



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, December 11, 2023

5:00 PM

In-Person

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate by being present at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA during the meeting. Public comment is accepted in person at the physical meeting location, or via email to PublicComment@losaltosca.gov.

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CALL TO ORDER

CONFIRM QUORUM

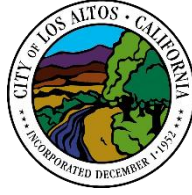
DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel
2. 12-11-23 Written Public Comments

ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

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AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 11, 2023

Subject City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Prepared by: Melissa Thurman, City Clerk

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Initiated by:
City Council (J. Weinberg, N. Fligor, and L. Lee Eng)

Background:

At the regular City Council meeting of October 24, 2023, a request was made by Vice Mayor Jonathan Weinberg, seconded by Councilmember Neysa Fligor, with support from Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng to: “Discuss the Council issuing a potential resolution, or any other action, denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel.”

During the regular City Council meeting of November 14, 2023, the City Council directed Vice Mayor Jonathan Weinberg to draft a resolution denouncing Antisemitism and Islamaphobia and denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel on October 7, 2023.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
DENOUNCING ANTISEMITISM, DENOUNCING ISLAMOPHOBIA, DENOUNCING
THE HAMAS TERRORIST ATTACKS OF OCTOBER 7, 2023, AND REAFFIRMING
EVERY PERSON’S RIGHT TO SAFETY AND RIGHT TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR OF
VIOLENCE OR INTIMIDATION REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, RELIGION,
ETHNICITY, AND PERSONAL EXPRESSION OF BELIEFS.**

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas committed a heinous act of terrorism, whose primary intention was to commit atrocities on noncombatants, and which terrorist acts were motivated by antisemitism;

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on November 14, 2023, members of the City Council and members of the public who spoke during public comment condemned Hamas’ acts of terror and its taking of more than two-hundred hostages;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of October 7, 2023, the Los Altos City Council recognizes that members of the Los Altos community have experienced acts of anti-Semitism and acts of Islamophobia;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Altos recognizes and affirms all of its residents’ right to live in safety, without fear of violence, intimidation, or threat, based on their religious beliefs or how they choose to express those beliefs;

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2017-07, the City Council of the City of Los Altos adopted a resolution reaffirming its commitment to a diverse, supportive, and inclusive community by:

1. Rejecting bigotry in all its forms, including antisemitism and Islamophobia;
2. Not tolerating discrimination, hate crimes, harassment or assault;
3. Opposing any attempt to undermine the safety, security, and rights of members of our community;
4. Recognizing, valuing and proactively working to ensure the rights and privileges of everyone in Los Altos regardless of religion; and
5. Obligating the City to promote actual safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights.

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2021-17, the City Council of the City of Los Altos cited resolution 2017-07 in denouncing intimidation, aggression and violence against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Altos and the Los Altos City Council:

1. Denounces Hamas as a terrorist organization, as recognized by the federal government of the United States of America, and specifically denounces Hamas' heinous and antisemitic terrorist attack and the taking of hostages on October 7, 2023;
2. Affirms that support for the Palestinian people is not the same as support for Hamas and categorically denounces the notion that anyone supports terrorism because of their faith or the manner in which they choose to express their faith;
3. Recognizes that members of the Los Altos Jewish and Muslim communities are hurt, anxious, and scared;
4. Affirms that the City of Los Altos and the City Council stand united with all its residents to promote unity and to respect the rights of every person in Los Altos to practice and express their faith freely, openly, and without fear of violence, intimidation, or threat.
5. Denounces and condemns antisemitism and Islamophobia;
6. Denounces and condemns all acts of violence, intimidation, and threat against any member of the Jewish or Muslim faiths;
7. Reaffirms that everyone has the right to express their religious beliefs – including but not limited to their manner of dress or the display of religious icons;
8. Promotes the actual safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights for all persons of the Jewish faith and for all persons of the Muslim faith within the City of Los Altos; and
9. Calls upon all members of the Los Altos community to respect and listen to the concerns of others, to seek understanding, and to do their part to protect their neighbors' sense of physical and emotional security, as well as their own.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 11th day of December, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jonathan D. Weinberg
MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, MMC
CITY CLERK

Melissa Thurman

From: Eric Levenson <eric_levenson@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 12:38 PM
To: Public Comment; publiccomment@losaltos.gov
Subject: City Council Resolution Denouncing the Hamas Attacks Against Israel

Adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attack against Israel by the City Council is appropriate, and the right thing to do by all honorable people.

The attack of October 7 was a depravity that can not be forgiven or forgotten. Honorable people can distinguish the moral difference between the purposeful, barbaric murder of innocents, and the accidental death of innocents during a defense of family and home.

Many Americans and much of the press are clearly ignorant of the reality of life in Gaza and Israel that led to the inhuman attack of Oct 7. I urge open-minded people who seek the truth to listen to the voice of Sophia Salem Khalifa, a Muslim Arab woman, who grew up in poverty in Israel, earned an Electrical Engineering degree from Tel Aviv University, and an MBA from Stanford. Her interview below is enlightening (a YouTube Interview).

Eric Levenson
650-793-1227
Los Altos, CA

[Arab Muslim Speaks About Her Life in Israel](#)



Melissa Thurman

From: Joanne Sobel <joanneds1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Resolution against Hamas

Please support the Los Altos resolution denouncing Hamas and antisemitism and Islamophobia. The heinous attack on innocent civilians on October 7th must never be condoned.

Thank you,
Joanne Sobel
Los Altos Hills

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Melissa Thurman

From: Jeanine Valadez <j9valadez@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 2:59 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: City.Manager
Subject: [External Sender]PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #1 -12/11/2023

Mayor Weinberg, Vice-Mayor Dailey, and Councilmembers Fligor, Lee Eng, and Meadows,

Thank you to the Mayor for drafting this document. I am sure it was difficult to get it all down. I hereby submit my comments and reactions to the proposed resolution as drafted.

Commentary on RECITALS Section:

1st Whereas: Please reconsider the use of the underlined words in this clause:

“...a heinous act of terrorism, whose primary intention was to commit atrocities on noncombatants, and which terrorist acts were motivated by anti-Semitism.”

We should not speak to intentions and motivations as these words imply the City of Los Altos/City Council have inside knowledge of what Hamas operatives were thinking and, in general, re-open a debate in an area where the Council has contestable (insufficient) credentials. It also rests on a conflation of anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism and they are not the same. As background, please refer to this Jewish source on this very topic: <https://jewishcurrents.org/the-hamas-attacks-and-israeli-response-an-explainer#were-hamass-attacks-motivated-by-antisemitism>

Instead, I think your initial recital should focus solely on identifying the relevant parties and the specific incident of Oct 7.

I suggest (changes in *italics*):

“WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas committed a heinous act of terrorism, *committing* atrocities on noncombatants, and which terrorist acts *elicited a large-scale military response from Israel.*”

2nd Whereas: if Council’s intention in this recital is to memorialize the gist of the community’s expressions during the Nov 14 Council meeting, which I believe is the only one for all Los Altos to feel that they were heard, then your words absolutely do NOT do that. On October 10, it may have been suitable to only talk of the Oct 7 attack. However, at this meeting, the community concern was altogether more expansive and more close to home; it was also much more varied in scope, with expressions along a wide variety of opinions. In representing the proceedings and tone of that meeting, you must acknowledge the gist of the diverse viewpoints and considerations that were expressed.

I suggest:

“WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on November 14, 2023, members of the City Council and members of the public who spoke during public comment condemned Hamas’ acts of terror and its taking of more than two-hundred hostages, *expressed their opinions about the continued large-scale Israeli military response, the continuing holding of hostages by Hamas, the continued displacement of Palestinians from their homes in the West Bank, and the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and reported fears of increased antisemitism, Islamophobia, and other dehumanizing behaviors against themselves and community members here at home, and also expressed hopes for unity and peace, and wanted their friends, family, and especially their children to live free from fear here in Los Altos;*”

3rd Whereas: I find this clause problematic because it implies that no one in our community has experienced anti-Semitism or Islamophobia before Oct 7. I hope you do not believe this is true, because it is not. If you want this clause to recognize that both forms of discrimination intensified after Oct 7, that’s fair. I just think it is important we not paint an unrealistic picture of life here.

