

## Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.

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**From:** Barbara Cohen <bacohen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:30 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Ceasefire Resolution

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** michelle tuchman <michelleht@gmail.com>  
**Date:** June 20, 2024 at 8:48:47 AM EDT  
**To:** emtinti@kingston-ny.gov  
**Subject:** **Ceasefire Resolution**

To All Contemplating this resolution:

Thank you for your interest in this very decisive, and very difficult issue. And thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

1. Genocide: Many speakers are screaming Genocide. Accusing Israel of genocide. Genocide is the intentional attempt to eradicate a people from this planet. Ponder this: The Arabs living in Israel in 1948 were about 150,000. Their growth rate is 2.2% (Jewish growth rate is 1.8%). Today, there are over 2 Million Arabs, 21% of the population. Genocide??
2. The Israeli Arabs, who enjoy full citizenship and every right accorded to every Jew, Christian, Eastern Orthodox, etc (the only country in the Mid East to do so), constitute over 20% of the population. With exceptions, these are people who support their country, contribute to their country, and often are victims of the Islamists within and outside of their country, Israel. I can personally attest to this on many occasions, from my own experiences with Israeli Muslim Arabs, in our own country!
3. The well funded, well organized, well politicized mobs are blocking highways, bridges, police headquarters etc. This is the Antifa, BLM, anti America, anti western values people, screaming "We are all Hamas. Death to America." Burning American flags. Blocking emergency vehicles. Causing huge disruptions to businesses, education, and personal individual needs.
4. The minute by minute devolution of the ability of our universities, our police, our government to protect Jewish students, or anyone not wearing kaffiyeh or daring to remain neutral, is frightening, with dire consequences. Columbia University resorting to off campus, on line learning for the remainder of the semester, is an abrogation of their duties, responsibilities, and speaks volumes. Quite reminiscent of 1930s Germany.

Yet, this is whom the pro ceasefire resolution people want you, and the City of Kingston, through your status, to align with.

Please, stay out of this quagmire. There is no reason to embroil yourself, or our town, into this debate. And as the momentum sways, as right-minded people speak up, and as governments, educational institutions, businesses begin to publicly or privately announce their initial horrendous mistakes, the City should not be thrust on the wrong side.

Most respectfully,  
Michelle Tuchman, RN

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**From:** Barbara Cohen <bacohen@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Common Counsel vote on Palestine/Gaza proposed resolution

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**From:** "Safier, Harris L." <hsafier@bhhshudsonvalley.com>  
**Date:** June 20, 2024 at 4:29:49 AM EDT  
**To:** "Tinti, Elisa" <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** **Common Counsel vote on Palestine/Gaza proposed resolution**

Dear Members of Kingston Common Counsel;

I reside, full-time, in Kingston for 14 years, as of this month. I work here, pay taxes here, and vote here every election, I own several properties in the City as well.

I feel very strongly that our Common Counsel has a lot of responsibilities before it, per Kingston's By Laws. I do not believe it should address politics anywhere, other than in the City of Kingston. Many of us have personal feelings and beliefs about the horrific situation in Gaza. That's our basic American freedom, but I feel strongly it is not the job of you civic minded people, our Kingston Common Counsel, to evaluate and engage its time on very complicated current events and history for a region across the globe from Kingston. This is certainly not why you were elected by us, your constituents.

I regret that you had to clutter your agenda repeatedly, with what I consider to be --out of order requests. This taxes already full schedules. I strongly encourage you not to take any public position as the Common Counsel on this unfortunate matter. Any proposed resolution for the City to state a position on such an issue, should be declined.

Honestly, I resent that individuals, and probable outside influencers, have used your agenda repeatedly, and inappropriately, to voice personal opinions which are sometimes based on limited, uniformed perspectives and even possibly malicious misinformation targeted to them on the internet, by who knows who. I feel that people have come to our fair city to agitate for their

personal causes, and brought a disturbing amount of hate into Counsel Chamber.

I appreciate your patience, your time and the important jobs you do for our community. Let's please keep it to Kingston matters.

Sincerely,

Harris L. Safier  
67 Lounsbury Place  
Kingston, NY 12401



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**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:33 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkonten Jr.  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Newly revised Ceasefire Resolution

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rabbi Yael Romer <RabbiYael@cehv.org>  
**Date:** June 19, 2024 at 6:17:06 PM EDT  
**To:** Barbara Cohen <baccohen@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Newly revised Ceasefire Resolution

**Rabbi Yael Romer, DD** (*she/her*)  
[rabbiyael@cehv.org](mailto:rabbiyael@cehv.org)  
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**From:** Rabbi Yael Romer <RabbiYael@cehv.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 19, 2024 at 6:16 PM  
**Subject:** Newly revised Ceasefire Resolution  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>

Dear Members of The Common Council,

I want to recognize the time and effort you have dedicated to listening to the Kingston Community including myself, regarding our concerns of The Common Council adopting a Ceasefire Resolution.

I appreciate your patience and attention to all of the positions expressed.

Following up on what I said at The Common Council on June 4th- a written copy of which I forwarded to you following the meeting, I do want express my sadness, discomfort and fear for the Jewish Community who had to listen to outrageous, Anti Semitic and White Supremacy/Nazi rants and vitriol expressed by a number of the "call in" citizens at the end of the open forum. It is precisely that kind of sentiment that I was referring to in my remarks,

and that we in the Jewish community are experiencing, and the Anti-Semitism that I worry will be given haven through a Ceasefire Resolution.

I have reviewed the alternative text shared for a Resolution that expresses a vision for peace and the wellbeing of all the region by virtue of a ceasefire and a desire to go forward as a listening and compassionate community.

I appreciate The Common Council's desire to find a resolution that hears everyone and hopefully does not alienate or endanger anyone.

With the exception of the following phrase as it appears in paragraph three "curtailing US supplies of military weaponry" I believe The Common Council has in fact been neutral and accomplished its goal. I respectfully will ask and recommend that you remove this phrase before adopting the resolution.

This phrase is not neutral. In fact ALL of the factions, forces, and players in the Middle East are receiving weapons and aid from other sources. By including this phrase about US supplies of military weaponry you are no longer neutral but calling out Israel and it becomes one sided again.

Respectfully,

Rabbi Yael Romer

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**From:** Barbara Cohen <bacohen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:10 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Proposed cease fire resolution

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Susan Puretz <puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu>  
**Date:** June 20, 2024 at 2:45:46 PM EDT  
**To:** emtinti@kingston-ny.gov  
**Subject: Proposed cease fire resolution**

Kingston Common Council:

I just found out (6/20/2024 at 2:15 pm) that you, the Laws and Rules Committee, are considering whether to address a proposed Ceasefire Resolution.

And that you wanted comments by noon today!!!!

So, this is a little late but hopefully you will consider this either today June 20th or at your next meeting.

I am unalterably opposed to your taking action on a proposed ceasefire resolution that has been consistently brought to you by a group of persons who are exerting maximum pressure on the Kingston Common Council.

This "group" does NOT realize that the function of the Common Council as defined in your Charter does NOT INCLUDE passing legislation (even memorializing ones) regarding what is happening outside of Kingston.

I have looked at your Charter, specifically, C 13-3 Powers and Duties and C13-2 Meetings, quorum, passage of legislation.

I believe that a memorializing resolution is NOT one of your designated responsibilities -- especially since it deals with a topic NOT GERMANE to the functioning of the Kingston City Council.

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

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**From:** Barbara Cohen <bacohen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:36 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Ceasefire Resolution

**From:** Ruth Mandelbaum <nurseruth1@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** June 18, 2024 at 11:22:52 PM EDT  
**To:** emtinti@kingston-ny.gov  
**Subject: Ceasefire Resolution**

Dear Common Council and Laws and Rules Committee

Back in January, the Laws and Rules Committee wisely decided to table the motion on a ceasefire resolution. It is disturbing that this did not put an end to the well-orchestrated, unrelenting efforts of a small vocal group to take up hours of your time with the intent to force a vote on a ceasefire resolution. You have been incredibly patient.

