent Via My iPhone

**From:** [Reyla Graber](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Agenda Item 10D, cease fire letter and resolution and withdraw it from the Agenda.  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 3:33:08 PM

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Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members

Regarding Agenda Item 10D I urge you to withdraw it from the Agenda and do not bring it back or any thing like it!

This letter and proposed resolution is anathema and harmful to the our City as a whole.

The letter says" the people(alameda residents) support this... No. that is not correct the majority of people in Alameda do not support this letter or referral. Most Alamedans think our City should not be involved. Oh,there may be certain leaders of religious orgs. etc in town who have persuaded

congregants to take a position for a cease fire. However, the majority of Alamedans who are logical and independent thinking disagree and many strongly disagree with this proposed resolution. Besides that, many of the protestors who have spoken before the Council or waved signs are not even residents of Alameda. And that should make a difference right?

And our small city of Alameda has/would have absolutely no influence in Washington DC. This letter is a futile gesture that will only further divide our different ethnic and religious Alameda groups. Islamophobia and anti semitism is up drastically. Children are hearing it and feeling it in school. And particularly our Jewish residents feel anxious because of their perceived allegiance to Israel.

And if you should vote for it, it would only encourage those few people in town who have a bias towards

Palestinians or any other ethnic group to push for city advancement of their agendas.

The letter was an unfortunate idea with many unforeseen problems attached to it.

I ask you to vote to withdraw/remove it from the Agenda and move on to the many other City issues facing you in the new year.

Respectfully,  
Reyla Graber

**From:** [Maya Ram](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:14:42 PM

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Sincerely,

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Maya Ram  
mayalram@gmail.com

**From:** [Ashleigh Richelle](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:20:15 PM

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**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Questionable emails  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:10:59 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I have heard that many arriving emails on Item 10D have strange email addresses or only a first name.

This sounds suspicious and I would ask that you please question those emails. In my opinion, the emails that should be given weight are those from Alameda residents; next from nearby cities.

If someone doesn't supply their full name and rank and or address perhaps they should be ignored.

Respectfully,  
Reyla Graber

**From:** [Betsy Mathieson](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] January 2, 2024, City Council Agenda Item 10-D -- SUPPORT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:15:53 PM

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I wholeheartedly endorse sending the proposed mayor's letter in support of an immediate ceasefire between Hamas and Israel. There's a saying that "All politics is local." Having our City government speak up to end the current humanitarian crisis is the right thing to do.

Thank you for adding the City's collective voice to my own.

Sincerely,

Betsy Mathieson

Alameda

**From:** [Douglas Despres](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
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**From:** [Katie O'Connor](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Jewish Alamedan IN FAVOR of Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:32:10 PM

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am a Jewish lifelong Alamedan writing to express my gratitude and full support for the introduction of a ceasefire letter.

I was raised in Alameda as one of very few Jewish students in the public school system, and it is precisely because of the values that I gained in my Jewish and secular education here that I support a ceasefire with all of my heart. I learned to stand up for what is right, even when it is "complicated" or "not my place." I ask you now to be brave, as my teachers taught me to be.

The suffering raining down on Gaza at Israel's hands is at best collective punishment with callous disregard for human life, and at worst outright genocide. I am deeply disappointed in my fellow Jewish community members who have chosen to regurgitate talking points from the JCRC rather than fight for an end to the atrocities being committed in our names and with our tax dollars.

Like many others, I am concerned about Jewish safety. However, I believe that Jewish safety will never come from war mongering, but rather from building a rich and vibrant community centered on doing what is right for ALL people in this land.

Councilmembers, I ask you to do whatever you can to prevent more needless deaths for Palestinians and Israelis alike. Please support this ceasefire letter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen O'Connor  
Alameda High Class of 2013

**From:** [Cam Bui](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:40:13 PM

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Dear Alameda City Council,

Hello Alameda city council,

I want to send a heart-felt appreciate to Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft for this letter and creating a forum for the community to discuss ceasefire. Our federal and state officials refuse to listen to their constituents, so thank you for listening.

