

Communication from Public

Name: Youceff Kabal

Date Submitted: 06/29/2024 11:12 PM

Council File No: 24-0771

Comments for Public Posting: First and foremost, I would like to state that this city council is not legitimate. It does not represent the people of Los Angeles. The people have been walking in the streets for nearly 9 months now, asking for a ceasefire, an end to the military aggression that the Israeli military is waging on the people of Gaza in Palestine, and also in the West Bank, also in Palestine. The people are determined to reach their goals, and their goals will be reached. The representatives sitting on this illegitimate council, namely Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, who introduced this motion, are out of touch with the people of Los Angeles, and the people's goals. You do not listen to us. You do not live the same lives as us. You do not wake up to death and carnage every day. Your best bet is to serve us, which was your goal initially. This proposed budget allocation does not serve the people. You do not serve the people when you give \$1,000,000 to Israeli army organizations operating in Los Angeles. This move only serves to alienate yourself further from us. Do you want the city to turn against you? Do you want more mayhem in the streets? This is how you do it. Jewish communities are not targets of antisemitism. To the contrary, Angelenos who fight for human rights and against military aggression are targets of Zionist violence and police brutality. In fact, many of us fighting for human rights are Jewish. If you want to divert money from the city budget, give it to us so we can send it to UNRWA, and other humanitarian organizations trying to provide relief to Palestinians in Gaza who are victims of a genocide that continues to this day. Give it to us so we can provide water and shelter from the summer heat to unhoused Angelenos. Give it to us so we can give it to kids who are going hungry right here in Los Angeles. At the very least, don't give it to these violent bullies who already have quasi unlimited access to money to oppress and brutalize Angelenos who exercise their rights to free speech.

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Name: Julia Elise Bare

Date Submitted: 06/30/2024 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding funding being used for patrols around Jewish communities of Los Angeles; It is my hope that the city Council would have better judgment than to allocate funds for groups that do not have the interests of all community members in mind. Everyone should feel welcome in our Los Angeles community. By allocating these funds for this purpose, it sends a message that some groups hold more power in this city than others, and that is not what we stand for as Angelenos.

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Name: Tara Peters

Date Submitted: 06/30/2024 04:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I highly oppose Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky's proposal to allocate public money towards Zionist defense training including (and especially no to) the prospective recipients of the funding, The Jewish Federation and Magen Am. As an educator in Los Angeles, I am appalled that this is being considered- we need less police-state support and more public money towards education of our young people and community care.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle

Date Submitted: 06/30/2024 09:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of LA and a teacher that serves LA students, I don't believe any more public funding should go towards "security services and training". Los Angeles already has a huge budget for policing and "security". Initiatives like this don't keep out communities safer and instead usually lead to more policing and brutalization of marginalized groups. I don't want my tax dollars to go towards this - this money would be better spent on our youth!

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Name: Judy
Date Submitted: 06/30/2024 09:48 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a member of LA's Jewish community, I am deeply disturbed by the idea you would consider giving \$1,000,000 of taxpayer's money to hire Zionist groups, among them at least one that includes racist members of a foreign paramilitary group, to "protect" one small group of only one of LA's many ethnic and/or religious groups – that is to say one small group of Jewish people out of a huge Jewish community. It is not clear at all who they might need 'protection' from since the violence on June 23 was caused by the very people you claim you want to protect and even by some of the people in the group you want to hire to create 'safety.' This is entirely ridiculous and horrifying. Your framing of the whole event at the synagogue is completely false. The real estate sale that was taking place at the synagogue (on a Sunday, not a big day of prayer for Jews in case you didn't know) was selling land taken illegally according to U.N. Security Council Resolution 446, passed in 1979 and reaffirmed in 2016. As I'm sure you know, over half of your constituents oppose the genocide in Gaza and peaceful protest is a Constitutional right that you must defend. If anyone was concerned about the violent attacks on peaceful demonstrators who were protesting that real estate sale, the LAPD could easily have been called to act as peaceful marshalls keeping the two groups separate and preventing the violence from happening. Obviously that wasn't a concern of yours or the LAPD who were there – and instead they attacked the protesters just like they did at UCLA. This false narrative and false solution to the racism that certainly does exist here (not by any means only against Jews but to a phenomenally greater extent against LA's communities of color and the Palestinian and Arab communities who absolutely are not safe here) does nothing but encourage violence – and creates a completely false narrative that peaceful protestors are endangering the community. You know this is a lie and your willingness to promote this (and drag in Joe Biden and Gavin Newsom) is beyond believable. But clearly big donations to your campaigns are more important than the true safety and health of your constituents. You should be using that money to make sure all of LA's very diverse communities feel safe – and are safe, that we all have housing, healthcare, education, real public transportation - the things that make people safe- and that we all can safely and peacefully exercise our