I suggest:

“WHEREAS, in the aftermath of October 7, 2023, the Los Altos City Council recognizes *that members of the Los Altos community have experienced intensified levels of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia;*”

4th Whereas: The focus of this recital, as written, is about religious beliefs. I think its scope should be expanded because this whole situation encompasses discrimination and division about many more identifying attributes than religion; it includes ideologies about governance, self-determination, history, affiliation, and identity. I capture all these considerations into what defines a people’s “culture.” Moreover, it is not only those Los Altos who identify as Jewish, Israeli, Palestinian, or Muslim that are experiencing increased stress. Indeed, even Los Altos outside the above demographics are experiencing dismissal, isolation, criticism, and worse because of their fidelity to their friends inside the above demographics.

I suggest:

“WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Altos recognizes and affirms all of its residents’ right to live in without fear of violence, intimidation, or threat, *based on their religious beliefs, how they choose to express those beliefs, their cultural identities, or their community affiliations;*

6th Whereas: I do not understand what this clause intends to express. Why is the AAPI community being brought into this resolution?

I Propose a new closing recital:

I believe Council should set expectations for the community, just as it set expectations for itself in reiterating Resolution 2017-07’s Bullet 5. This resolution should aim to set the highest standards of behavior from its community members. Good leaders talk directly to their constituents.

I suggest:

“WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Altos expects all Los Altans to treat one another with humanity, dignity, empathy, and respect at all times, but especially when one disagrees with another;”

Commentary on NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Section:

Verb tense error in this section:

Since this section declares the active parties as the (1) City and (2) the Council (two parties), all subsequent paragraphs must use Denounce vs Denounces, Recognize vs Recognizes, etc. If you want to leave the resolving clauses as is, then change the parties as follows (though I think it is more effective to change the verb tenses in each clause):

“NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby declares that the City of Los Altos:

1. *Denounces...*
2. *Affirms...”*

Specific feedback on each resolution clause:

Resolution 1: remove “antisemitic [sic]” for reasons cited in the recital section above.

Resolution 2: Add “culture” as a couplet to faith since this is not all about faith as explained in the recital section above.

Resolution 4: replace “faith” with “faith, culture, and opinions.”

Resolution 6: additionally say “all acts of hate speech, exclusion,...<rest of list>”

Resolution 7: say “religious and cultural beliefs”

Add a Resolution 10: “Expects all members of the Los Altos Community to abide by the legal limits on their speech and actions including, but not limited to, obeying all laws and municipal codes of conduct, proper posting of information, art, opinions, and other expressions, obtaining required permits for assembly and other protest or advocacy activities, and adhering to norms and procedures for participating in legislative and community meetings.

I would swap Resolution 10 and 9 because your current Resolution 9 is excellent and reads very well as the closing resolution.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeanine Valadez

Disclosure: I am a PARC Commissioner but am submitting this Comment as a member of the public.

Melissa Thurman

From: Bill Hough <psa188@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 8:30 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: City Council
Subject: public comment on item 1 on the December 11 agenda

The Hamas attacks against Israel were an atrocity. It is difficult for me to discuss terrorism without using inappropriate language. I was in New York on 9/11, so I have first-hand knowledge regarding how awful the indiscriminate killing of innocent non-combatants can be. I was close enough to the World Trade Center site to smell the unpleasant odor of burnt flesh mixed with jet fuel that was present after the atrocity.

That said, there is no reason beyond stupid virtue signaling for the Los Altos City Council to waste time and effort to state the obvious. It is not Council's place to opine on foreign events, regardless of how awful these events might be. There are enough issues in governing this town without wasting time on irreverent issues.

Council needs to stay in its lane and deal with City issues.

Bill Hough
Los Altos

Melissa Thurman

From: Cheryl Young <cherylyoung3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 11:40 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: City of Los Altos Resolution

Dear Los Altos City Council,

I am a resident of Los Altos. I support the City Council adopting a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel. This is vital for our children and our nation's future. We must denounce Antisemitism.

Thank you for following through on this resolution.

Cheryl Young

Proud resident of Los Altos 94024 since 1991

Melissa Thurman

From: Cheryl Young <cherylyoung3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 11:48 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM Resolution 2023 - Dec 11, 2023

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Melissa Thurman

From: Rita Allen <allen.rita@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 11:59 AM
To: Public Comment; Lynette Lee Eng
Subject: City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Members of the Los Altos City Council,

I strongly encourage you to adopt the resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched an attack that killed 1,200 innocent people in Israel, including 35 Americans. It was a brutal and horrific massacre. Babies and Holocaust survivors were killed. Young people who were simply attending a concert were shot dead. In connection with this terror attack, Hamas raped and mutilated women and girls. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67629181>

While I abhor the death of Palestinian civilians, the actions of Hamas cannot be excused.

Thank you ,
Rita Allen
(650) 255-1839



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Melissa Thurman

From: Jacob Y <jyoungsports@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 12:44 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM Resolution 2023 - Dec 11, 2023

Dear Los Altos City Council,

As a longtime resident of Los Altos, I firmly support the denunciation of Hamas due to their heinous attacks on Israel. Please stand with the Jewish people in the direct contention of antisemitism as it seems to be on the rise. People of all ages and opinions need to hear the support of our community for the Jewish community in this delicate time.

Thank you for your support
Jacob Young
Resident of Los Altos 94024 since 1999

Melissa Thurman

From: Tal Shalon <Tal@shalon.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 1:18 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I want express my support for issuing a resolution that stand against antisemitism and condemning the terrible attacks by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your courage in speaking out against this violence sets a powerful example for all of us.

By denouncing these terrible acts, you're showing real leadership and a commitment to keeping our city safe for everyone. Your resolution makes it clear that everyone deserves to feel safe and included without fear of violence.

I appreciate how much you understand the pain that these attacks have caused in our community. Your support means a lot, and it's creating an environment where everyone feels valued and protected. Your supports is so needed. Just yesterday my kids and I saw these sign on a car parked in our neighborhood so close to los altos high school.

Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make our city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

With heartfelt thanks,
Tal Shalon



Melissa Thurman

From: Elinor Tamari <elinortamari@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 1:33 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I want to thank you for taking a stand against antisemitism and condemning the terrible attacks by Hamas. Your courage in opposing this hate sends a strong message to our community.

The escalating antisemitism is deeply concerning, particularly seeing the hate Jewish students encounter at college campuses. It's troubling to witness antisemitism now seeping into our schools. I trust our leaders to address these incidents decisively and responsibly.

Your bravery in standing against these terrible acts driven by hate shows real leadership. It makes our city a safer place for everyone. By making sure we all live without fear, you're showing that inclusivity and protection matter to our community.

Your commitment to unity, respect, and understanding is inspiring. It shows that everyone should be free to practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or threats.

Thank you for making our city a safer and more inclusive place. Your dedication to standing against terror and hate defines the values we cherish.

Sincerely,

Elinor Tamari

Melissa Thurman

From: Mark Balch <markebalch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Los Altos City Council -

I'm Mark Balch, a long-time area resident.

I ask you to approve the resolution standing up to antisemitism, islamophobia, and the Hamas attacks of October 7, and reaffirming every person's right to safety in our community. Now is the time for unqualified condemnation of Hamas' barbarism.

Jews have lived in Israel for thousands of years. We were subjugated by the Romans, the Ottomans, and the British Empire. When Hamas keeps coming back year after year trying to kill us, this is the tragic outcome. Hamas terrorists bragged on social media with gruesome pictures and videos of their atrocities.

President Biden has courage to support the Jewish people. Governor Newsom too. Senator Alex Padilla. Representative Anna Eshoo. State Senator Scott Weiner. State Senator Josh Becker. Assemblyman Marc Berman. The MVLA school district. And many more.

Please, recognize and stand up against evil. I ask for your support. Thank you.

Mark Balch

Melissa Thurman

From: sarit schube <saritschube@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and firmly condemning the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate sets a powerful example for our community.