The majority of Jews (with very diverse political opinions) are Zionists who love Israel. That does not mean that we all agree with the current leadership in Israel or that we all agree on how the current war should be handled. Israel is still the only democracy in the middle east and is one of our allies. Our federal government is dealing with this crisis and there is no need for the City of Kingston to weigh in on it. You have already heard from leaders of the two Jewish Congregations within the City of Kingston and the President of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, all of whom are against this resolution coming to a vote. Those voices represent the majority voice of the Jewish Community in Kingston and its immediate surroundings. That alone should be enough to put an end to this. I am hoping that I don't have to go into all of the actual problems with the resolution, since I am hoping that it will not come to a vote. Should that be the unfortunate case I would have to elaborate further. Suffice it to say that it is incredibly biased and due to the targeting of this one global conflict out of so many, makes it in my view, antisemitic. I don't think that the Aldermen should be placed in the uncomfortable position of voting on this. Bringing this to a Common Council vote would be a stab in the heart to the Jews in this community who have lived and worked here for years and have contributed so much. Please stop this now.

Respectfully yours,  
Ruth Mandelbaum  
Town of Ulster

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**From:** grunblattesq@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:32 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fw: letters by noon Thursday, June 20  
**Attachments:** Kgn Council ltr 6-20-24.pdf

Hello Kwame:

I sent this to Elisa's email this morning, and just learned she is out today. Please distribute this letter to the Council.

Mark Grunblatt

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**From:** Barbara Cohen <baccohen@gmail.com>  
**To:** "grunblattesq@aol.com" <grunblattesq@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 03:29:03 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Re: letters by noon Thursday, June 20

I just found out that Elisa is not in her office today.  
Please send your letter to  
kwiafeakenten@kingston-ny.gov

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 20, 2024, at 12:02 PM, grunblattesq@aol.com wrote:

Hello Barbara:

I beat the deadline. See below. Who else should I share it with?

Mark

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 10:02:23 PM EDT, Barbara Cohen <baccohen@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear All,

**The Laws & Rules Committee will meet this Thursday, June 20.** They will be discussing if the proposed *Cease Fire Resolution* should be brought to a vote at the Common Council meeting in July. (Cease Fire Resolution attached)

Letters are encouraged to send to the Laws & Rules Committee expressing your thoughts. They can be emailed or delivered by **noon Thursday, June 20** to the City Clerk and will be distributed to this committee. Any personal stories about family or friends living in Israel, fear of antisemitism in our community are recommended to include.

Please share with your friends and ask them to participate by sending a letter.  
Address letters to: **Members of The Common Council**

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk [emtinti@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:emtinti@kingston-ny.gov)

Attached is the proposed *Cease Fire Resolution*

Thank you for caring,  
Warm Regards,  
Barbara Cohen  
<Kgn Council ltr 6-20-24.pdf>

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To the Members of Kingston's Common Council:

"Heil Hitler" in the Council Chamber! I was shocked, then angry, then sad. I foresaw repeated expressions of righteous indignation, but the hate from the last four speakers was a terrible surprise. Please end your consideration of the proposed resolution. Denunciation from Kingston will mean next to nothing to the rulers of the combatants 6000 miles away, but is likely to support and justify attacks on me and my religious community here at home.

Kingston has at least three unique reasons to reject the proposal. First, a Kingston family is mourning close relatives murdered in their home and praying for the return of their daughter and grandsons kidnapped by Hamas on October 7. They deserve your support and compassion, which the proposed resolution lacks.

Bloody personal attacks have targeted Jews for centuries, including my family. I will probably never know exactly how my grandparents, Aunt Malke and Uncle Dovid Loeb were murdered. Most likely, they were stripped naked, then machine gunned in a forest or gassed and incinerated. Bitter experience requires that I stand with my neighbors who suffered a similar loss. Please show compassion to constituents, not denunciation.

Second, my synagogue in Kingston has already been targeted with a political hate message. No one targets Episcopal churches to attack British policy. I cannot vote in Israel and do not influence policy there. My fellow congregants have varied and passionate opinions about the battles begun on October 7. Do not presume Kingston speaks with one voice, and stop imagining that the proposed resolution is the sole, true voice of our city.

Third, virulent anti-Semites are hijacking this resolution and using it to promote their propaganda. The neo-Nazi outburst in your Chamber should not be repeated in any future debate. I cannot tell if the anti-Semites helped draft this resolution to proclaim themselves, or if they are slipstreaming into our City's debate. I prefer to believe that the proponents could not foresee how sincere anti-war sentiment can be used for ugly political and religious attacks. If we lived in a kinder, better America, all Kingstonians might have a spirited discussion and reach some constructive consensus on the future of Gaza. The public debate in the Council Chamber proves that we don't. The Council's further consideration of the proposed resolution will give a platform for political division.

Before my bar mitzvah, I visited the branch of my father's shattered and scattered family who lived on a communal farm southwest of Jerusalem. Returning from Galilee, we entered the West Bank. Boys my age threw rocks and spat at me. I learned then that others could blame and attack me for things I did not do and could not control. Misplaced anger is dangerous.

Injustice is hard to bear. Denunciation like the proposed resolution invites more denunciation in return. Hate begets hate. Those of us who can should respond with charity and constructive ideas. For the politically minded, I recommend the Navon Center, named after Israel's fifth President, who sought co-operation among neighbors without regard for borders. I am proud of the Ulster County Jewish Federation's long-standing support for Navon, and of the panel we presented about two years ago on the problems facing Israelis and Palestinians. Did any of the proponents of this resolution attend? For the practical, Doctors Without Borders is a worthy organization now on the ground in Gaza.

The proposed resolution is divisive and creates added risk to me and all those involved in organized Jewish life in Kingston. Your deliberations make me a target and may turn me into collateral damage for empty political points that will only perpetuate hate among Kingstonians.





Please just stop. Vote this resolution down and resist future efforts to create a foreign policy for Kingston.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Grunblatt



## **Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.**

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**From:** Susan Puretz <puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:16 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOLLOW UP NOTE RE: Proposed cease fire resolution

Resending this note.....and hopefully it will reach you Ms. Kwiaifeakenten --but probably too late for the Rules committee meeting tonight/

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

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**From:** Susan Puretz <puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu>  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 20, 2024 at 2:50 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed cease fire resolution  
**To:** <kwaifeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov>

I just sent the email below to Ms. Tinti and discovered that she was out of the office till the 26th.

I am hoping that you will share this note with members of the Kingston Common Council.

Sincerely,

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## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** Shnaider <shnaider@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 6:39 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa; shnaider@mac.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Concern about the Common Council ceasefire resolution

Dear Members of the Kingston Common Council,

I am Maurice Shnaider, resident of Kingston. Thank you for the opportunity to write to you and give you my thoughts and concern about the request for an unconditional ceasefire resolution presented to this Common Council.

I have been directly affected by the events of October 7th in Israel as I grew up there and my whole family still lives there. Early in the morning of October 7th, Hamas attacked in the south of Israel, including the kibbutz where my youngest sister and her husband, Margit and Jose, had lived for years and brought up their two daughters, Kibbutz Nir Oz. My sister's youngest daughter, Shiri, also lived at the kibbutz with her husband, Yarden, and two small children, Kfir aged 9 months and Ariel, aged 4 years at the time of the attack. In the terrible news of that day, we saw Hamas-produced films of Shiri holding the two red-headed kids and being led away from the kibbutz. Later, we saw a Hamas film of Yarden being led away with a bloodied head. The films are upsetting to regular humans, but evidently make Hamas individuals proud. At first, we did not know what happened to my sister and her husband, but two weeks later were informed, through DNA, that their bodies were found in a field in Gaza. They were murdered. At most every house in Kibbutz Nir Oz, there was looting and high heat burning.

It has been 8 months since my niece's family was taken and we have only seen evidence of Yarden in one tormenting Hamas-released video. Kfir turned one year old who knows where, in a tunnel, or under what terrible conditions we cannot imagine; what mental torture for two little boys. Imagine if this happened to someone you know, taken out of bed from their home with nothing, and the home burned. Then killed anyone unable to walk fast, or for any other reason.

