

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been an LA resident for the past 29+ years and am deeply concerned by motion #58 for the following reasons: 1. It was established on disinformation designed to mischaracterize anti-genocide demonstrators (many of whom are Jewish and peace activists) as antisemitic and violent. The demonstration held outside Adas Torah on June 23rd was responding to a real estate event advertising the sale of "Anglo neighborhoods" on occupied Palestinian land. The protest was not aimed at blocking or interrupting worship, as misreported in the news and by politicians. The violence we've seen at demonstrations is overwhelmingly instigated and perpetrated by pro-Israel counter protestors who have been recorded countless times assaulting protestors and shouting threats of murder and sexual violence at them. Attend a protest and see for yourself. 2. The majority of anti-genocide demonstrations have been totally peaceful. Occasions of violence are thanks to LAPD's aggression and simultaneous failure to intervene against pro-Israel attackers, as was the case at UCLA. In fueling disinformation about the frequency/origin of violence at protests and the character/intentions of interfaith anti-genocide protestors, motion #58 heightens negative public perception of demonstrators, threatens their right to assemble, and puts them at greater risk of outsider attacks. 3. NO funding should go to the suggested PRO-ISRAEL security organizations. They are NOT neutral peace-keepers and will endanger anti-genocide protestors by enabling, encouraging, and partaking in violence against them. This already happens with the allegedly neutral presence of the LAPD, so it's not hard to imagine how much worse it will become when you add Magnum Am (which literally employs IDF veterans) into the mix. Los Angeles already spends an exorbitant amount on security. Funds should be used for the services that actually keep ALL of our community safe from the ground up: education, healthcare, and housing. 4. This motion snubs interfaith constituents who have been advocating for a ceasefire resolution for MONTHS. Instead of joining many other cities in passing a ceasefire resolution, the council has decided to fast track a motion that villainizes anti-genocide protestors and puts them at even greater risk of violence. Thank you