I don't come from a military or naval family, but I grew up in a neighborhood heavily recruited by the army after 9/11. I ask this body to call for permanent ceasefire now because I know what happens to students when the military mobilizes. As Joe Biden and Anthony Blinken by-pass congress to sell weapons to apartheid Israel, I'm reminded of my high school where it was common for JROTC alumni to return, often still wounded, from their first tour in Iraq to recruit others.

What about in Alameda? Did your children deploy and return as vets who struggle to re-adjust to the idea that their community isn't filled with enemy combatants?

It's hard to unlearn that. After 9/11, we were groomed to gleefully dehumanize Muslims, then some of us were sent off to commit atrocities in the name of safety and freedom. We have no moral ground to call anyone else barbaric. Especially as history repeats itself.

Over 1 million Iraqis and Afghans, and now over 22,000 Palestinians. Murdered. Millions more collectively punished to allegedly protect us from alleged weapons of destruction.

We now know that it's the lies that are the biggest weapons of mass destruction. Like the debunked lies about beheaded babies. Quietly accepting lies makes no one safe.

I urge city council to pass this ceasefire letter and remove the phrasing 'barbaric' from the letter.

Make a commitment to speak up when asked to sacrifice your Palestinian, Arab, Muslim constituents and your children as leaders manufacture war. Demand ceasefire with the rest of the Bay.

Sincerely,  
Cam Bui  
[spinelhopes@gmail.com](mailto:spinelhopes@gmail.com)

**From:** [paula.rainey](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Trish Spencer](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 10 D  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:40:41 PM

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Dear Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and Council Members:

We are just at the conclusion of the season of bright lights and sharing. The season of making public displays of care for our fellows beings, our neighbors and those less well off than ourselves. And I feel so much darkness and division here.

These past few months have been full of GREIF for me and, I expect, nearly every other adult in our city. It is astounding to me that a letter calling for protection of human life by means of a call for CEASEFIRE is met by tremendous opposition here in our city.

Personally, I cannot sleep or eat much of the time, thinking of the lives lost, the suffering, the CHILDREN.

I strongly urge each of you to vote in the affirmative for the Mayor to send her letter calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza to federal officials.

I have tried so many times in the past couple of weeks to write my thoughts to you. However, I can rarely sit still or focus my attention. The GRIEF, the OVERWHELMING WORRY, the CONCERN for Humanity and the path that we are taking as a nation by not heeding the world's calls for a CEASEFIRE leaves me emotionally raw, my stomach churning. The people of the world are calling for a CEASEFIRE and so are the people of ALAMEDA.

Take a look at the group that has come together with this urgent call. We include a wide age range with wide backgrounds and strong commitment to the long run. We are committed to the long haul and will continue to work for justice in Palestine. We embrace each other and our differences. We uphold the values that our nation says we aspire to. We are strong in our embrace of the UN charter for the rights of the CHILD. Strong in the embrace of equity, unity, justice. These are all valued in our city's call, "Everyone Belongs Here."

I ask you:

How do you feel about missing a meal, being HUNGRY for days and months? How do you feel about being thirsty, being PARCHED for days and months?

How do you feel about Having NO SHELTER? NO BED? No chance to really SLEEP, because of the bombing that never stops, how do you feel about that?

How do you feel about RAMPANT INFECTIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE among you family and neighbors?

How do you feel about WHITE PHOSPHORUS?

Can the Council not take one step to amplify our voices calling for CEASEFIRE?

We need our voice to be lifted up to all of our Representatives in Washington. You can help us do that and at the same time you can be on the right side of history. Never again means NEVER AGAIN FOR ANYONE.

The many medical staff and health care support workers in Gaza that I engaged with every



week, for 3 years, on Zoom, I am unable to reach. I have no information about their condition. No idea if they and their families are among the living. I do know that all these individuals with the PKU Metabolic condition have suffered irreversible brain damage because they are absolutely unable to access medical food now. Is this not suffering enough? And how grim to think that basically thousands upon thousands of otherwise healthy children are suffering physical wasting because of STARVATION. There is no end in sight.

Please vote to authorize the Mayor's letter to move forward.  
And thank you Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft for authoring this letter that can serve to move our city and our nation one step closer to a peaceful solution to the 75 year occupation of Palestine, and a vision of true peace and justice for all parties of the conflict.