Hamas has no respect for human lives, not even of Palestinians who live in Gaza. They use the citizens of Gaza as human shields and attack from populated areas. Just today, 6/11, the *Wall Street Journal* reported a Hamas leader saying that "civilian deaths in Gaza would work in the group's favor". Hamas is not an army, it is a terrorist organization, marked as such by the U.S. and many other countries. Hamas has rejected, again and again, agreements for ceasefire that include releasing hostages.

So, what would a ceasefire resolution be without releasing innocent civilian hostages and stopping the bombardment of Israel with rockets?

Heard that you have witnessed very insulting and nasty public comments, which shows the vitriol that has surfaced, often due to antisemitism. I experienced this hate directly when I attended a City Council meeting for a ceasefire in Beacon. After talking about my family for the given three minutes, someone next, looking at me with a smiling face, said that October 7<sup>th</sup> was orchestrated by Israel and never happened.

Some may request a ceasefire for their own personal connection to the Palestinian people, but for many this shows antisemitism and is to attempt to destroy Israel, a part of the Hamas Charter.

Thank you for your attention to my story and thoughts,

Maurice Shnaider

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Dear Common Council members,

It has been one week since the disgusting and painful disruption of the June 2024 Kingston Common Council meeting by personal attacks directed towards attendees and a barrage of white supremacists that collapsed the online public comment queue. In that time, Kingston residents in favor of a ceasefire in occupied Palestine, and the end of US support and funding of violence abroad, have been connecting with neighbors to process these events and to write this letter. Our aim is to help ensure community members are safe to engage with council meetings going forward and to reaffirm the desperate and ever-growing need for the Common Council to pass a resolution for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Palestine.

During the online portion of public comment, our Black, Muslim, and Jewish community members and Alders alike endured threats, hate speech, and racial slurs from white supremacists. We stand together in community, against all forms of antisemitism, anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, and bigotry.

In addition to the hate that was brought into the space by white supremacist speakers on Zoom, personal threats and disrespectful comments were directed at supporters of a ceasefire by other attendees and speakers at the meeting. This included threats to people's life, safety, and wellbeing. There is no place for any of our Jewish community members to have their faith and ethnicity degraded or denied.

During this meeting anti-ceasefire speakers dismissed the humanity and unimaginable loss endured by our Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim community members in this time of genocide. We stand unwaveringly against Islamophobia, and anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian racism. Palestinians are our siblings and the children of Palestine are our children.

These incidents harm members of our community and contribute to a hostile environment that chills open public discourse and engagement with our city government. We acknowledge that this situation was shocking and unexpected. We respectfully request that moving forward speakers be equitably held to the Common Council meeting rules that:

- *"All remarks shall be directed to the presiding officer, and not members of the council, city staff, or any member of the public in attendance..."*
- *The speaker shall not defame, intimidate, make personal affronts, make threats of violence...*
- *Members of the public in the audience...shall not defame, intimidate, make personal affronts, make threats of violence..."*

Further, for the safety of all speakers and community members, we suggest that speakers, both online and in-person, be asked to provide a name, municipality of residence, and ward number (if applicable) or connection to the city of Kingston. We want to bring to the council's attention the risks associated with requiring speakers to share their home address. Broadcasting one's home address on YouTube and to the chamber places speakers at elevated risk for being targeted by white supremacists, like those who disrupted June's Common Council meeting. Specific street addresses are not necessary for the

Common Council to understand a speaker's perspective and this risk must be mitigated if Common Council meetings are to be accessible to all without fear.

Regardless of the distress that arose from June's council meeting, we are grateful for the opportunity to participate in our city government and look forward to continuing to engage in thoughtful discussion as we address pressing community concerns together.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Alder Mickens, Alder Andrews, Alder Hirsch, and Alder Tierney for supporting a clear ceasefire resolution to the Council. Thank you for listening to the hours of public comment and hearing the voices of community members calling for an end to this horrific violence. To the Alders who have yet to sign on and support this resolution: Please hear us! Represent our city as a community of love, peace, and conscience! Unanimously adopt a memorializing resolution for an immediate, permanent ceasefire in Palestine now!

We want Kingston to join Beacon, Newburgh, Hudson, Albany, and more than 100 other US municipalities in calling for an end to crimes against humanity that would not be possible without US material and political support. While we suffer rising food prices, job insecurity, a dire housing crisis, and a climate catastrophe hastened by military action;<sup>1</sup> households in our city contribute an estimated \$347,753 annually to the Israeli military through federal taxes.<sup>2</sup> We need to sound the alarm to our elected officials in Albany and Washington, stating firmly and unequivocally: "Not in our name and not with our tax dollars!" We cannot continue subsidizing a military that has brutally killed over 40,000 Palestinians, left tens of thousands unidentifiable, and thousands more buried under rubble.<sup>3</sup> Our tax dollars are being used to burn children alive in their displacement camp tents,<sup>5</sup> rain white phosphorus down on whole neighborhoods,<sup>6</sup> and use starvation as a weapon of war and means of collective punishment.<sup>7</sup>

We are driven to advocate for our city government to pass a ceasefire resolution by the love we feel for one another, for the whole of our city, for humanity, and for our planet.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Lakhani, Nina. "The Staggering Carbon Footprint of Israel's War in Gaza." *Mother Jones*, January 13, 2024. <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2024/01/gaza-israel-war-hamas-carbon-emissions-climate-damage/>.

<sup>2</sup> US Campaign For Palestinian Rights (USCPR). "Methodology." Not My Tax Dollars, 2024. <https://www.notmytaxdollars.org/methodology>.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. "Occupied Palestinian Territory." OCHA, 2024. <http://www.ochaopt.org/node/10572>.

<sup>4</sup> AJLabs. "Israel-Gaza War in Maps and Charts: Live Tracker." Al Jazeera, June 11, 2024. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2023/10/9/israel-hamas-war-in-maps-and-charts-live-tracker>.

<sup>5</sup> Allegra Goodwin, Avery Schmitz, Kathleen Magram, and CNN. "US-Made Munitions Used in Deadly Strike on Rafah Tent Camp, CNN Analysis Shows." CNN, May 29, 2024. <https://www.cnn.com/2024/05/28/middleeast/gaza-us-munitions-rafah-strike-analysis-intl-hnk/index.html>.

<sup>6</sup> Vinall, Frances. "Israel Appears to Use White Phosphorus in a Post Verified Video. What Is It?" *Washington Post*, October 13, 2023, sec. Middle East. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/10/13/white-phosphorus-chemical-what-is/>.

<sup>7</sup> Bigg, Matthew Mpoke. "Here's What to Know About the Hunger Crisis in Gaza." *The New York Times*, April 11, 2024, sec. World. <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/11/world/middleeast/gaza-famine-hunger-crisis.html>.



## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 8:57 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Alderman  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Members of the common Council agenda: Ceasefire

**From:** Lally Steckman <bubz1953@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 16, 2024 3:16 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Members of the common Council agenda: Ceasefire

I am writing to ask that the common council not pass the ceasefire referendum.

As a child of holocaust survivors, I know first hand the trauma of being a victim and the need to know that there is a safe place for Jews to live.

After WWII Israel was the place that Jews could go and feel safe. Israel must be able to defend itself from Hamas and terrorists that seek to destroy Israel and the Jewish people.

Please allow Israel to govern itself and protect its citizens.

Vote no to this referendum.

Thank you for your time,

Helen Mozes-Steckman

Pearl Street

Kingston, NY

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**From:** Kelly Green <doeeyedcreature@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:03 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa; Pasti, Sara; Tierney, Michael; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Mickens, Teryl; Dennison, Bob; Andrews, Drew; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele  
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I am hoping that you will share this note with members of the Kingston Common Council.

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

On Thu, Jun 20, 2024 at 2:45 PM Susan Puretz <[puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu)> wrote:

Kingston Common Council:

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And that you wanted comments by noon today!!!!

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I have looked at your Charter, specifically, C 13-3 Powers and Duties and C13-2 Meetings, quorum, passage of legislation.

I believe that a memorializing resolution is **NOT** one of your designated responsibilities -- especially since it deals with a topic **NOT GERMANE** to the functioning of the Kingston City Council.