Your courage in denouncing the heinous acts motivated by antisemitism showcases strong leadership and a dedication to preserving the safety and security of our city. By reaffirming the rights of every individual to live without fear of violence or intimidation, you emphasize the core values of inclusivity and protection for all residents.

Your resolution reflects a profound understanding of the distress experienced by our community members affected by these acts of terror. Your support and affirmation for their safety contribute immensely to fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and valued.

Your declaration underscores the values of unity, respect, and empathy, urging us to embrace understanding and mutual respect for one another's concerns. It signifies a commitment to ensuring that all individuals can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or threats.

Your unwavering dedication to safeguarding the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution stands as a testament to your commitment to preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,
Sarit Schube
Community member

Melissa Thurman

From: Ariel Shore <shoreari7@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 2:08 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Ariel Shore

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Thurman

From: Shirit Rosenberg <shiritkamil@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 2:53 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you

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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With much appreciation,

Shirit Kamil-Rosenberg, EdD, ACSM CEP

Melissa Thurman

From: Eitan Toledo <toledo_y@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 3:28 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and firmly condemning the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate sets a powerful example for our community.

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With utmost appreciation,

Eitan Toledo

Melissa Thurman

From: Pascal Bensoussan <pascal.bensoussan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 4:35 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and unequivocally condemning the abhorrent terrorist attacks orchestrated by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your steadfast commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate is vital, especially considering the alarming rise in antisemitic incidents impacting our community.

Preliminary data from the FBI reveals an alarming surge in reported incidents of harassment, vandalism, and assault, showing an increase of 388 percent from the same period last year since October 7, 2023. Furthermore, the escalating antisemitic activities within U.S. colleges and universities, as tracked by government agencies and watchdogs, paint a deeply concerning picture. The Anti-Defamation League reported a distressing 41% spike in such incidents in 2022 compared to the previous year, affecting more than 130 schools.

These distressing statistics are not just numbers; they represent the lived experiences of individuals within our community.

In the face of such distressing trends, your resolution stands as a beacon of hope and resilience. Your dedication to denouncing antisemitism and ensuring the safety of every resident, irrespective of their beliefs or background, is crucial. It sends a powerful message that our community is united in safeguarding the rights and dignity of all individuals.

Your resolution reaffirms values of unity, respect, and empathy, urging us to embrace understanding and support for each other. It signifies a commitment to fostering an environment where everyone can express their beliefs without fear of discrimination or intimidation.

Your unwavering dedication to protecting the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution is an essential step in preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Melissa Thurman

From: Yaron Naveh <yaronn01@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 5:16 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

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By denouncing these terrible acts, you're showing real leadership and a commitment to keeping our city safe for everyone. Your resolution makes it clear that everyone deserves to feel safe and included without fear of violence.

I appreciate how much you understand the pain that these attacks have caused in our community. Your support means a lot, and it's creating an environment where everyone feels valued and protected.

Your commitment to unity, respect, and empathy shines through in this resolution. It shows that you're dedicated to making sure everyone can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or danger.

Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make our city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

With heartfelt thanks,
Yaron Naveh

Melissa Thurman

From: Aviad Pinkovezky <aviadpink@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 6:05 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to convey my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and strongly condemning the atrocious terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to combating such acts of violence and hatred is deeply reassuring, especially in light of the disconcerting rise in antisemitic incidents affecting our community and educational institutions.

The recent data from the FBI depicting an almost 400 percent surge in reported incidents of harassment, vandalism, and assault against Jews since October 7, 2023, is deeply troubling. Moreover, the escalating instances of antisemitism within our schools and colleges across the nation paint an alarming picture. Disturbing events in our community, such as students chanting "from the river to the sea," advocating for the eradication of Israel, and another incident where antisemitic comments and gestures targeted Jewish students are profoundly distressing.

These distressing incidents reflect a larger concerning trend. The unsettling narratives emerging from our educational institutions speak volumes about the challenges faced by Jewish students. Reports detailing derogatory chants, exclusion from clubs based on faith, and acts of vandalism, such as swastikas carved into walls, paint a harrowing picture of the discrimination and intimidation faced by our youth.

Your resolution holds immense significance in this context. Your resolute stance against antisemitism and your commitment to ensuring the safety and dignity of all individuals within our community serve as a beacon of hope. It reaffirms the values of unity, respect, and empathy, emphasizing the imperative need for an environment where every individual can freely express their beliefs without fear or discrimination.

Your dedication in safeguarding the rights and safety of every member of our community, especially in the face of these distressing incidents, is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution signifies a crucial step in preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to denounce antisemitism and uphold the values that define our city.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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Aviad Pinkovezky

Melissa Thurman

From: Shani Baron <shanibaron1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 6:09 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your steadfast commitment and courage in supporting the forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism, Islamophobia, and condemning the terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering dedication to upholding values of inclusivity, safety, and solidarity within our community is truly commendable.

By standing firmly against the heinous acts of terrorism motivated by antisemitism, you exemplify the highest ideals of leadership. Your proactive stance in reaffirming the rights of every individual to live free from fear and violence, regardless of race, creed, religion, or personal beliefs, fills our community with a profound sense of security and belonging.

Your resolution signifies not just a statement but a powerful commitment to protect and support the diverse fabric of our city. Your recognition of the distress faced by members of our Jewish and Muslim communities underscores your empathy and dedication to ensuring their safety and well-being.

Your resolution echoes the values of unity, respect, and empathy, emphasizing the importance of listening to and understanding each other's concerns. It's a ray of hope, fostering an environment where all can freely practice and express their faith without fear of discrimination or intimidation.

Your unwavering support for the rights and safety of every individual within our city is deeply appreciated. Your dedication to fostering an inclusive and secure environment makes us feel supported and reassured.

Once again, thank you for your remarkable courage, unwavering support, and dedication to preserving the values that define our community.

With utmost appreciation,
Shani Eitan

Melissa Thurman

From: Anat Samid <anatsamid@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 7:13 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make our city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

With heartfelt thanks,
Anat Samid

Melissa Thurman

From: mmalkin@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 8:32 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Your resolution reflects a profound understanding of the distress experienced by our community members affected by these acts of terror. Your support and affirmation for their safety contribute immensely to fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and valued.

Your declaration underscores the values of unity, respect, and empathy, urging us to embrace understanding and mutual respect for one another's concerns. It signifies a commitment to ensuring that all individuals can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or threats.

Your unwavering dedication to safeguarding the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution stands as a testament to your commitment to preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Moshe Malkin

Melissa Thurman

From: Zachi Rosenberg <zrosenb304@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 9:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Sincerely,
Zachi Rosenberg
Los Altos, CA

Melissa Thurman

From: Ilana Davis <ilanasculptures@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 9:24 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make our city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

With heartfelt thanks,
Ilana Davis

Melissa Thurman

From: Oran Davis <oran@oran.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 10:09 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I cannot thank you enough for having the courage and moral standing to condemn the attack and atrocities carried out by Hamas on October 7.

I feel that with people in office and official responsibilities making a moral stand against murder, kidnapping, antisemitism and hate, others will be influenced and be more thoughtful regarding expressing hate.

Sincerely with heart felt gratitude,
Oran Davis

Melissa Thurman

From: Einav Axler <itzeinav@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 7:17 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Einav Axler

Melissa Thurman

From: Lara McGurk <laragmcgurk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:46 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,
Lara McGurk

Melissa Thurman

From: Renee Rashid <renee.rashid@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:01 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: [External Sender]12/10/23 City Council Meeting - Resolution

Mayor, Vice-Mayor & Councilmembers,

I appreciate you listening to the concerns of the public regarding this Resolution that is being presented before the council, as it is a difficult issue for many people in the community. While I thank Mayor Weinberg for creating a more nuanced stance than what was originally being discussed, there are a few points where I feel this could be improved:

1. WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas committed a heinous act of terrorism **against Israelis, including civilians; whose primary intention was to commit atrocities on noncombatants, and which terrorist acts were motivated by anti-Semitism;**

Why are we speaking on the intentions and motivations of Hamas? Does the City Council have inside knowledge of Hamas operatives' thinking? We can speak to the outcomes - the hostages that were taken, and that atrocities were committed on civilians. But there is a great deal of evidence that indicates that this attack was not motivated by anti-semitism, but as a rebellion to decades of oppression, apartheid and taking of lands. See <https://jewishcurrents.org/the-hamas-attacks-and-israeli-response-an-explainer#were-hamass-attacks-motivated-by-antisemitism> for reference. City council should not be putting forth motivations and intentions for global events.

2. WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on November 14, 2023, members of the City Council and members of the public who spoke during public comment condemned Hamas' acts of terror and its taking of more than two-hundred hostages; **members of the public also condemned the disproportionate response by the Israeli government that has killed over 16,000 Palestinians, including over 7,000 children, and displaced over 1 million civilians.**

There was significant acknowledgement and condemnation of the collective punishment and killings in Gaza and the West Bank from people of diverse religions and ethnicities. Why has that been erased? If this statement is talking about what took place at the city council meeting, then it should reflect it accurately.

3. There is a focus on anti-semitism and Islamophobia, and while it is important and necessary to condemn both, there is much hate being expressed for the Palestinian-American ethnic community as well, who are Christian as well as Muslim. This is not due to their religious identity, but their ethnicity. So this should be absolutely be included in the statements against hate.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration,

Renee Rashid

Melissa Thurman

From: Dorit <pomodorit@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 11:21 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: condemn Hamas

City Council.

thank you for taking this moment in History to stand up and be on the right side of history.

Elie Wiesel wrote: "what hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander." I am proud that you are not standing by and taking this stand against the horror of the HAMAS raid of October 7th.

On October 7, HAMS initiated an unprecedented gruesome attack of the civilian residents of Southern Israel. The beheaded 40 babies and toddlers. They Put one baby in a hot oven. They burned homes with residents inside. Hamas killed over 1,200 innocent civilians. This number is growing as forensic anthropologist are identifying bodies beyond recognition. Hamas raped women of ALL ages, gleefully posting live videos of the action. The killed the women and paraded naked women in the streets of Gaza as trophies. Image these were your daughters, mothers, sisters and loved ones.

They kidnapped 240 civilian hostages. Children from ages 10 months ... and seniors with medical issues (ages 85+). Kidnapped Civilians. There has been a universal cry for the release of these innocent hostages and there was a brief exchange for 3 criminals per hostage. There are sill 136 hostages in captivity. Countless families broken as they wait for news as to the life and health of the their family members.

I ask you to Condem HAMAS, a terror organization, recognized by the US government as a terror organization since 1997 (along with Al Qa'ida, Boko Haram, Isis, <https://www.state.gov/foreign-terrorist-organizations/>) It is really easy to condemn a group designated as a terror organization by the US State Department.

Please do Condemn HAMAS. Note: this has nothing to do with the innocent civilian residents of GAZA. THIS is ony about HAMAS>

Dorit

Dorit Perry
Pomodorit@gmail.com

Melissa Thurman

From: Michal Lapede <michal.lapede@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 1:41 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to convey my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and strongly condemning the atrocious terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to combating such acts of violence and hatred is deeply reassuring, especially in light of the disconcerting rise in antisemitic incidents affecting our community and educational institutions.

Your resolution reaffirms values of unity, respect, and empathy, urging us to embrace understanding and support for each other. It signifies a commitment to fostering an environment where everyone can express their beliefs without fear of discrimination or intimidation.

As we celebrate Hanukkah, I want to take this opportunity and wish our community light, health and miracles.

Thank you and have a great week,

Michal Lapede

**Have a great and healthy day,
Michal Lapede
[Linkedin.com/in/michal-lapede/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/michal-lapede/)**

Melissa Thurman

From: Meira Gotesdyner <meira@gotesdyner.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 2:05 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

We deeply appreciate your support in voting for a resolution to denounce Hamas attacks against Israel, offering hope and unity to our Jewish and Israeli community during these challenging times. Our community is extremely concerned about rising anti-Semitism, causing fear and isolation among community members. As community leaders, your clear and firm statement against terrorism, anti-Semitism, and hatred would greatly influence our sense of belonging and help combat anti-Semitic incidents.

We wholeheartedly support the resolution proposed in the agenda for the City Council meeting on 12/11/2023, condemning Hamas terrorist acts and promoting inclusivity in our community. This resolution would send a powerful message of unity against hate.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to your positive response in making Los Altos a place of mutual respect and inclusivity.

Take care

Meira Gotesdyner

Melissa Thurman

From: Meira Gotesdyner <mgotesdyner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 2:11 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Esteemed Council Members,

First and foremost, we wish to convey our profound gratitude for your vote to support a resolution denouncing Hamas attacks against Israel. This action touched the hearts of Jewish and Israeli residents in our community. It served as a beacon of hope and solidarity, reminding us of the importance of local leadership in promoting understanding and harmony.

Our community is in a precarious state. The Jewish and Israeli population in Los Altos currently experiences a sense of isolation and vulnerability. We watch with increasing anxiety as anti-Semitism rises across the United States, causing distress and fear within our community. It is at times like these that we turn to our community leaders, such as yourselves, as the moral compass to guide our community through these tumultuous times. Your collective voice holds tremendous power. A clear and unequivocal resolution from our city's leadership, condemning acts of terrorism and, importantly, expressing a resolute stance against anti-Semitism and hatred, can have a profound impact. It would not only bolster the sense of belonging of the Jewish and Israeli community in Los Altos but also help in stemming the tide of anti-Semitic incidents that have become all too common.

We wholeheartedly support the resolution proposed in the agenda for the City Council meeting on 12/11/2023, condemning Hamas terrorist acts and emphasizing the importance of eradicating anti-Semitism and promoting inclusivity in our community. Such a resolution would send a powerful message of unity, demonstrating that our city stands firmly against hate, intolerance, and violence.

In closing, we earnestly hope that you, our esteemed Mayor and City Council, will consider our request and take action to issue an official statement. Your support in this matter would not only provide solace to our community but also contribute to a stronger, more harmonious Los Altos.

Thank you for your time and attention. We remain hopeful for a positive response to our request and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts in making Los Altos a place of inclusivity and mutual respect for all.

Sincerely,

Melissa Thurman

From: Elo Kon <elokon12345@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Resolution denouncing Hamas terror attacks against Israeli babies, kids, women and men

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for considering our request to pass a resolution denouncing Hamas' attacks against Israel. This action is crucial for fostering unity and hope within our Jewish and Israeli community, especially in these challenging times.

The rise in anti semitism is a significant concern for us. It has instilled fear and isolation, impacting the well-being of many. Your firm stand against terrorism, anti-Semitism, and hatred would not only affirm our community's safety but also reinforce our sense of belonging.

We are in full support of the resolution scheduled for discussion at the City Council meeting on December 11, 2023. It is imperative to condemn the terrorist activities of Hamas and promote an environment of inclusivity in our community. Such a resolution would strongly symbolize our collective stance against hate.

We appreciate your consideration and are hopeful for a positive outcome. Your support is key in making Los Altos a community characterized by mutual respect and inclusivity.

Thanks,
Dr. Elon Kon

Melissa Thurman

From: Jean Wolman <jwolman@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Proposed City Council Resolution to denounce Hamas' brutal October 7 attack on Israel

Dear Los Altos City Council members,

We are writing to support the above named resolution, on the December 11 agenda of the Council's meeting.

Thank you for recording our public comments.

Jean and Allen Wolman
1574 Clay Drive
Los Altos, CA 94024

Sent from Jean's iPad
Please excuse inadvertent typos due to auto correct and haste.

Melissa Thurman

From: Karen Enfield <karenenfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 2:53 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members

As somebody who has sat helplessly by over the years observing the increase in Jew hatred in our society, taking a clear moral stance to condemn Hamas unfortunately is necessary to affirm basic humanity and push back against terror.

What threatens the Jews, will threaten us all.

I understand that social justice the excuse to excuse terrorism, but the tactics of terrorism if justified abroad, will become to norm to force civil issues here at home in America, unless our cities take a stand against Hamas terrorism in clear and no uncertain terms.