Know that I am committed to continuing the work to see JUSTICE in Palestine and an enduring peace between the parties. Know that I hold the suffering and the death inflicted on all parties as crimes against humanity. Know that I see clearly the years of Israeli impunity and the blood on our own hands. I ask you to think of future generations and to be on the right side of history.

Sincerely  
Paula Rainey  
Alameda, CA

**From:** [Alameda Cal Resident](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Alameda Must Call for Ceasefire in Gaza  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:46:50 PM

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## Statement In Support of Mayor Ashcroft's Call For A Ceasefire

January 2, 2024

Dear Alameda City Council,

I am a resident of Alameda, CA. I grew up in Alameda and went to school here from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the 1960s-70s. Since the 1990s, I have worked for over a decade with international organizations including for the United Nations and the US Agency for International Development, including time on the West Bank and Gaza Desk.

For those who don't care to respond to the catastrophic events in Gaza and Israel due to lack of understanding or knowledge, I ask:

Why would you oppose stopping the gross violence against innocent human beings?

Would you stand by and do nothing if catastrophic hunger took the lives of people here – if they were sheltering in schools because their homes and hospitals are being bombed?

This is why I support the mayor's letter for a ceasefire. It is the decent and humane thing to do. Palestinians are not just numbers. We must look beyond the social-media memes. Over 20k of your fellow human beings have been violently killed. Millions violently displaced. Many more are unaccounted for under the rubble or slowly dying from catastrophic hunger.

I heard an interview of Husam Zomlot, Palestinian Ambassador to the United Kingdom recently say that this is about turning Gaza into a completely lifeless, unlivable place by targeting mass infrastructure – resulting in destroying electricity, water, transportation, homes, hospitals, schools, universities. This is about Israel weaponizing food and water, starving 2.3 million people and displacing 2 million, while bombarding areas that the Israeli Defense Force claims are safe zones. The Ambassador says that this is a classic design of genocide and ethnic cleansing. He says the Biden administration is complicit and has enabled Israel to kill Palestinians. It has enabled Israel to drag the whole region into instability.

I would like to emphasize what the Ambassador says here: "Look at what is happening to the international order, the rules that we created to keep peace after the second world war". But many people also say, "Look at what is happening to International Human Rights systems, the Rule of

Law; and the capacity of the United Nations to respond to serious or complex humanitarian emergencies.

When Journalist, Amy Goodman asked Zomlot what needs to happen, he said that Biden must stop the carnage, first and foremost. If America could stop this now - if they stopped providing Israel with weapons, with bombs that end up in the bodies of our children, it would stop. President Biden is complicit and has made Americans responsible. He said, “and it must stop sending weapons to Israel immediately. Stop vetoing the efforts at the un security council. Stop this carnage, this is madness” says the Ambassador.

For all these reasons, I urge you to support the mayor’s letter for peace, which is only possible with a ceasefire. I urge you to help to bring an end to the ethnic cleansing and genocide of innocent Palestinians in Gaza. The City of Alameda must stand with Davis, Richmond, Oakland and other cities and with the majority of American voters who are calling the White House and Congress, and protesting in the streets. Help to put pressure on the Biden administration to end the humanitarian crisis and unfolding Genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.

Your effort will keep Alameda safe for all, if you make it safe for Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims and Jews because “Everyone belongs here.”

Sincerely,  
Anonymous

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [saika b](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
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**From:** [Danish Farooq](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
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**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:52:11 PM

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 4:52:14 PM

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**To:** [tdaysoq@alameda.gov](mailto:tdaysoq@alameda.gov); [Tracy Jensen](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#)  
**Cc:** [Manager Manager](#); [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council -Israel/Palestinian conflict  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:23:37 PM

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Dear mayor of Alameda

My name is Mira Ben-Tzur and I live in the bay area for the last 34 years.

My mom is holocaust survivor. Her dad (my grandfather) was murdered in Auschwitz, only because he was Jew. My mom became an orphan when she was 5 years old.

My dad was born in Egypt, and his family had to flee and move to Israel because they were afraid of massacres (pogroms), the same kind that happened on October 7, 2023.