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2024 8:18 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Cc:** Higgins, Janet; Graves-Poller, Barbara; Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOLLOW UP NOTE RE: Proposed cease fire resolution

Good morning.

Here is another email sent last night.

Thank you,

**Kwame WiafeAkenten**  
Deputy City Clerk  
City of Kingston

(845) 334-3919 Office  
(845) 334-3918 Fax

[Kingston City Clerk Webpage](#)



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**From:** Susan Puretz <puretzs@hawkmil.newpaltz.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:16 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr. <KWiafeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOLLOW UP NOTE RE: Proposed cease fire resolution

Resending this note.....and hopefully it will reach you Ms. Kwiaifeakenten --but probably too late for the Rules committee meeting tonight/

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

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From: **Susan Puretz** <puretzs@hawkmil.newpaltz.edu>  
Date: Thu, Jun 20, 2024 at 2:50 PM  
Subject: Re: Proposed cease fire resolution  
To: <kwaifeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov>

I just sent the email below to Ms. Tinti and discovered that she was out of the office till the 26th.



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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:24 PM  
**To:** Alderman  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] June 4th Public Comment

Hello again,

Please see another email for all.

Sincerely,

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

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**From:** Anthony Fitzpatrick <slash.vegas11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:18 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] June 4th Public Comment

Madame President Shaut

Common Council of the City of Kingston,

I know it's very late for public comment. I was intending on taking the last call for public comment to suggest in difficult situations sometimes looking to our youth is the best solution. Then teenagers abused their Zoom privileges, so it is not much of a disappointment that public comment did not continue.

I hope it's not too late to comment on my observations. Those who oppose the ceremonial acknowledgement that there should be peace (cease-fire resolution) are predominantly our elderly population, who are by far the most vulnerable to media misinformation. Many letters of opposition as well as most Zoom comments in opposition are not from the City.

Everyone tells kids and teenagers to be safe and responsible online. Far too few of us check on those within the community who raised us in the regard of social media, television and radio.

Beyond stating that the level of violence I've seen since 10/6 is abhorrent and that the date will always have deep, sad, life-long significance for me, I don't believe one who doesn't pay taxes to the city should interfere too much on this particular issue. I support whatever decision the Common Council makes on this difficult and complicated issue.

Thank you,

Anthony T. Fitzpatrick

Port Ewen, NY

(3) Let me conclude with the words of **Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**: *“The callousness, dehumanization and targeting of Jews on display at last night’s protest outside the Nova Festival exhibit was atrocious antisemitism—plain and simple,”* the Democratic congresswoman tweeted. *“Antisemitism has no place in our city nor any broader movement that centers human dignity and liberation.”*

(<https://www.jns.org/as-antisemitism-rises-a-campaign-heats-up-to-discredit-the-term>)

Thank you, esteemed Common Council members for allowing all sides to speak.  
Pass-NOT the proposed resolution, *please*.

Yours truly,  
Chavah Halevi  
DuBois St.  
Kingston, NY 12401  
(845) 340-1854

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Chavah Halevi <chavah@yourspeed.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:21 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] proposed memorializing resolution calling for ceasefire in Gaza

B"H

Dear Members of the City of Kingston Common Council,

My name is Chavah Halevi. I am a Jewish resident of the Ponckhockie neighborhood in the City of Kingston since 1996.

(1) I am writing to ask that you take into consideration the negative impact on our local community that passing the proposed resolution can produce; whereby the City of Kingston will be on record endorsing all the misinformation and false accusations against the government of Israel contained in the resolution, despicable falsehoods which are being used to demonize *all* American Jews together with Israeli Jews.

Constant tirades of false accusations against Jews are fueling Jew-hatred in mainstream America, facilitating crimes of harassment, verbal and physical intimidation, even actual violence against Jewish men, women, and children.

There is a legitimate concern that passing resolutions like the current proposed resolution will provide encouragement to those who aim to target our Jewish community locally, Heaven forbid.

(2) At the 6-4-2024 meeting my three minutes to "public comment " ran out before I could finish, and so thank you for stating during that meeting, that those who didn't get to finish their public statement could add to their statement in writing. And so I will just add the following important suggested reading if you are considering endorsing the proposed resolution:

UN International Court of Justice (ICJ) Vice-President Julia Sebutinde contextualizes many issues of concern brought to the ICJ by South Africa, accusing Israel of Genocide and other war crimes, in her

**Dissenting opinion of Vice-President Sebutinde**

Document Number 192-20240524-ORD-01-01-EN

Parent Document Number 192-20240524-ORD-01-00-EN

**Case 192 - Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel)**

Date of the Document Fri, 05/24/2024 - 12:00

Document File Document **192-20240524-ord-01-01-en.pdf**

Judge Sebutinde sheds light on the reasons for her dissenting opinion in the case *South Africa v. Israel*, including *The broader context of the war in the Gaza Strip; The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip* and several Orders to Israel issued by the Court.

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## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** McIntosh, Kyle  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:14 PM  
**To:** Ballo, Aboulaye  
**Cc:** Smith, Summer; Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOIL for the IP addresses of ZOOM participants who engaged in hate speech  
**Attachments:** FOIL IP Addresses.jpg; FOIL back page.pdf; Re: HV1 reporter follow up ; UserQos\_834\_2020\_0146.csv

Reporter Rokosz Most is now FOIL'ing the info previously requested ip address info. Am I ok to send? Attached "UserQos\_843\_2020\_0146.csv"

-Kyle

**From:** Rokosz Most <rokozsmost@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:59 PM  
**To:** McIntosh, Kyle <kmcintosh@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOIL for the IP addresses of ZOOM participants who engaged in hate speech

Director McIntosh,  
Just got an automatic response from Clerk Tinti's email which said she'll be out of the office until Nex week, so I'm forwarding on my FOIL request to you, which is what she would have had to do anyhow.

Best,  
Rokosz Most  
8088187434  
Hudson Valley One

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**From:** **Rokosz Most** <rokozsmost@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 20, 2024, 1:43 PM  
**Subject:** FOIL for the IP addresses of ZOOM participants who engaged in hate speech  
**To:** Smith, Summer <ssmith@kingston-ny.gov>, Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>

Good morning,

The attached FOIL's seek to inspect the IP addresses stored in the city's zoom account for those members of the public who Zoomed into the last common council meeting and engaged in hate speech.

Please email an acknowledgement that the FOIL has been received.

Thank you.

Best regards,  
Rokosz Most



**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Susan Puretz <puretz@hawkmil.newpaltz.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 2:46 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Proposed cease fire resolution

Kingston Common Council:

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Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

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## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** Joseph.Hermon <joseph.hermon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:05 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] proposed Cease Fire Resolution.

Dear **Members of The Common Council** : Elisa Tinti, City Clerk.

I, would like to address this matter by saying few things.

Yes, I'm supporting cease fire, but the Hamas must release all hostages immediately, put their weapons down, and leave Gaza.

Hamas is a terror organization that wants to kill anyone who don't support them. They can't say it more clear, "from the River to the Sea" they want all the land of Israel  $\pi$  which mean they are not willing to negotiate anything or in the existing of the state of Israel  $\pi$ .

I really want to see or know what the USA would have done if Mexico or Canada had been booming us everyday and killing our kids and had no attention to stop doing that!

As a born and raised citizen of Israel, we have lived in constant fear of being attacked everyday.

There is no one family member who has not lost family member bc of their actions.

I think this matter is not something that this common council should be dealing with, and any additional discussion about it, just cause divide in our local communities.

It give the antisemitism rise up and I honestly fear for my life and my family members who attended local schools.

My kids come back from bus ride back from school, and the things that other kids shoutout to them, (" all Jewish should be die" but you Avi, you can live") or throw down money in front of them on the floor!

What next? You need to have someone shooting on Jewish kids!!!!

Please remove this matter from your agenda and call for peace in general.

Best,

Joseph Hermon

Mobile 917-805-5885

Please excuse spelling errors.

Sent from my iPhone.