precious First Amendment rights right here in LA. You should be discussing a peaceful, ceasefire resolution and encouraging dialogue among all the diverse communities of LA instead of encouraging violence. Shame on you for even considering this hateful, hypocritical proposal.

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Name: Michael Novick
Date Submitted: 06/30/2024 10:49 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned Jewish resident of Los Angeles who has been repeatedly targeted by reactionary and racist groups like the so-called Jewish Defense League, I am alarmed by the idea that city would fund and train a Zionist vigilante group. I grew up in Brooklyn, New York where I went to yeshiva through high school, and am well aware of the repressive and racist potential of similar groups like the so-called Guardian Angels. In Canada, a similar group to Magen Am, ShomRim (Guardians in Hebrew), a self-described "neighborhood watch", has harrassed and doxxed Palestine solidarity activists, including Jews, with support from right-wing Canadian politicians. This is a "public-private partnership" of the worst order. My sister lives in New Jersey, where an incident similar to the one here took place where her son, my nephew, lives in Teaneck -- a synagogue was used to front for a racist, colonialist real estate marketing company trying to bribe people into complicity with settler colonial land theft. That is the REAL desecration of a place of worship, not the protest of such a vile practice. The threat of violence comes entirely from thugs who received military training in the Israeli occupation forces, and the idea that they would then be rewarded with city funds and sponsorship is incomprehensible to me. The city should have shut down a land sale advertised as being in "the best Anglo areas" as a violation of the fair housing laws of California, which would've prevented the violence that the supporters of occupation carried out against peaceful solidarity demonstrators. As my parents used to say, "You should have your heads examined."

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony Litwinko

Date Submitted: 06/30/2024 11:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Members of the Council and Council Member Katy Yaroslavsky: I attach a statement from the JVP Rabbinic Council in the hopes it may give all of you second thoughts about the conclusion you have leapt to regarding the protest against the sale of Palestinian land: “JVP Rabbinical Council Condemns the Sale of Palestinian Land at Synagogues “The Rabbis of the Talmud teach that anyone who witnesses and is able to protest sinful conduct is obligated to do so, wherever it may occur — in our own homes, in our synagogues, in our communities, throughout the whole world. If we do not, it is as though we ourselves have committed the sin. “Recently, some synagogues have disgracefully hosted events seeking to enable American and Israeli Jews buy Palestinian land — land that is already illegally occupied by the Israeli military — as genocide rages on in Gaza. When this happens, we and our comrades are there to protest these events; as rabbis, we see it as our moral responsibility to do so. “The property for sale at these events is only available for Jewish people to purchase and is described in the event’s literature as being in ‘the best Anglo neighborhoods.’ We commend our fellow activists for standing up to this blatant racism, lifting the veil on these banal-sounding ‘real estate events’ to expose the violence and settler-colonial theft they actively facilitate. “As a rabbinic council, we condemn the sins of ethnic cleansing, apartheid and genocide. We denounce the misuse of our sacred spaces for this atrocious purpose and we support our comrades, including Jews, Palestinians, and allies, in fulfilling their moral duty by protesting this tool of the ongoing Nakba, wherever it rears its head. We reject the inaccurate and dangerous accusations of antisemitism leveraged against those protesting these ‘Great Israeli Real Estate Events.’ We will continue to fight back against the relentless demonization of the millions of people demanding a ceasefire and an end to genocide and U.S. weapons sales to Israel. In the lineage of our Jewish tradition, we call upon all people of conscience to stand in solidarity with Palestine, continue the fight for Palestinian rights, and demand an end to the theft of Palestinian land. Rabbi Leora Abelson? Rabbi Rebecca Alpert? Rabbi Esther Azar? Rabbi Lev Baesh? Rabbi David Basior? Rabbi Meryl Crean? Rabbi Michael Davis? Rabbi Art Donsky? Rabbi Michael Feinberg? Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari? Rabbi Sarah Bracha Gershuny? Rabbi Shai Gluskin?