The chants of the pro-Hamas crowd is that they want their way by any means necessary. Hamas is not pro Palestinian either, they just pretend to be . They are pro-hatred and pro-terror and will continue methods of fear and violence to achieve whatever they want anywhere in the world, including Palo Alto. Condemn Hamas to say that terror to force ones will should not be excused, rationalized, or normalized and has no home here.

Please take a stand for safety, decency, and civilized conduct here at home by making a statement against Hamas terror abroad. The lives and freedom you preserve will be for everybody, not just the Jewish community.

Sincerely,
Karen Enfield
San Jose concerned resident

Melissa Thurman

From: Ido Josef <idojyy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 5:31 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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I appreciate how much you understand the pain that these attacks have caused in our community. Your support means a lot, and it's creating an environment where everyone feels valued and protected.

Your commitment to unity, respect, and empathy shines through in this resolution. It shows that you're dedicated to making sure everyone can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or danger.

Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make the city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Many thanks and Happy Hanukkah!
Ido Josef.

Melissa Thurman

From: Mirit Josef <mirit.josef@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 5:34 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make our city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

With heartfelt thanks,
Mirit Josef

Melissa Thurman

From: Dana Harduf <dana.harduf@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 6:43 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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With heartfelt thanks and appreciation,
Dana and the Schitzer family

Melissa Thurman

From: Yoav Agmon <yoav.agmon@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:01 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Yoav Agmon
Los Altos resident since 1985

Melissa Thurman

From: Smadar Agmon <smadar.agmon@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:08 PM
To: Public Comment
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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,
Smadar Agmon, Los Altos resident

Melissa Thurman

From: Jennifer Berson Hughes <jenbhughes@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:09 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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With utmost appreciation,
Jennifer Hughes
94022

Melissa Thurman

From: Amy Gerstein <amygerstein@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:56 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Comment re: resolution
Attachments: support for resolution LAC.docx

Dear Los Altos City Council members,
I am submitting comments regarding resolution under consideration on Monday's Special Meeting.

Thank you very much,
Amy Gerstein
President
Congregation Beth Am

Amy Gerstein
amygerstein@sbcglobal.net

Melissa Thurman

From: etamari100 <etamari100@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 9:10 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public Comments for City Council Special Meeting (December 11, 2023)

Dear council members,

I'd like to express my support for the proposed resolution which denounces Hamas' heinous and antisemitic attack on 10/7, which spawned a surge in antisemitism sentiment throughout the country, and particularly in our community.

The resolution rightfully denounces the most horrific act of antisemitism since the Holocaust against Jews during World War II. It does not, and should not, address the political situation in the Middle East. We should not be talking about a barbaric terrorist attack in "context" of a political situation, as that would imply the support for such an act under certain circumstances.

Thank you for standing by the Israeli and Jewish community in these dark times, and for not staying silent. I appreciate the call for all members of the community to respect each other and protect each other's sense of physical and emotional security.

Thank you,
Eran
Los Altos resident

Melissa Thurman

From: Noa Grant <noa@noagrants.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 9:59 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Guy Gecht
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to express my gratitude for your leadership in adopting the resolution that unequivocally denounces antisemitism and the recent terrorist attacks by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your stance against the brutal acts of violence and hatred is commendable and reinforces the values we hold dear in our town. During these challenging times, this resolution serves as a vital reminder of the principles of tolerance, safety, and inclusivity that Los Altos stands for. It is heartening to see your commitment to ensuring that every citizen feels secure and valued, irrespective of their background or beliefs.

The boldness and empathy you've shown in addressing these issues head-on offer solace and strength to those of us affected and it sends a clear message that hatred and violence have no place in our community. It is a reassurance that our town remains a safe haven for all its residents, unified against any form of terror.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for taking a stand that truly embodies the spirit of our town. Together we can overcome challenges and maintain a harmonious and safe community for all.

Sincerely,

Noa Grant, 1380 McKenzie Avenue, Los Altos

Melissa Thurman

From: Edy Kishinevsky <edy.job@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Esteemed Council Members,

We want to express our appreciation for your vote to support a resolution denouncing Hamas attacks against Israel. This statement deeply resonated with the Jewish and Israeli residents of our community, serving as a source of hope and unity during these trying times.

We also wish to share our concerns about the challenges our community currently faces. The Jewish and Israeli population in Los Altos is feeling isolated and vulnerable as anti-Semitism continues to rise across the United States, causing distress and fear. During such times, we look to our community leaders, like yourselves, to provide guidance and leadership.

Your collective voice holds significant influence. A clear and unwavering resolution from our city's leadership, condemning acts of terrorism, and firmly denouncing anti-Semitism and hatred, can have a profound impact. Such a statement would not only strengthen the sense of belonging within the Jewish and Israeli community in Los Altos but also play a crucial role in combating the surge of anti-Semitic incidents.

We wholeheartedly support the resolution proposed in the agenda for the City Council meeting on 12/11/2023, condemning Hamas terrorist acts and emphasizing the importance of eradicating anti-Semitism and promoting inclusivity in our community. This resolution would send a powerful message of unity, affirming that our city stands united against hate, intolerance, and violence.

We sincerely hope that you, our esteemed Mayor and City Council, will give thoughtful consideration to our request and vote in support of this resolution. Your support in this matter would provide comfort to our community and contribute to a stronger, more harmonious Los Altos.

Thank you for your time and attention. We remain hopeful for a positive response to our request and eagerly look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to make Los Altos a place of inclusivity and mutual respect for all.

Sincerely,
Edy Kishinevsky

Melissa Thurman

From: Barak Turovsky <baraktur@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:14 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Supporting resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Esteemed Council Members,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the proposed resolution condemning the vile and antisemitic assault orchestrated by Hamas on 10/7. The repercussions of this heinous act have cast a dark shadow over our community, intensifying the surge of antisemitism that has gripped our nation.

The resolution, with its unambiguous denouncement, addresses a critical juncture in history—a moment that echoes the darkest chapters of antisemitism, reminiscent of the Holocaust during World War II. It stands as a testament to our commitment to resolutely oppose acts of terror that threaten the very fabric of our society.

I commend the resolution for wisely refraining from entangling itself in the labyrinth of Middle Eastern politics. It rightly separates the abhorrent violence we condemn from the complex geopolitical landscape. This approach sends a clear message that acts of terrorism should never find refuge in political discourse.

In these trying times, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the council for standing as a beacon of support for the Israeli and Jewish community. Thank you for your resolute stance and your call for unity to preserve the physical and emotional well-being of our community.

Sincerely, Barak Turovsky

Melissa Thurman

From: Alexandra Levich <alexandra.lev@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:16 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Supporting resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing to express my support for the resolution addressing the recent antisemitic attack by Hamas on 10/7. The community has felt the impact, and denouncing such actions is crucial.

The resolution rightly condemns the act without delving into complex Middle East politics, which I find commendable. Focusing on condemning terrorism without getting into intricate political details sends a clear message.

I appreciate the council's commitment to standing by the Israeli and Jewish community during these challenging times. Your call for unity and the preservation of our community's well-being is valued.

Best, Alex Levich

Melissa Thurman

From: Jonathan Turovsky <jonathan.turovsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:38 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Backing the Resolution Against Bad Stuff

Dear Council Members,

My brother, Eli and I, are 6th and 5th graders at Oak Elementary. Our parents told us about the resolution and we are writing to say we really think this resolution about the antisemitic attack by Hamas on 10/7 is important. It's been kinda scary with more hate, and the resolution is like saying a big 'no' to that.

We know a lot of people say different things about Israel and argue about it, including some kids at school. It's scary to hear that, but the resolution does not talk about that. It talks about terrorism being bad, which we totally get. We think everyone should get it.

Thanks to the council for being there for the Israeli and Jewish community. It's important for us to stick together and feel safe.

From, Jonathan and Eli Turovsky

Melissa Thurman

From: Esther Rosenfeld <esther@rosenfeldfamilylaw.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:57 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Yes on the Hamas denouncing resolution

Dear Mayor Weinberg and City Councilmembers:

Thank you for serving the serving the community.

I am writing as a member of the public in full support of the proposed resolution up for vote tomorrow, December 11, condemning hate and condemning Hamas in no uncertain terms.