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Please just stop. Vote this resolution down and resist future efforts to create a foreign policy for Kingston.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Grunblatt

To the Members of Kingston's Common Council:

"Heil Hitler" in the Council Chamber! I was shocked, then angry, then sad. I foresaw repeated expressions of righteous indignation, but the hate from the last four speakers was a terrible surprise. Please end your consideration of the proposed resolution. Denunciation from Kingston will mean next to nothing to the rulers of the combatants 6000 miles away, but is likely to support and justify attacks on me and my religious community here at home.

Kingston has at least three unique reasons to reject the proposal. First, a Kingston family is mourning close relatives murdered in their home and praying for the return of their daughter and grandsons kidnapped by Hamas on October 7. They deserve your support and compassion, which the proposed resolution lacks.

Bloody personal attacks have targeted Jews for centuries, including my family. I will probably never know exactly how my grandparents, Aunt Malke and Uncle Dovid Loeb were murdered. Most likely, they were stripped naked, then machine gunned in a forest or gassed and incinerated. Bitter experience requires that I stand with my neighbors who suffered a similar loss. Please show compassion to constituents, not denunciation.

Second, my synagogue in Kingston has already been targeted with a political hate message. No one targets Episcopal churches to attack British policy. I cannot vote in Israel and do not influence policy there. My fellow congregants have varied and passionate opinions about the battles begun on October 7. Do not presume Kingston speaks with one voice, and stop imagining that the proposed resolution is the sole, true voice of our city.

Third, virulent anti-Semites are hijacking this resolution and using it to promote their propaganda. The neo-Nazi outburst in your Chamber should not be repeated in any future debate. I cannot tell if the anti-Semites helped draft this resolution to proclaim themselves, or if they are slipstreaming into our City's debate. I prefer to believe that the proponents could not foresee how sincere anti-war sentiment can be used for ugly political and religious attacks. If we lived in a kinder, better America, all Kingstonians might have a spirited discussion and reach some constructive consensus on the future of Gaza. The public debate in the Council Chamber proves that we don't. The Council's further consideration of the proposed resolution will give a platform for political division.

Before my bar mitzvah, I visited the branch of my father's shattered and scattered family who lived on a communal farm southwest of Jerusalem. Returning from Galilee, we entered the West Bank. Boys my age threw rocks and spat at me. I learned then that others could blame and attack me for things I did not do and could not control. Misplaced anger is dangerous.

Injustice is hard to bear. Denunciation like the proposed resolution invites more denunciation in return. Hate begets hate. Those of us who can should respond with charity and constructive ideas. For the politically minded, I recommend the Navon Center, named after Israel's fifth President, who sought co-operation among neighbors without regard for borders. I am proud of the Ulster County Jewish Federation's long-standing support for Navon, and of the panel we presented about two years ago on the problems facing Israelis and Palestinians. Did any of the proponents of this resolution attend? For the practical, Doctors Without Borders is a worthy organization now on the ground in Gaza.

The proposed resolution is divisive and creates added risk to me and all those involved in organized Jewish life in Kingston. Your deliberations make me a target and may turn me into collateral damage for empty political points that will only perpetuate hate among Kingstonians.



## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** Tierney, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:21 AM  
**To:** Allison McIntyre; Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa  
**Cc:** Pasti, Sara; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Mickens, Teryl; Dennison, Bob; Andrews, Drew; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Pass Strong Good Cause Eviction!

Good Morning Alison,

Thank you so much for your advocacy. I believe we are committed to passing the strongest possible version of Good Cause allowed by the State.

Michael Tierney  
Alderman, Ward 2  
Ward2@kingston-ny.gov  
845-768-6781  
Finance & Audit Committee  
Community Development & Housing Committee

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**From:** Allison McIntyre <allycatyou@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 4:59 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>; Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Cc:** Pasti, Sara <Ward1@kingston-ny.gov>; Tierney, Michael <Ward2@kingston-ny.gov>; Scott-Childress, Reynolds <Ward3@kingston-ny.gov>; Edwards, Jeanne <Ward4@kingston-ny.gov>; Mickens, Teryl <Ward5@kingston-ny.gov>; Dennison, Bob <Ward6@kingston-ny.gov>; Andrews, Drew <Ward7@kingston-ny.gov>; Schabot, Steven <Ward8@kingston-ny.gov>; Hirsch, Michele <Ward9@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Pass Strong Good Cause Eviction!

Dear Common Council members,  
I am writing to ask you to pass the strongest version of the Good Cause Eviction Law possible. There have been growing reports of rent hikes as high as 30, 50, even 100%. For many working families, that kind of increase all but amounts to an eviction. Good Cause can help families stay in their homes, fight unfair rent increases and evictions, and keep our neighborhoods stable and safe. Please pass the version of Good Cause that only exempts landlords who own 1 unit. We need as many tenants to be protected as possible and to exempt as few landlord as possible

Allison (Kingston, Ward 1)  
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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Tierney, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:19 AM  
**To:** KAREN MILLER  
**Cc:** Tinti, Elisa; kwiafeAkten@kingston-ny.gov  
**Subject:** Fw: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Vote to Pass Resolution for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

Hi Karen,

I am cc'ing both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk on this so they can add your email to the public comment list. I appreciate your advocacy. The ceasefire Resolution will be discussed tonight at Laws & Rules.

Michael Tierney  
Alderman, Ward 2  
Ward2@kingston-ny.gov  
845-768-6781  
Finance & Audit Committee  
Community Development & Housing Committee

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**From:** KAREN MILLER <kamiller49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:37 AM  
**To:** Tierney, Michael <Ward2@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Vote to Pass Resolution for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

Hi Mike.

Please let me know that you, saw this, and that this is considered an official public comment.  
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Tinti, Elisa" <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Date:** June 19, 2024 at 11:34:25 AM EDT  
**To:** KAREN MILLER <kamiller49@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Vote to Pass Resolution for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

I will be out of my office until Wednesday, June 26th. If you need immediate assistance please email my Deputy Clerk Kwame WiafeAkten at kwiafeAkten@kingston-ny.gov .

Thank you,  
Elisa Tinti  
City Clerk





**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** michelle tuchman <michelleht@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:49 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Ceasefire Resolution

To All Contemplating this resolution:

Thank you for your interest in this very decisive, and very difficult issue. And thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

1. Genocide: Many speakers are screaming Genocide. Accusing Israel of genocide. Genocide is the intentional attempt to eradicate a people from this planet. Ponder this: The Arabs living in Israel in 1948 were about 150,000. Their growth rate is 2.2% (Jewish growth rate is 1.8%). Today, there are over 2 Million Arabs, 21% of the population. Genocide??
2. The Israeli Arabs, who enjoy full citizenship and every right accorded to every Jew, Christian, Eastern Orthodox, etc (the only country in the Mid East to do so), constitute over 20% of the population. With exceptions, these are people who support their country, contribute to their country, and often are victims of the Islamists within and outside of their country, Israel. I can personally attest to this on many occasions, from my own experiences with Israeli Muslim Arabs, in our own country!
3. The well funded, well organized, well politicized mobs are blocking highways, bridges, police headquarters etc. This is the Antifa, BLM, anti America, anti western values people, screaming "We are all Hamas. Death to America." Burning American flags. Blocking emergency vehicles. Causing huge disruptions to businesses, education, and personal individual needs.
4. The minute by minute devolution of the ability of our universities, our police, our government to protect Jewish students, or anyone not wearing kaffiyeh or daring to remain neutral, is frightening, with dire consequences. Columbia University resorting to off campus, on line learning for the remainder of the semester, is an abrogation of their duties, responsibilities, and speaks volumes. Quite reminiscent of 1930s Germany.

Yet, this is whom the pro ceasefire resolution people want you, and the City of Kingston, through your status, to align with.

Please, stay out of this quagmire. There is no reason to embroil yourself, or our town, into this debate. And as the momentum sways, as right-minded people speak up, and as governments, educational institutions, businesses begin to publicly or privately announce their initial horrendous mistakes, the City should not be thrust on the wrong side.