Both of my parents left behind all their belongings-house, money..... to start a new life. I grew up in a one bedroom apartment with a very loving family and although we didn't have much money, my parents cared about my education and taught me to love and give whatever I can to the world around me.

When I came to live and work in the bay area (I did my post doctorate in UC Berkeley), I thought, how great it is to live here, in a community that respects each other and works together regardless of origin, religion or gender. Unfortunately, the ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinians was violated by Hamas on October 7, 2023, massacring 1400 people (children, women, elderly, young adults) in their homes and in the music festival. Till today, Hamas does not agree for a ceasefire that will include the return of the 133 hostages to their families.

My request to you- To continue and keep the balanced life between all communities and encourage positive relationships in Alameda. The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is complicated and is not for the city to get involved with any declarations. Any declarations regarding this conflict will ignite additional anti-Semitic and islamophobia reactions. As an example, you can see what happened in Oakland during the Hanukkah holiday.

Thank you

Mira Ben-tzur

**From:** [Fam KL](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote "No" on the Proposed Ceasefire Letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:26:09 PM

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Dear members of Alameda City Council:

I write to you as your neighbor from Foster City.  
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Regards,

Natasha Kehimkar

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Thank you,  
Teresa

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 5:54:11 PM

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**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Palestine ceasefire resolution  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:17:21 PM

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Hi city council members!

My name is Abigail, I'm 25 years old, and I was born and raised in Alameda on Bay Farm.

I am writing to you for the very first time to show my support for item I0-D and to thank our Mayor for standing up for a ceasefire in Palestine. When I think of my childhood in Alameda, I think of quiet evenings by the water, long days with family, and peaceful afternoons hanging around after school. My family immigrated here to give that childhood to me, and we wish for just as kind a childhood for every kid around the world.

Just a few of our elected leaders have been using our tax dollars and our votes that put them in power to rob kids in Palestine of their childhoods. Because the US supports Israel's military, young people like me are watching Gazans our age run from bombed schools and dig their families out of rubble.

We hoped that our country would refuse to help other countries repeat the crimes of our past. I don't want Israeli kids in the future to have to make land acknowledgments when they go about their days on occupied land. I don't want Palestinian families now to suffer, and believe Americans to be heartless, war-loving people.

I also am writing on behalf of my parents and brother, who have lived in Alameda much longer than I have been alive. On Christmas after Israel bombed Bethlehem, I talked about Gaza with my parents for the first time, and my Dad prayed for the innocent families that Israeli settlers have killed.

I am grateful to be from Alameda, and I am grateful to our mayor for speaking up. I know that change starts at the local level, so I encourage you to be brave with the influence that you have! Thank you for standing against genocide. And if you aren't on board yet, I trust you to read the history of Palestine with an open mind, and watch just a few of the videos from Palestinian journalists on the ground.

Thank you,

Abigail Leong  
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**From:** [Lily Shiber](#)  
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**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:52:11 PM

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**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] opposition to 10-D 01.02.24  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:09:18 PM

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**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
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**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] opposition to 10-D 01.02.24  
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**From:** Daniel Frydman <[danfrydman@gmail.com](mailto:danfrydman@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:09:18 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urging Alameda to Support a Ceasefire  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024 9:28:08 PM

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Dear Alameda City Council,

I am Palestinian by blood, with family inside Gaza. My father was born in Jerusalem on October 1948, and my grandparents had to flee Jerusalem fearing for their life and that of their newborn (my father). Since then and for 75 years - since the establishing of an alien and terrorist Zionist state - the world has watched silently the ethnic cleansing of the native Palestinians.

My father and grandparents have passed away in diaspora. It is time for justice to prevail and for the world to step up and stop the genocide of the Palestinians - happening in full view in Gaza and the West Bank. Today is the 85th day of the Israeli onslaught on the civilians they have blockaded in Gaza: More than 22,000 civilians killed (the majority women and children), over 57,000 injured, more than 8000 under the rubble. How can anyone with a conscience remain silent?

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I am writing as a tax payer and a law abiding engineer.

I'll make this very short.

European anti-semitism back in the early 1900s caused the existence of Jewish refugees. They sought refuge in Palestine.

