

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lyndsey Nolan

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2024 09:19 AM

**Council File No:** 24-0771

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am deeply disturbed by this motion to fund Zionist security forces with public funding. I've seen first-hand the incredible hatred, verbal & physical violence perpetrated with impunity by Zionist vigilantes toward me and my fellow Angelenos who dare to criticize and peacefully protest an ongoing genocide. Mobs of Zionists harassed people like me chanting for freedom and liberation at the student encampment at UCLA, and attacked and injured students who were practicing their first amendment rights on their own campus. I was screamed at by multiple men for half a hour threatening that I would be raped if I ever went "over there." And last weekend I watched the videos my friends shared of the Pico Robertson rally that assembled to peacefully protest the illegal and unethical selling of Palestinian land. I heard and saw (again) several Zionist protestors screaming obscenities at pro-Palestinian protesters including repeated rape threats and racial slurs, and beating up protestors while police refused to intervene. There are dozens of videos documenting this violence that this council must review. Example: <https://x.com/ACatWithNews/status/1805029920944669114?+6%3A20+PM=> Here's the GoFundMe of a protestor who had his teeth smashed with a rock from a Zionist aggressor: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-palestinian-ally-with-dental-costs-after-zionist-attack> There have been many similar protests of related real estate events in other cities (<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/mar/11/new-jersey-israel-palestine-protest-real-estate>) but only in LA was the Zionist mob allowed to turn it into a full-on street brawl. I am disgusted to find that instead of investigating these incidents, this council has rushed to spread misinformation about the events that happened on 6/23 and to enable this vigilante violence. I demand to know why there are parts of this city in which free speech is not protected, and where peaceful protestors are allowed to be assaulted and attacked. Instead of perpetuating and enabling Zionist vigilante violence, I urge you to consider the health and safety of all your constituents. Have you considered how it feels to be a Palestinian American in Los Angeles? Watching your family and loved ones being starved, bombed, shot, kidnapped and tortured everyday on live stream, while your elected officials pay for these atrocities with your tax dollars? And today knowing, without a doubt, that the police charged to "protect and serve" are indistinguishably entangled with the Zionist security state? Your hypocrisy is unfathomable. We do not need more policing in our neighborhoods! If you care about Los Angeles, you must use this money instead to address the deep inequalities that persist in our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Halei Parker

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2024 10:24 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This is absolutely vile to even consider. Foreign soldiers have no business acting in America at all, much less at the behest of our city governments. Our city is struggling in so many way, to even consider spending public funds to brutalize peaceful protesters should immediately have those council members removed and barred from office. HOUSE THE HOMELESS. MAKE THIS CITY LIVABLE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2024 03:11 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Esteemed members of City Council, As a long term resident of Los Angeles and a UCLA alumni, I am extremely concerned about the safety of ALL individuals who participate in civil protest to continually raise awareness to the destruction and elimination of a whole people by the State of Israel. The encampment at UCLA called for divestment of the university in weapons manufacturing and in the State of Israel which continues to justify its carnage on the Palestinian people in the name of security and safety. The protest at the synagogue was to call attention to the illegal sale of Palestinian land in the West Bank to American Jews. These protests and others were met with a strong response by pro Israeli protesters who caused harm and shouted horrific and angry threats to those exercising their constitutional right to protest. This resolution seems to be hastily put together without having all the facts. I am also concerned about sourcing these funds to only three orgs without an RFP process. Is there precedent for this? I urge you not to move forward on this resolution. Let us protect ALL individuals right to civil disobedience and protest. While anti Semism does exist, as well as Anti-Islam, Anti-Black, Anti-Native, Anti-Latino, Anti-Asian, the list goes on, this is not what these protests were about. Sincerely, Maria Isabel Riddle

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claudia H

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2024 03:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Claudia. As a lifelong LA community member and educator I am deeply alarmed by pro-Israel attacks on protestors. These violent attackers have caused harm to our communities and made Angelinos less safe. In response, city council and Mayor Bass want to misuse funds by giving 1 million of our tax dollars to the Jewish Federation and Magen Am based on false and misleading claims of increased threats. Facts regarding the protest in the Pico-Robertson community have been distorted in a blatant attempt to gaslight Angelinos and push through more policing that would only further endanger our LA communities by aligning itself with extremist forces. Furthermore, it would drain resources from hardworking Angelinos. Resources, which would be better spent supporting our children, the unhoused, transit. I urge you to respect our humanity, our diversity, our tax dollars and safety for all. Vote NO on \$1million tax dollars for “secure services”.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** SUZANNE THOMPSON

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2024 03:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in opposition to the proposed request for \$1,000,000 to “support community safety” in the aftermath of the protest at the Adas Torah Synagogue. It frightens me to see the City of Los Angeles support private policing to protect a single ethnic community. Perhaps if LA City Council President Krekorian had “fast tracked” the proposed Ceasefire Resolution a path for peace would be supported. Please vote against this request. Thank you, Suzanne Thompson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marie Kennedy

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2024 04:29 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the proposal\* for the LA City Council to divert \$1million of public funds to the Jewish Federation and to sole-source contracts for a private police force in "the Jewish community." It is those protesting the war in Gaza that have been attacked by counter protestors and police, not pro-Israel counter protestors. And, the demonstration at the Jewish Temple was not blocking the entrance to the temple, nor protesting the Jewish religion or the worshipers entering the temple. It was protesting the selling of West Bank land to Jewish settlers.Please get the actual facts of what went on, not the ravings of Palestinian haters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eman S.

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2024 08:03 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is unethical and wrong to allot 1 million taxpayer dollars to protect the Jewish community only. In addition I'd like to add there has been zero commentary on the rampant anti-Palestinian, anti-arab, and Islamophobia that is widespread in this country and prominent here in Los Angeles. A six year old Palestinian boy was stabbed 26 times and lost his life. A woman tried drowning 2 Palestinian toddlers. 3 college students were shot, for wearing a Palestinian scarf, and ended up disabled in a wheelchair. A few of multiple hate crimes reported against Palestinians. The protest in front of the synagogue had nothing to do with the synagogue or the jewish community. This protest is stemming from the advertisement of the sale of international stolen Palestinian land to White Jews only at a Jewish Temple in Beverly Hills this past Sunday June 23, 2024. The Israeli government's enterprise of building Jewish-only settlements on stolen, occupied Palestinian land is widely recognized as a war crime and illegal under international law. These events are illegal under the Fair Housing Act of 1968, under the Civil Rights Act of 1965, and under Article 49 of the Geneva Convention. Katy Yaroslavsky and Bob Blumenfield are creating a false narrative about this being about anti semitism and side stepping the real issue. To spend one dime AGAINST the people protesting this illegal sale and with ex military to boot, especially that from a foreign government is unconscionable. I am pleading to your humanity to please vote NO. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bernie

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge a NO vote on the proposal to divert \$1million of public funds to the Jewish Federation and to sole-source contracts for a private police force in a single ethnic community.