Most respectfully,  
Michelle Tuchman, RN

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## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** Erika <bernabei.erika@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:20 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa  
**Cc:** Pasti, Sara; Tierney, Michael; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Mickens, Teryl; Dennison, Bob; Andrews, Drew; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] PASS CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION NOW! Make Common Council Meetings Safe For All!

Good morning, I am a homeowner at 169 Hunter Street and I urge you to pass the ceasefire resolution. Your constituents, including me, call upon you to do the right thing and to reflect our voice. Thank you.

Erika Middleton

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Ali Manzar <alimanzardmd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:14 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa; Pasti, Sara; Tierney, Michael; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Mickens, Teryl; Dennison, Bob; Andrews, Drew; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Support for ceasefire resolution in Palestine

Dear Common Council Members,

My name is Ali Manzar. I am a local dentist here in Kingston. I am writing to you to support calls for a memorializing resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Palestine. I hope Kingston can join other cities, such as Newburgh, Beacon, Albany, Hudson, and 100s more across the US, to be on the right side of history.

Thank you,

Ali Manzar

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**Tinti, Elisa**

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**From:** Safier, Harris L. <hsafier@bhhshudsonvalley.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:30 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Common Counsel vote on Palestine/Gaza proposed resolution

Dear Members of Kingston Common Counsel;

I reside, full-time, in Kingston for 14 years, as of this month. I work here, pay taxes here, and vote here every election, I own several properties in the City as well.

I feel very strongly that our Common Counsel has a lot of responsibilities before it, per Kingston's By Laws. I do not believe it should address politics anywhere, other than in the City of Kingston. Many of us have personal feelings and beliefs about the horrific situation in Gaza. That's our basic American freedom, but I feel strongly it is not the job of you civic minded people, our Kingston Common Counsel, to evaluate and engage its time on very complicated current events and history for a region across the globe from Kingston. This is certainly not why you were elected by us, your constituents.

I regret that you had to clutter your agenda repeatedly, with what I consider to be --out of order requests. This taxes already full schedules. I strongly encourage you not to take any public position as the Common Counsel on this unfortunate matter. Any proposed resolution for the City to state a position on such an issue, should be declined.

Honestly, I resent that individuals, and probable outside influencers, have used your agenda repeatedly, and inappropriately, to voice personal opinions which are sometimes based on limited, uniformed perspectives and even possibly malicious misinformation targeted to them on the internet, by who knows who. I feel that people have come to our fair city to agitate for their personal causes, and brought a disturbing amount of hate into Counsel Chamber.

I appreciate your patience, your time and the important jobs you do for our community. Let's please keep it to Kingston matters.

Sincerely,

Harris L. Safier  
67 Lounsbury Place  
Kingston, NY 12401





## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** sunday wright <sundaywright@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:45 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa  
**Cc:** Pasti, Sara; Tierney, Michael; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Mickens, Teryl; Dennison, Bob; Andrews, Drew; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] PASS CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION NOW! Make Common Council Meetings Safe For All!

Hi, please do what's right. I live on Maiden Lane across from academy green and I honestly feel like there are a lot of issues Kingston absolutely could and absolutely should tackle, that are way more close to home, but this is a thing right now and it's important. So just do it please All the best, Sunday  
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Sophie,

Yes, the June Common Council Meeting was disturbing, on so many levels. Thank you for sharing your personal experience, it informs our own, none of which is easy or without personal conflict. Again, thank you.

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Before sharing the cowritten statement, I want to comment on my personal experience at the meeting:

At the last common council meeting, the legitimacy of my support of a ceasefire was called into question based on the fact that I am of Jewish heritage and, as the speaker questioning my identity said, not a "practicing" Jew. To have someone who does not know anything about me or my family's lived experience make direct public comments questioning my identity is deeply inappropriate. I didn't originally plan to share about my Jewish heritage in my public comment, but as I saw people with my shared identity using our ancestral and present-day trauma as a reason to justify the bombing of Palestine, I felt it was important to speak up and say "not in our name." Support of the Jewish community in Kingston can in no way require support of violence in other parts of the world. I'm deeply saddened to see this argument be made.

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While these disrespectful comments pale in comparison to the traumatic antisemitism, anti-Black hate, and Islamophobia perpetrated by the Zoom bombers later in the meeting, they contributed to an unproductive environment. Thank you for speaking up when you heard audience members speak out of turn and your continued efforts to make Common Council meetings respectful.



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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] meetings

Allison,  
Thank you for your comments and thoughtful consideration of both issues.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:16 PM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Newly revised Ceasefire Resolution

Dear Members of The Common Council,

I want to recognize the time and effort you have dedicated to listening to the Kingston Community including myself, regarding our concerns of The Common Council adopting a Ceasefire Resolution.

I appreciate your patience and attention to all of the positions expressed.

Following up on what I said at The Common Council on June 4th- a written copy of which I forwarded to you following the meeting, I do want express my sadness, discomfort and fear for the Jewish Community who had to listen to outrageous, Anti Semitic and White Supremacy/Nazi rants and vitriol expressed by a number of the "call in" citizens at the end of the open forum. It is precisely that kind of sentiment that I was referring to in my remarks, and that we in the Jewish community are experiencing, and the Anti-Semitism that I worry will be given haven through a Ceasefire Resolution.

I have reviewed the alternative text shared for a Resolution that expresses a vision for peace and the wellbeing of all the region by virtue of a ceasefire and a desire to go forward as a listening and compassionate community.

I appreciate The Common Council's desire to find a resolution that hears everyone and hopefully does not alienate or endanger anyone.

With the exception of the following phrase as it appears in paragraph three "curtailing US supplies of military weaponry" I believe The Common Council has in fact been neutral and accomplished its goal. I respectfully will ask and recommend that you remove this phrase before adopting the resolution.

This phrase is not neutral. In fact ALL of the factions, forces, and players in the Middle East are receiving weapons and aid from other sources. By including this phrase about US supplies of military weaponry you are no longer neutral but calling out Israel and it becomes one sided again.

Respectfully,  
Rabbi Yael Romer  
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**Cc:** Pasti, Sara; Tierney, Michael; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Mickens, Teryl; Dennison, Bob; Andrews, Drew; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Pass Strong Good Cause Eviction!

Dear Common Council members,

I am writing to ask you to pass the strongest version of the Good Cause Eviction Law possible.

There have been growing reports of rent hikes as high as 30, 50, even 100%. For many working families, that kind of increase all but amounts to an eviction.

Good Cause can help families stay in their homes, fight unfair rent increases and evictions, and keep our neighborhoods stable and safe.

Please pass the version of Good Cause that only exempts landlords who own 1 unit.

We need as many tenants to be protected as possible and to exempt as few landlord as possible

Allison (Kingston, Ward 1)

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Thank you,  
Sophie Howard  
Ward 2

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa  
**Cc:** Pasti, Sara; Tierney, Michael; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Mickens, Teryl; Dennison, Bob; Andrews, Drew; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] PASS CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION NOW! Make Common Council Meetings Safe For All!

Dear Common Council members,

The email below was cowritten by Kingston residents concerned about what transpired at June's Common Council meeting.

Before sharing the cowritten statement, I want to comment on my personal experience at the meeting:

At the last common council meeting, the legitimacy of my support of a ceasefire was called into question based on the fact that I am of Jewish heritage and, as the speaker questioning my identity said, not a "practicing" Jew. To have someone who does not know anything about me or my family's lived experience make direct public comments questioning my identity is deeply inappropriate. I didn't originally plan to share about my Jewish heritage in my public comment, but as I saw people with my shared identity using our ancestral and present-day trauma as a reason to justify the bombing of Palestine, I felt it was important to speak up and say "not in our name." Support of the Jewish community in Kingston can in no way require support of violence in other parts of the world. I'm deeply saddened to see this argument be made.

Additionally, when I mentioned during my comments that I had recently lost my job, someone in the audience jeered — presumably because they were pleased to hear that someone advocating for a ceasefire was experiencing difficulty in their life.

While these disrespectful comments pale in comparison to the traumatic antisemitism, anti-Black hate, and Islamophobia perpetrated by the Zoom bombers later in the meeting, they contributed to an unproductive environment. Thank you for speaking up when you heard audience members speak out of turn and your continued efforts to make Common Council meetings respectful.