Thank you for your moral clarity in these times, when good and evil seem to be frequently inverted.

Best,
E Rosenfeld

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Melissa Thurman

From: YSaar-CSU <ys_csu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 11:01 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you for your support in proposed resolution

Hello

I live in Sunnyvale for more than 23 years and appreciate the support in the proposed resolution promoting the safety of our communities

Thanks
Y Saar

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Melissa Thurman

From: Liat Salman <salman.liat@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 11:24 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you and the proposed resolution

Dear Mr. Weinberg and Council Members,

My name is Liat Salman and I was leading the Illuminate Together event last night. I am writing to you to thank you Mayor and Mrs. Fligor for attending the event.

It was a pleasure getting to know you and to listen to your inspiring words.

Although I am a Sunnyvale resident, I felt I needed to express my appreciation to both of you for your leadership and support.

Last night I found comfort in what you said as I felt we are not alone in this and that our emotional and physical safety is in your best interest.

Although unfortunately I won't be able to attend the meeting tomorrow, I read your proposed resolution and am fully support it!

Looking forward for future community gatherings

Thank you 🙏

Liat Salman

Melissa Thurman

From: Shlomit Alcalay <mitidmo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:29 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Supporting Los Altos Proposed Resolution

Dear Mayor and Esteemed Council Members,

I want to express my appreciation for your vote to support a resolution denouncing Hamas's attacks against Israel.

In light of the recent events, the statement, is so important to the community.

During this time, the Jewish and Israeli community is looking to our community leaders, like yourselves, to provide guidance and leadership.

We wholeheartedly support the resolution proposed in the agenda for the City Council meeting on 12/11/2023, condemning Hamas terrorist acts and emphasizing the importance of eradicating anti-Semitism and promoting inclusivity in our community. This resolution would send a powerful message of unity, affirming that our city stands united against hate, intolerance, and violence.

Thank you for your time and attention. We remain hopeful for a positive response to our request and eagerly look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to make Los Altos a place of inclusivity and mutual respect for all.

Sincerely,

Shlomit Alcalay

Melissa Thurman

From: Natasha Got <natasha.got@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:51 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you for condemning Hamas and fighting Antisemitism

Thank you for your integrity, fighting Antisemitism and the condemnation of Hamas.
Clearly, the people of Los Altos feel better knowing they voted for the best community leaders.

Melissa Thurman

From: Gilli Yahalom <gilli.yahalom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:57 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your steadfast commitment and courage in supporting the forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism, Islamophobia, and condemning the terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering dedication to upholding values of inclusivity, safety, and solidarity within our community is truly commendable.

By standing firmly against the heinous acts of terrorism motivated by antisemitism, you exemplify the highest ideals of leadership. Your proactive stance in reaffirming the rights of every individual to live free from fear and violence, regardless of race, creed, religion, or personal beliefs, fills our community with a profound sense of security and belonging.

Your resolution signifies not just a statement but a powerful commitment to protect and support the diverse fabric of our city. Your recognition of the distress faced by members of our Jewish and Muslim communities underscores your empathy and dedication to ensuring their safety and well-being.

Your resolution echoes the values of unity, respect, and empathy, emphasizing the importance of listening to and understanding each other's concerns. It's a ray of hope, fostering an environment where all can freely practice and express their faith without fear of discrimination or intimidation.

Your unwavering support for the rights and safety of every individual within our city is deeply appreciated. Your dedication to fostering an inclusive and secure environment makes us feel supported and reassured.

Once again, thank you for your remarkable courage, unwavering support, and dedication to preserving the values that define our community.

With utmost appreciation,
Gilli Yahalom

Melissa Thurman

From: Alexandra Vainer <avainer2019@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 5:46 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Please accept our support for the resolution against Hamas

We are supporting your resolution against Hamas.
Thank you for helping Israel

Alexandra Vainer

Melissa Thurman

From: Alexandra V <alexandraeuropeanskincare@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 5:47 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support resolution against Hamas

We are supporting your resolution against Hamas.
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Emanuel Vainer

Melissa Thurman

From: Alexandra Vainer <alexandra.bussiness@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 5:49 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support resolutin against Hamas

We are supporting your resolution against Hamas.
Thank you for helping Israel

Best Regards,

Grigoriy Dratva

Melissa Thurman

From: Irene Hashfield <irene.hashfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 6:14 AM
To: Public Comment

Support for AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for deciding to stand against antisemitism Islamophobia, and condemning the terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your courage in speaking out against this violence sets a powerful example.

Your dedication to denouncing antisemitism and ensuring the safety of every resident, irrespective of their beliefs or background, is crucial. It sends a powerful message that our community is united in safeguarding the rights and dignity of all individuals.

By standing firmly against the heinous acts of terrorism motivated by antisemitism, you exemplify the highest ideals of leadership. Your unwavering support for the rights and safety of every individual within our city is deeply appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your courage, unwavering support, and dedication to preserving the values that define our community.

Irene Hashfield

29 Deep Well Lane

Los Altos, CA 94022

Melissa Thurman

From: Hanna Barniv <hbarniv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:08 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you

Dear Sirs,

We are proud of the integrity of the city council voting against antisemitism and hate, condemning Hamas terror. We feel safer living next to the town of Los Altos. Thank you!

Best Regards,
Hanna Tagger

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Thurman

From: Dorit Kerem <doritkerem@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:30 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you for your ongoing support and today's proposed resolution

Hello,

My name is Dorit and we have lived in the area for 19 years. I wanted to express my support for the city mayor and council members and thank you for coming for the Chanukah event on Saturday.

I am thankful for your ongoing support and fully supporting the proposed resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel. This means a lot to me, my friends and family who live in the area. This means a lot for democracy and safety for us and our community.

Best regards and happy holiday season,
Dorit

Melissa Thurman

From: Ken Solnit <ksolnit@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:36 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Thank you

Dear Sirs,

We are proud of the integrity of the city council, voting against antisemitism and hate, and condemning Hamas terror. We feel safer living next to the town of Los Altos. Thank you!

Best regards,
Kenneth Solnit

Melissa Thurman

From: May Paran <maygp@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:00 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: City Council decision

Hi!

I am proud of the integrity of the city council voting against antisemitism and hate, condemning Hamas terror. I feel safer living in this area.

Your resolution is giving me solace at times of growing antisemitism and anti-democratic sentiments. It will support the peace and harmony in the community.

I wish other Bay Area towns and cities follow your example.

THANK YOU!!
Mayrav Paran

Melissa Thurman

From: Yigal Blum <yigalblum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:01 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: In support of your resolution against racism

We are proud to live near your town. Your upcoming resolution is giving us solace at times of growing antisemitism and anti-democratic sentiments.

We wish other Bay Area towns and cities would follow your example.

Thanks

Yigal Blum



Melissa Thurman

From: Shlomit Blum <shlomit.blum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:15 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Supporting your resolution agaist racism

Thank you for your integrity in fighting Antisemitism, and condemning the Hamas' inhuman atrocities on October 7th.

Clearly, the people of Los Altos feel better knowing they voted for the best community leaders.

Thanks,

Shlomit Blum

Melissa Thurman

From: Sharon Fingold <sfingold1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:37 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Comments on Special Resolution regarding Anti-Semitism and Hamas

As a citizen of Los Altos, I do not think it is in the purview of the Los Altos City Council to take a stand on international events. As much as I detest Hamas and what they did, the City Council's responsibility is to the city of Los Altos. If you take a stand on actions in Israel/Gaza, then why don't you take a stand on Ukraine/Russia? How about China and Tibet and China and the Uyghurs? How about Myanmar and the Rohingya?

It makes sense for the City Council to take a stand against hate and hate speech in all its forms and reiterate that Los Altos is a safe space for all people. At this time calling out anti-semitism and Islamophobia makes sense. Weighing in on international events sets a bad precedent for the future. The City Council needs to stay focused on the City.

I urge the City to change the language of the resolution to focus on the issue facing the city: Take a stand against hate speech, anti-semitism and Islamophobia and skip the part about taking a stand on international issues.