A few years later the very same people who sought protection on Palestine, became the aggressors who displaced, evicted, and massacres Palestinians. That's how there are millions of Palestinian refugees today.

If you are honest with yourselves, you should be able to distinguish lies from the truth. Israelis are the aggressors.

When the government supports Ukraine to fight off Russian occupation, then it must follow that it supports Palestine to fight off the Israeli occupation. Anything other than that is double standard and hypocrisy, or is a simy a clear sign that US is invested in the oppression of the Palestinian people.

You and I know it's both. You and I know that the US government is after control over the region's resources.

Exploitation has become an integral part of the US politics. The irony is that the US was formed by people who fled Europe because of oppression and exploitation. And now, US politicians are doing just that.

People are not on board with this any more. As visible in the demonstrations on the streets.

Persisting on the same path and ignoring people's requests will lead to uprising and chaos. Why are you sacrificing people's well-being in here for the benefits of some oligarchs and Zionists somewhere across the globe?

I am sure you know that politicians up at the helm level have motives to pursue. But they can only pursue them through you.

Stop them.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Maha Fatima](#)  
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Endorsing a ceasefire in Alameda not only follows her leadership, but adds constituent weight to her position and adds our city to the growing list of municipalities taking a moral stand. Ceasefire is a local issue. US Campaign for Palestinian Rights estimates that Alameda taxpayers give \$1,115,883 to fund Israel's violence against Palestinian people. Those tax dollars could be coming back into our community for needed services. Additionally, Alameda is home to hundreds of union members and community members whose unions and community organizations have endorsed an immediate ceasefire.