The following are co-written comments on the meeting:

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**From:** KAREN MILLER <kamiller49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:34 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Vote to Pass Resolution for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

I am writing in support of this resolution, which will be reintroduced for a vote by the Kingston Common Council. As taxpayers, our elected officials should respond to the majority public sentiment, by passing the Ceasefire Resolution. Karen Miller, 53 Crown Street  
845-399-2805  
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**From:** Safier, Harris L. <hsafier@bhhshudsonvalley.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:20 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Upcoming vote Common Counsel

Robert A. Tonner  
PO Box 3717  
Kingston, NY 12402

Re; Gaza/Palestine resolution

Dear Members of Kingston Common Counsel;

I live in Kingston for 14 years, as of this month. I work here, pay taxes here, and vote here every election, I have owned several properties in the City.


I feel very strongly that our Common Counsel has a lot of responsibilities before it, per Kingston's By Laws. I do not believe it should address politics anywhere, other than in the City of Kingston. We may all have our personal feelings and beliefs about the horrific situation in Gaza. That's our basic freedom but I feel strongly it is not the job of our Kingston Common Counsel to evaluate and engage its time on very complicated current events and history for a region across the globe from Kingston. This is not why you were elected by your constituents.

I regret that you had to clutter your agenda repeatedly with what I consider out of order requests. This taxes already full schedules. I strongly encourage you not to take any public position as the Common Counsel on this unfortunate matter.

Frankly, I resent that individuals, and possible outside influencers have used your agenda repeatedly, and inappropriately, to voice personal opinions which are sometimes seemingly based on uniformed perspectives and even possibly malicious misinformation targeted to them on the internet, by who knows who.

I appreciate your patience, your time and the important jobs you do for our community. Let's please keep it to Kingston matters.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Tonner  


Harris L. Safier, CRS,GRI  
Associate Real Estate Broker  
Clement, Brooks & Safier Team



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**From:** Joel Mandelbaum <jmmd42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:12 AM  
**To:** nurseruth1@hotmail.com  
**Cc:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Ceasefire Resolution

I agree with you.

On Tue, Jun 18, 2024, 11:22 PM Ruth Mandelbaum <[nurseruth1@hotmail.com](mailto:nurseruth1@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Common Council and Laws and Rules Committee

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The majority of Jews (with very diverse political opinions) are Zionists who love Israel. That does not mean that we all agree with the current leadership in Israel or that we all agree on how the current war should be handled. Israel is still the only democracy in the middle east and is one of our allies. Our federal government is dealing with this crisis and there is no need for the City of Kingston to weigh in on it. You have already heard from leaders of the two Jewish Congregations within the City of Kingston and the President of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, all of whom are against this resolution coming to a vote. Those voices represent the majority voice of the Jewish Community in Kingston and its immediate surroundings. That alone should be enough to put an end to this. I am hoping that I don't have to go into all of the actual problems with the resolution, since I am hoping that it will not come to a vote. Should that be the unfortunate case I would have to elaborate further. Suffice it to say that it is incredibly biased and due to the targeting of this one global conflict out of so many, makes it in my view, antisemitic. I don't think that the Aldermen should be placed in the uncomfortable position of voting on this. Bringing this to a Common Council vote would be a stab in the heart to the Jews in this community who have lived and worked here for years and have contributed so much. Please stop this now.

Respectfully yours,  
Ruth Mandelbaum  
Town of Ulster

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**From:** Patricia Brakman <pat.brakman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:44 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Ceasefire resolution

Dear Members of the Common Council,

I am strongly opposed to the adoption of this resolution. While I am deeply concerned about the current situation in the Middle East, I cannot support your efforts. I urge you to reconsider your position. I see adoption of this resolution as divisive to our community.

Yours truly,  
Patricia Brakman

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:41 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea; Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] KINGSTON CEASEFIRE NOW -Please!!!

Tell me Council members-if there was no race/nationality/allyship/or discerning features known to you about this conflict, just that one group of people were being mercilessly slaughtered-including women and children- would you not want to be in support of stopping such atrocities?? I beg of you, Kingston Common Council, to put your personal biases aside; be it religion, nationalism, what the fuck ever, and approach this decision from a logical, humanistic point. Civilized and advanced humans do not support or do this against other humans.

Below is a more detailed and articulate statement on my support for a ceasefire resolution being passed, as well as my disgust and disappointment of the 6/4 Kingston Common Council meeting.

Sierra Suris  
Ward 2-2

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**From:** Shaut, Andrea  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2024 9:32 AM  
**To:** Alderman  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOLLOW UP NOTE RE: Proposed cease fire resolution

See below for a constituent email that was forwarded to me.

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

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**From:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr. <KWiafeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2024 8:17 AM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Cc:** Higgins, Janet <jhiggins@kingston-ny.gov>; Graves-Poller, Barbara <BGraves@kingston-ny.gov>; Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOLLOW UP NOTE RE: Proposed cease fire resolution

Good morning.

Here is another email sent last night.

Thank you,

Kwame **WiafeAkenten**  
Deputy City Clerk  
City of Kingston

(845) 334-3919 Office  
(845) 334-3918 Fax

[Kingston City Clerk Webpage](#)



**From:** Susan Puretze <puretze@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:16 PM  
**To:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr. <KWiafeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: FOLLOW UP NOTE RE: Proposed cease fire resolution

Resending this note.....and hopefully it will reach you Ms. Kwiaifeakenten --but probably too late for the Rules committee meeting tonight/

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Susan Puretz** <[puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu)>

Date: Thu, Jun 20, 2024 at 2:50 PM

Subject: Re: Proposed cease fire resolution

To: <[kwaifeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:kwaifeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov)>

I just sent the email below to Ms. Tinti and discovered that she was out of the office till the 26th.

I am hoping that you will share this note with members of the Kingston Common Council.

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

On Thu, Jun 20, 2024 at 2:45 PM Susan Puretz <[puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:puretzs@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu)> wrote:

Kingston Common Council:

I just found out (6/20/2024 at 2:15 pm) that you, the Laws and Rules Committee, are considering whether to address a proposed Ceasefire Resolution.

And that you wanted comments by noon today!!!!

So, this is a little late but hopefully you will consider this either today June 20th or at your next meeting.

I am unalterably opposed to your taking action on a proposed ceasefire resolution that has been consistently brought to you by a group of persons who are exerting maximum pressure on the Kingston Common Council.

This "group" does **NOT** realize that the function of the Common Council as defined in your Charter **does NOT INCLUDE** passing legislation (even memorializing ones) regarding what is happening outside of Kingston.

I have looked at your Charter, specifically, C 13-3 Powers and Duties and C13-2 Meetings, quorum, passage of legislation.

I believe that a memorializing resolution is **NOT** one of your designated responsibilities -- especially since it deals with a topic **NOT GERMANE** to the functioning of the Kingston City Council.

Sincerely,

Susan Puretz

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To the Members of Kingston's Common Council:

"Heil Hitler" in the Council Chamber! I was shocked, then angry, then sad. I foresaw repeated expressions of righteous indignation, but the hate from the last four speakers was a terrible surprise. Please end your consideration of the proposed resolution. Denunciation from Kingston will mean next to nothing to the rulers of the combatants 6000 miles away, but is likely to support and justify attacks on me and my religious community here at home.

Kingston has at least three unique reasons to reject the proposal. First, a Kingston family is mourning close relatives murdered in their home and praying for the return of their daughter and grandsons kidnapped by Hamas on October 7. They deserve your support and compassion, which the proposed resolution lacks.

Bloody personal attacks have targeted Jews for centuries, including my family. I will probably never know exactly how my grandparents, Aunt Malke and Uncle Dovid Loeb were murdered. Most likely, they were stripped naked, then machine gunned in a forest or gassed and incinerated. Bitter experience requires that I stand with my neighbors who suffered a similar loss. Please show compassion to constituents, not denunciation.