Sharon Fingold
Los Altos, CA

Melissa Thurman

From: Ofra Pleban <ofra.pleban@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Resolution denouncing the Hamas' attacks against Israel

Dear Council Members,

I am proud to live nearby. I am proud of the integrity of the city council voting against antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all other expressions of hate, and condemning the Hamas' terror. Your resolution is giving me solace at times of growing antisemitism and anti-democratic sentiments.

I wish other Bay Area towns and cities follow your example.

Yours,
Ofra Pleban

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Thurman

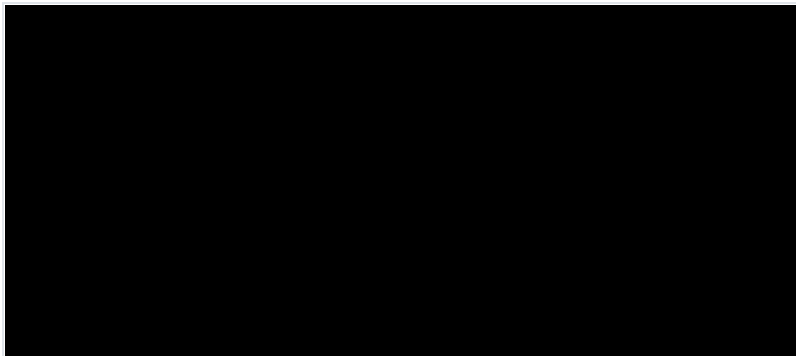
From: Ted Schachter <tedmschachter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I suggest that you step back and do 3 things before you consider this resolution:

1. Read the Robbie Gringras blog in the Times of Israel (it's short): [Can we talk? Or is it too soon?](#)
2. Listen to two short videos on his website and evaluate what you want to accomplish when you pass this resolution

He also has a two videos: <https://youtu.be/3as19jzdGVM> (a little over two minutes) and three types of discussions (or aguments) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQOaaiXBQ9Q> (4 minutes).



He has an idea of a way to test our readiness to have a discussion. It's not a moral test, it's an emotional test. When is my heart ready to listen to, even be curious about, the views of someone who disagrees with me about Israel, Hamas and Gaza? Here is the test. If both you and your interlocutor were to agree with these two statements, we reckon you might be emotionally ready for a healthy argument:

A. I cannot accept the actions of Hamas on 7th October, in deliberately attacking civilians of all ages, murdering over a thousand and kidnapping some two hundred people.

B. I cannot accept the destruction of Gazan homes, the collective punishment of Gazan civilians, and the deaths of thousands of Gazan civilians as "collateral damage".

I'm not in favor of dealing with international issues at a municipal level, but I am in favor of people feeling safe in a community and having discussions where we learn from one another to fill in gaps in our knowledge.

Sincerely,

Ted Schachter

Melissa Thurman

From: Ilana Shay <shay.ilana@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 9:21 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Resolution denouncing Antisemitism and denouncing Islamophobia and denouncing the Hamas attack against Israel on Oct 7th

Dear Los Altos Council members,

We live in the area for many years and we fully support the:
Resolution denouncing Antisemitism and denouncing Islamophobia and denouncing the Hamas attack against Israel on Oct 7th
Thanks again for your leadership and support

Best regards,
Ilana Shay

Melissa Thurman

From: Michal Raviv <michal.raviv.sayag@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 9:33 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support of resolution denouncing Hamas violence

Hello,

My name is Michal (Michelle) and I've lived in the SF Bay area for almost a decade now, currently in Sunnyvale. I frequently visit Los Altos for dining, shopping, and other activities.

In light of the rising antisemitism and calls for violence in recent weeks, I am very encouraged and filled with hope to see the city of Los Altos propose a resolution denouncing Hamas violence against Israel. I fully support this resolution and hope that the council members pass this resolution. Thank you for speaking up against terror. Thank you for keeping Los Altos a safe place for everyone.

Happy holidays
Michal Raviv Sayag

Melissa Thurman

From: Ilana Mark <ilanamark@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 10:26 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Couragous Resolution to Condemn Hamas

In these trying time, we thank you for your courageous resolution condemning Hamas. Thank you for leading the way with courage and moral clarity and shining the light on Hamas obvious acts of evil. Your resolution is giving solace at times of growing antisemitism. Intolerance and a rush to target and hurt innocent, peaceful individuals and communities because of their ethnicity and faith. We wish other Bay Area towns and cities follow your example.

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Thurman

From: LAWRENCE SLOTNICK <slotnick5@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 10:30 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: City council resolution

Dear City Council,

We are writing in very strong support of the city council resolution condemning the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel Sept. 7, 2023 and denouncing all antisemitism and Islamophobia in our community.

Carol and Larry Slotnick

Melissa Thurman

From: Chagit Ofir <ofir295@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 10:36 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Once again, thank you for your remarkable courage, unwavering support, and dedication to preserving the values that define our community.

With utmost appreciation,

Chagit Ofir
Resident of Los Altos since 2007

Melissa Thurman

From: Helen Bobrove <habobrove@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Your unwavering dedication to safeguarding the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution stands as a testament to your commitment to preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Helen Bobrove
41 Deep Well Lane
Los Altos, Ca 94022
650-380-0552

Melissa Thurman

From: Irina Zinman <irabnd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Esteemed Council Members,

We want to express our appreciation for your vote to support a resolution denouncing Hamas attacks against Israel. This statement deeply resonated with the Jewish and Israeli residents of our community, serving as a source of hope and unity during these trying times.

We also wish to share our concerns about the challenges our community currently faces. The Jewish and Israeli population in Los Altos is feeling isolated and vulnerable as anti-Semitism continues to rise across the United States, causing distress and fear. During such times, we look to our community leaders, like yourselves, to provide guidance and leadership.

Your collective voice holds significant influence. A clear and unwavering resolution from our city's leadership, condemning acts of terrorism, and firmly denouncing anti-Semitism and hatred, can have a profound impact. Such a statement would not only strengthen the sense of belonging within the Jewish and Israeli community in Los Altos but also play a crucial role in combating the surge of anti-Semitic incidents.

We wholeheartedly support the resolution proposed in the agenda for the City Council meeting on 12/11/2023, condemning Hamas terrorist acts and emphasizing the importance of eradicating anti-Semitism and promoting inclusivity in our community. This resolution would send a powerful message of unity, affirming that our city stands united against hate, intolerance, and violence.

We sincerely hope that you, our esteemed Mayor and City Council, will give thoughtful consideration to our request and vote in support of this resolution. Your support in this matter would provide comfort to our community and contribute to a stronger, more harmonious Los Altos.

Thank you for your time and attention. We remain hopeful for a positive response to our request and eagerly look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to make Los Altos a place of inclusivity and mutual respect for all.

Sincerely,
Irina Zinman and Ronen Zinman

Melissa Thurman

From: Maybar Durst <maybardu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:29 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and firmly condemning the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate sets a powerful example for our community. Your courage in denouncing the heinous acts motivated by antisemitism showcases strong leadership and a dedication to preserving the safety and security of our city. By reaffirming the rights of every individual to live without fear of violence or intimidation, you emphasize the core values of inclusivity and protection for all residents. Your resolution reflects a profound understanding of the distress experienced by our community members affected by these acts of terror. Your support and affirmation for their safety contribute immensely to fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and valued. Your declaration underscores the values of unity, respect, and empathy, urging us to embrace understanding and mutual respect for one another's concerns. It signifies a commitment to ensuring that all individuals can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or threats. Your unwavering dedication to safeguarding the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution stands as a testament to your commitment to preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community. Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,
Maybar Durst

Melissa Thurman

From: Ofer Kadar <ofer.kadar23@googlemail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:34 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: resolution denouncing Anti-Semitism

Dear Los Altos Council Members

Me and my family have lived in the area for the past 15 years and we fully support the resolution denouncing Anti-Semitism , denouncing Islamophobia and denouncing the Hamas attack against Israel on Oct 7th.

Thanks again for your leadership and support

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Thx,
Ofer

Melissa Thurman

From: Jan Pepper <pepper.janis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Honorable Mayor Weinberg, Honorable Vice Mayor Daily, and Honorable Council Members,

I am writing to convey my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and strongly condemning the atrocious terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to combating such acts of violence and hatred makes an extremely important statement.