Rabbi Borukh Goldberg? Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb? Rabbi Julie Greenberg? Rabbi Miriam Grossman ?Rabbi Linda Holtzman? Rabbi Ariana Katz? Rabbi Edward Klein? Rabbi Elliot Rose Kukla? Rabbi Lonnie Kleinman? Rabbi Alan LaPayover? Rabbi Mordechai Liebling? Rabbi Jeremy Milgrom? Rabbi David Mivasair? Rabbi Alexis Pearce? Rabbi Lucia Pizarro? Rabbi Michael Ramberg? Rabbi Moti Rieber? Rabbi Brant Rosen? Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg? Rabbi Ken Rosenstein? Rabbi Jeffrey Roth? Rabbi Abby Chava Stein? Rabbi Brian Walt? Rabbi Alissa Wise? Rabbi May Ye? Rabbi Cat Zavis Student Rabbi Willemina Davidson? Student Rabbi Eli DeWitt? Student Rabbi Josie Felt? Student Rabbi Rachel Kipnes? Rabbi Joshua Saltzman? Student Rabbi Louisa Solomon? Student Rabbi Jay Stanton

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Burga

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to say that I don't believe we need another million dollars for police funding. We want our funds to go to social program and our kids not to more policing!

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Hon

Date Submitted: 06/28/2024 02:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion should not pass, at the very least, given the misleading nature of the language used in this motion. During the "Incidents at UCLA, outside of the Museum of Tolerance, and at two synagogues" to which this document refers to, those who have been suffering violence have been folks protesting the ongoing occupation and genocide of Palestinians, not only in Gaza but in all of occupied Palestine. There is a clear bias in this document towards protecting those who have been instigators of interpersonal violence during protests in the last few months. Given the police and the city's and those university's failure to actually create a safe environment during these protests, I have absolutely zero confidence that this motion will provide any actual safety, except for those that I can only imagine this document refers to as "counter protestors." In the document, Magen Am is listed as a group that offers "security patrol services in Jewish communities." In this document, the Jewish Federation is listed as a group that "has provided security training for religious institutions to enhance safety and security." Many Jewish students were harassed and harmed while acting as protestors supporting Palestinian liberation both at UCLA, and at Adas Torah this past weekend, by groups that this motion identifies as counter protestors. Both of these organizations refer to protecting the Jewish Community in Los Angeles, but have failed to provide security for those Jewish groups protesting Israeli occupation. This motion does not offer safety and security - not even for the specific population that it puts forward - but rather affirms the city's bias towards silencing dissension, critique, and opposition of both legal and ethical atrocities being committed upon Palestinians in Palestine and those supporting them here in Los Angeles. I am incredibly concerned about the ways the city has been using its resources to commit undo violence in the name of: safety for those engaging in land theft and those who support bolstering a religious ethno-state in Israel. DO NOT SUPPORT LAND THEFT. DO NOT PROTECT THOSE SUPPORTING GENOCIDE. STOP BACKING COLONIZATION.