Second, my synagogue in Kingston has already been targeted with a political hate message. No one targets Episcopal churches to attack British policy. I cannot vote in Israel and do not influence policy there. My fellow congregants have varied and passionate opinions about the battles begun on October 7. Do not presume Kingston speaks with one voice, and stop imagining that the proposed resolution is the sole, true voice of our city.

Third, virulent anti-Semites are hijacking this resolution and using it to promote their propaganda. The neo-Nazi outburst in your Chamber should not be repeated in any future debate. I cannot tell if the anti-Semites helped draft this resolution to proclaim themselves, or if they are slipstreaming into our City's debate. I prefer to believe that the proponents could not foresee how sincere anti-war sentiment can be used for ugly political and religious attacks. If we lived in a kinder, better America, all Kingstonians might have a spirited discussion and reach some constructive consensus on the future of Gaza. The public debate in the Council Chamber proves that we don't. The Council's further consideration of the proposed resolution will give a platform for political division.

Before my bar mitzvah, I visited the branch of my father's shattered and scattered family who lived on a communal farm southwest of Jerusalem. Returning from Galilee, we entered the West Bank. Boys my age threw rocks and spat at me. I learned then that others could blame and attack me for things I did not do and could not control. Misplaced anger is dangerous.

Injustice is hard to bear. Denunciation like the proposed resolution invites more denunciation in return. Hate begets hate. Those of us who can should respond with charity and constructive ideas. For the politically minded, I recommend the Navon Center, named after Israel's fifth President, who sought co-operation among neighbors without regard for borders. I am proud of the Ulster County Jewish Federation's long-standing support for Navon, and of the panel we presented about two years ago on the problems facing Israelis and Palestinians. Did any of the proponents of this resolution attend? For the practical, Doctors Without Borders is a worthy organization now on the ground in Gaza.

The proposed resolution is divisive and creates added risk to me and all those involved in organized Jewish life in Kingston. Your deliberations make me a target and may turn me into collateral damage for empty political points that will only perpetuate hate among Kingstonians.

Please just stop. Vote this resolution down and resist future efforts to create a foreign policy for Kingston.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Grunblatt



## Tinti, Elisa

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**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2024 9:34 AM  
**To:** Alderman  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Ceasefire Resolution

See below for a constituent email that was forwarded to me.

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

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**From:** Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr. <KWiafeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 5:50 PM  
**To:** Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>; Graves-Poller, Barbara <BGraves@kingston-ny.gov>; Higgins, Janet <jhiggins@kingston-ny.gov>; Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>  
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Thanks,  
Kwam

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**From:** Barbara Cohen <baccohen@gmail.com>  
**Date:** June 20, 2024 at 4:36:26 PM EDT  
**To:** "Kwame WiafeAkenten Jr." <KWiafeAkenten@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Ceasefire Resolution

**From:** Ruth Mandelbaum <nurseruth1@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** June 18, 2024 at 11:22:52 PM EDT  
**To:** emtinti@kingston-ny.gov  
**Subject:** Ceasefire Resolution

Dear Common Council and Laws and Rules Committee

Back in January, the Laws and Rules Committee wisely decided to table the motion on a ceasefire resolution. It is disturbing that this did not put an end to the well-orchestrated, unrelenting efforts of a small vocal group to take up hours of your time with the intent to force a vote on a ceasefire resolution. You have been incredibly patient.

The majority of Jews (with very diverse political opinions) are Zionists who love Israel. That does not mean that we all agree with the current leadership in Israel or that we all agree on how the current war should be handled. Israel is still the only democracy in the middle east and is one of our allies. Our federal government is dealing with this crisis and there is no need for the City of Kingston to weigh in on it. You have already heard from leaders of the two Jewish Congregations within the City of Kingston and the President of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, all of whom are against this resolution coming to a vote. Those voices represent the majority voice of the Jewish Community in Kingston and its immediate surroundings. That alone should be enough to put an end to this. I am hoping that I don't have to go into all of the actual problems with the resolution, since I am hoping that it will not come to a vote. Should that be the unfortunate case I would have to elaborate further. Suffice it to say that it is incredibly biased and due to the targeting of this one global conflict out of so many, makes it in my view, antisemitic. I don't think that the Aldermen should be placed in the uncomfortable position of voting on this. Bringing this to a Common

Council vote would be a stab in the heart to the Jews in this community who have lived and worked here for years and have contributed so much. Please stop this now.

Respectfully yours,  
Ruth Mandelbaum  
Town of Ulster

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**To:** Mickens, Teryl  
**Cc:** Shaut, Andrea; Pasti, Sara; Tierney, Michael; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Edwards, Jeanne; Dennison, Bob; Schabot, Steven; Andrews, Drew; Hirsch, Michele; Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Please read regarding Ceasefire Resolution

I am writing to express my admiration for and gratitude to Teryl Mickens, Michele Hirsch, Bryant Drew Andrews and Michael Tierney for their thoughtful and brave response to their constituents and recognition that we in Kingston are citizens of the world and must stand and speak up on the right side of history. An extra special shout-out to my ward representative, and delightful neighbor, Teryl Mickens for her no vote in the face of the toothless, insubstantial, and ultimately dangerously ignorant alternative statement put forward by Reynolds Scott-Childress in which he claims the other statement represented only "one side," calls for the empty (and cynical!) plea of "peace and prosperity," and requires no contact with our NY reps, who should know! That's how representation works. It isn't a private club!

By ignoring completely the urgency of military divestment and reinvestment in community, Scott-Childress is revealing something deeply ugly about himself, and perhaps those he represents.

I could not be at the last two meetings because of caring for a sick relative but I will be back and speaking up.

Thank you.  
Carmela Marner  
Ward 5



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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] PASS CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION NOW! Make Common Council Meetings Safe For All!

To Kingston Common Council,

I am a resident of Port Ewen and a parent. I pay taxes for the Kingston City SD. I understand that over \$340k of our federal taxes go to funding Israeli military enforcement of displacement, occupation and the horrific, violent genocide of the Palestinian people. That this is genocide is an urgently recognized fact addressed by the International Criminal Court.

The money, our hard earned money, that funds this crime could and should support the well being and education of our children so that they will grow up and live in a different and more just world than this one.

Because of Kingston's ties to this, it is imperative that the Council and Laws and Rules immediately join neighboring cities such as Albany, Beacon and Newburgh in passing a Ceasefire Resolution as a first step in Kingston divesting from all financial complicity in the highest war crime possible: the planned genocide of an entire people. It is embarrassing you have not led on this, frankly.

Free Palestine!

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Port Ewen, NY

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**To:** Smith, Summer  
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Dear Representative,

We, a group of diverse Americans committed to democratic and Western values, express our support for the upcoming visit of the Israeli Prime Minister to the United States. Our backing of this visit is rooted in the core values that define our nation: respect, civility, and cooperation among our citizens, allies, and all independent sovereign states. While opinions on wartime foreign policy in distant regions may vary, our focus remains on the importance of strengthening alliances, fostering diplomatic relations, and protecting democracy.

Prime Minister Netanyahu's visit marks a significant milestone in the enduring relationship between the United States and Israel and our combined commitment to protect democratic and Western security and ideals. As he prepares to address a joint session of Congress, we are reminded of the strong diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties that bind our nations together. Israel has been a steadfast and trusted ally of the United States, and this visit offers a unique opportunity to deepen our collaboration on shared interests and global challenges.

In light of Prime Minister Netanyahu's commitment to peace and security in the Middle East, economic innovation, and democratic governance, we welcome his insight into what was truly a horrific attack on a sovereign nation, the only democratic country in the Middle East, and its civilian population. We genuinely hope that it will help America and Americans understand the existential threat that democracies are facing and the need for mutual cooperation among sovereign states.

As the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel stands as a beacon of democratic values in a region often fraught with instability. The perspectives he brings will undoubtedly enrich our understanding and further our collective efforts to promote peace, prosperity, and security both regionally and globally.

It is essential that we work together to combat issues surrounding regional stability, counterterrorism, and technological innovation, as these areas are of critical importance to the future. The engagement of our Congress in meaningful dialogue with Prime Minister Netanyahu will serve to reinforce the collective democratic values and principles we cherish during these difficult times.

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IK Orbuch, MD

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