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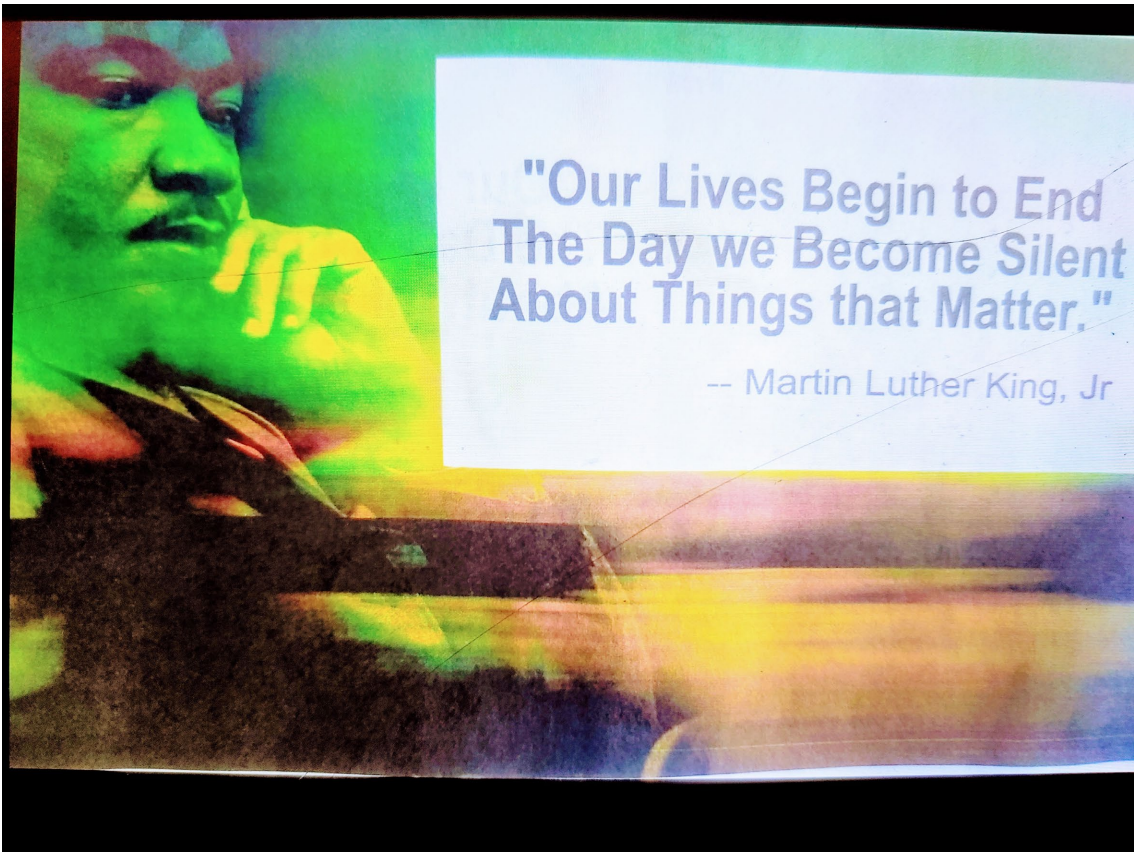
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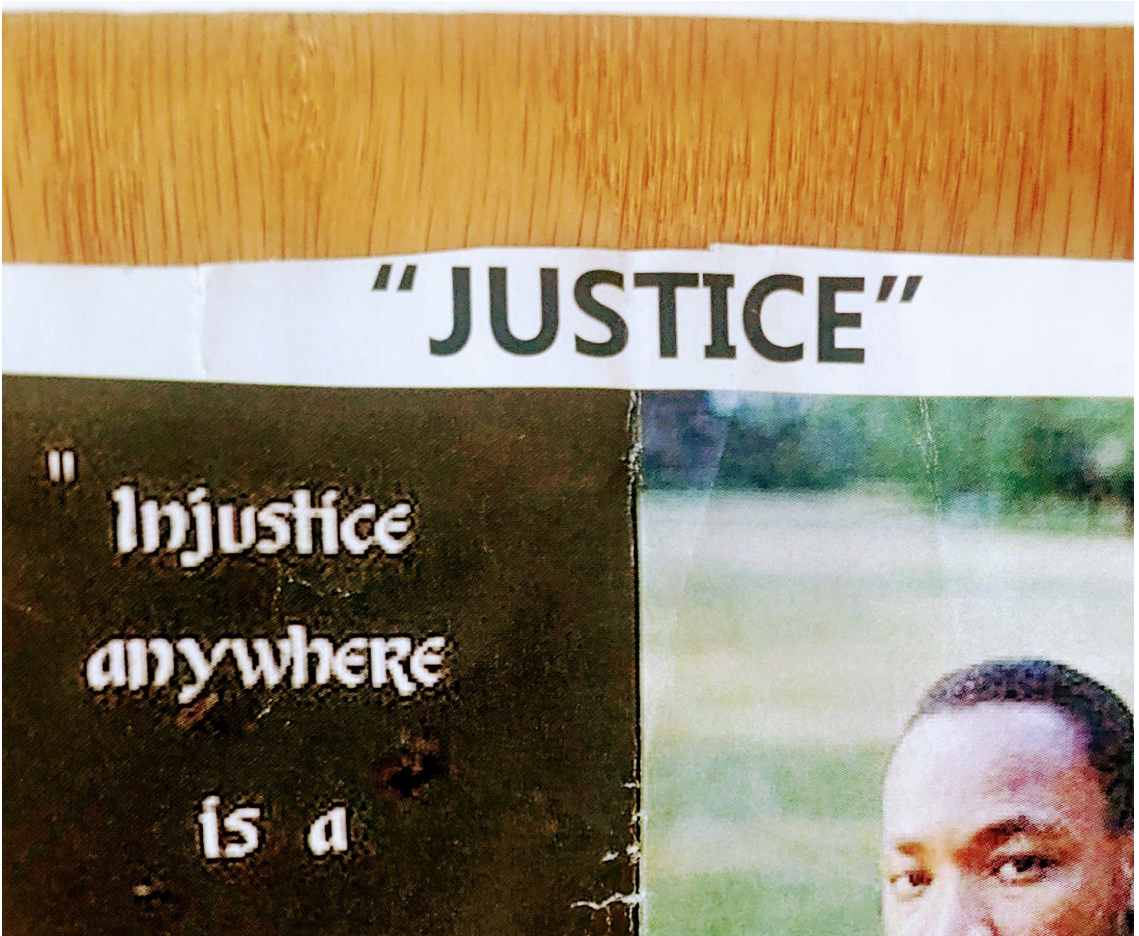
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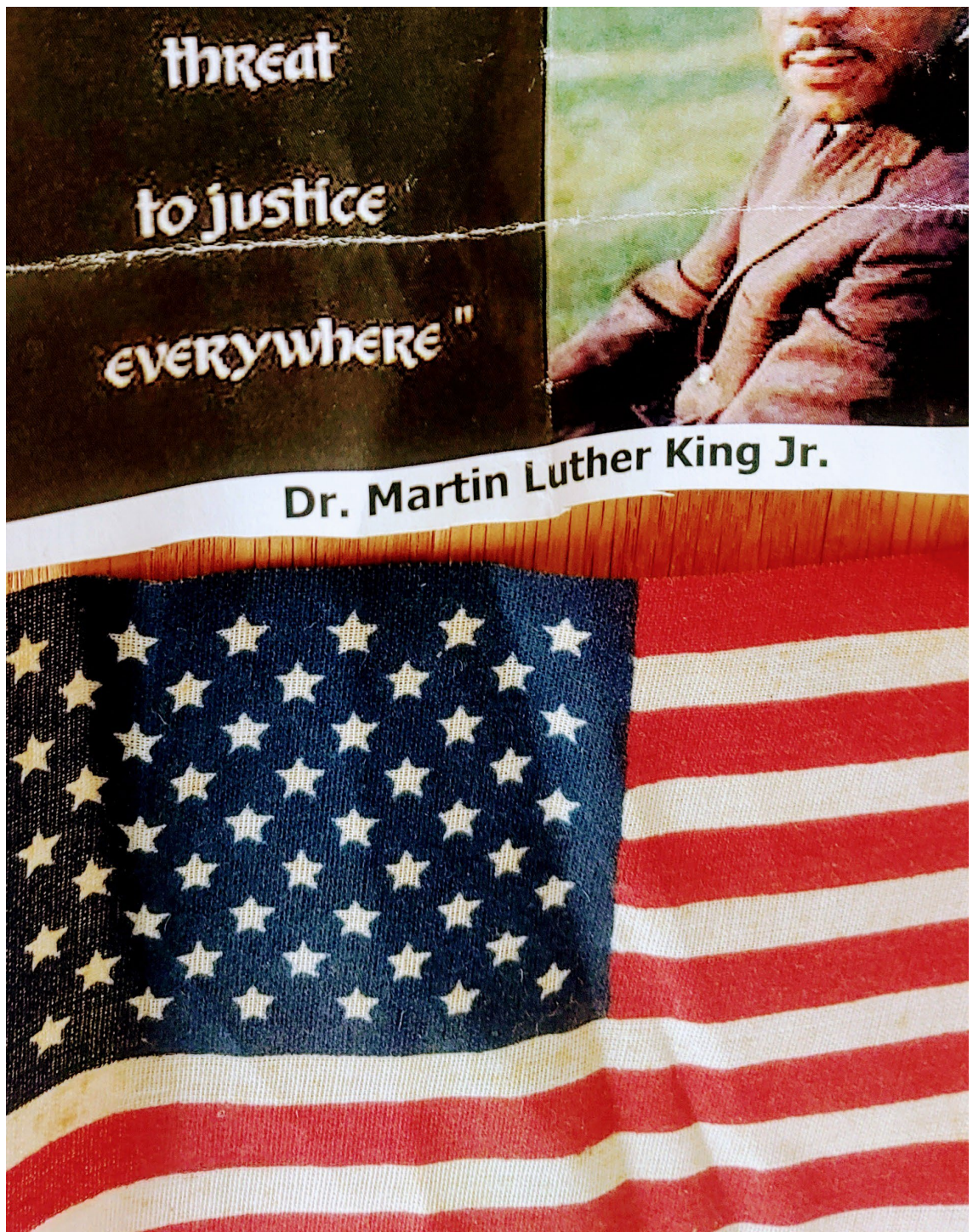
Here is Michael John Torrey:

Just 2 Things: 1st.



And 2nd





A Permanent Cease Fire Is Definitely Needed. We Celebrate His 95th Birthday  
01.15.2024 Monday.

With warm regard  
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