The recent data from the FBI depicting an almost 400 percent surge in reported incidents of harassment, vandalism, and assault against Jews since October 7, 2023, is deeply troubling. Moreover, the escalating instances of antisemitism within our local high schools and in colleges across the nation paint an alarming picture. Disturbing events in our community, such as students chanting "from the river to the sea," advocating for the eradication of Israel, and another incident where antisemitic comments and gestures targeted Jewish students are profoundly distressing.

Your resolution holds immense significance in this context. Your resolute stance against antisemitism and your commitment to ensuring the safety and dignity of all individuals within our community serve as a beacon of hope. It reaffirms the values of unity, respect, and empathy, emphasizing the imperative need for an environment where every American can freely express their beliefs without fear or discrimination.

Your dedication in safeguarding the rights and safety of every member of our community, especially in the face of these distressing incidents, is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution signifies a crucial step in preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you for your leadership and unwavering commitment to denounce antisemitism and uphold the values that define our wonderful city.

With heartfelt gratitude and thanks,

Jan Pepper
Former Los Altos Mayor and Council Member
38 year resident of Los Altos

Melissa Thurman

From: Carol Pliner <cpliner@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Los Altos City Council resolution

I am a resident of Los Altos and want to express my appreciation to the city council for voting on a resolution to condemn antisemitism. Hate has no place in our lovely city - or anywhere else in this world. I am proud to live in a city putting forth this resolution to safeguard the rights and safety of all the people in our community. Thank you!

Carol Pliner
62 Bay Tree Lane
Los Altos

Melissa Thurman

From: Dari Shalon <dari@shalon.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:36 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Approve Resolution against antisemitism

Dear Mayor and Esteemed Council Members,

I want to express my appreciation for your vote to support the resolution denouncing antisemitism. Taking a stance is really crucial in these difficult days.

I would like to share with you a few recent examples of antisemitic incidents from the past 2 months that happened at my sons' Los Altos schools, which amplifies the need for a resolution.

- At Egan Middle School, a student told a Jewish student that all Jews should be killed.
- Nazi pictures were published on kids social media in Egan
- There were swastikas at Los Altos High.
- A student was called by another LAHS student "Dirty Jew, Heil".
- In a class, where the subject was related to Judaism, one of the students drew a swastika on a notebook of a Jewish student.
- On Oct 18, a Pro-Palestinian walkout was organized by LAHS students were some of the signs held by the students as they walked both through campus and off campus had the slogan "From the river to the sea" which is calling for the annihilation of Israel.
- During a school sport activity, each student shared with the team where they were born. A student didn't feel safe saying Israel as some of the students from the team participated in the Pro Palestinian Rally.
- The LAHS Altos chapter of the Junior State of America (JSA) received a series of threatening messages in response to their planned panel on the Israel-Hamas war originally planned for Nov 15, set to feature several speakers who aimed to address the misinformation circulating about the war. see link- <https://lahstalon.org/junior-state-of-america-chapter-receivers-of-threat-over-israel-hamas-panel/>. As a result the panel was cancelled.

These incidents were brought to my attention by other parents and my sons. There might be others.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to your approval of the resolution proposed in the agenda for the City Council meeting on 12/11/2023.

Dari Shalon

Melissa Thurman

From: Sheira Ariel <s_gerber@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support council adoption of resolution condemning Hamas

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to convey my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and strongly condemning the atrocious terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to combating such acts of violence and hatred is deeply reassuring, especially in light of the disconcerting rise in antisemitic incidents affecting our community and educational institutions.

The recent data from the FBI depicting an almost 400 percent surge in reported incidents of harassment, vandalism, and assault against Jews since October 7, 2023, is deeply troubling. Moreover, the escalating instances of antisemitism within our schools and colleges across the nation paint an alarming picture. Disturbing events in our community, such as students chanting "from the river to the sea," advocating for the eradication of Israel, and another incident where antisemitic comments and gestures targeted Jewish students are profoundly distressing.

These distressing incidents reflect a larger concerning trend. The unsettling narratives emerging from our educational institutions speak volumes about the challenges faced by Jewish students. Reports detailing derogatory chants, exclusion from clubs based on faith, and acts of vandalism, such as swastikas carved into walls, paint a harrowing picture of the discrimination and intimidation faced by our youth.

Your resolution holds immense significance in this context. Your resolute stance against antisemitism and your commitment to ensuring the safety and dignity of all individuals within our community serve as a beacon of hope. It reaffirms the values of unity, respect, and empathy, emphasizing the imperative need for an environment where every individual can freely express their beliefs without fear or discrimination.

Your dedication in safeguarding the rights and safety of every member of our community, especially in the face of these distressing incidents, is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution signifies a crucial step in preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to denounce antisemitism and uphold the values that define our city.

Sincerely,
Sheira

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Melissa Thurman

From: mmalkin@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Subject line: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and firmly condemning the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your unwavering commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate sets a powerful example for our community.

Your courage in denouncing the heinous acts motivated by antisemitism showcases strong leadership and a dedication to preserving the safety and security of our city. By reaffirming the rights of every individual to live without fear of violence or intimidation, you emphasize the core values of inclusivity and protection for all residents.

Your resolution reflects a profound understanding of the distress experienced by our community members affected by these acts of terror. Your support and affirmation for their safety contribute immensely to fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and valued.

Your declaration underscores the values of unity, respect, and empathy, urging us to embrace understanding and mutual respect for one another's concerns. It signifies a commitment to ensuring that all individuals can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or threats.

Your unwavering dedication to safeguarding the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution stands as a testament to your commitment to preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Moshe Malkin

Melissa Thurman

From: iris cohen <1iriscohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support for our community

Dear Los Altos Council Members

We live in the area for many years and we fully support the efforts of denouncing Antisemitism and denouncing Islamophobia and denouncing the Hamas attack against Israel on Oct 7th.

We greatly appreciate your leadership and support

Best regards,

Iris Cohen

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Iris Cohen

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Melissa Thurman

From: Rebecca Scholl <rebscholl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:17 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I really want to thank you for deciding to stand against antisemitism and condemning the terrible attacks by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your courage in speaking out against this violence sets a powerful example for all of us.

By denouncing these terrible acts, you're showing real leadership and a commitment to keeping our city safe for everyone. Your resolution makes it clear that everyone deserves to feel safe and included without fear of violence.

I appreciate how much you understand the pain that these attacks have caused in our community. Your support means a lot, and it's creating an environment where everyone feels valued and protected.

Your commitment to unity, respect, and empathy shines through in this resolution. It shows that you're dedicated to making sure everyone can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or danger.

Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make our city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

With heartfelt thanks,

Rebecca Scholl

Melissa Thurman

From: Eric Muller <eric.muller@efele.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: City Council Special Meeting 12/11/2023, item #1

While I fully support the condemnation of Hamas's attack on October 7, 2023, I would prefer for the resolution to also condemn the excessive actions of the Israeli government.

Eric Muller
Los Altos resident

Melissa Thurman

From: Rabbi Landa <rabbilanda@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:28 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Hamas attack

I would like to encourage you to make this decision and accept this resolution against Hamas.

when God created the world he distinguished between light and darkness!

The statement that Hamas is darkness is very necessary for the continuation of our lives in a corrected and safe world!

Rabbi Menachem Landa
Chabad Israeli Community
1650 Channing Ave Palo Alto
6508045019

Melissa Thurman

From: Chen Shay <chenshay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 12:53 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: I support your resolution

Hi there -

I've been a Sunnyvale Resident for over 30 years. Although it's not Los Altos, we are right next to each other. As your "next door neighbor", I wanted to write that I fully support your resolution to denounce Anti Semitism, Islamophobia, and that you are condemning Hamas. Thank you for your exemplary leadership!

-- Chen Shay

Melissa Thurman

From: Isabelle Marcus <isabelmarcus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:02 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and firmly condemning the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023 which tragically remind us of the attack we suffered on our soil on September 11th.

Your unwavering commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate sets a powerful example for our community.

Your courage in denouncing the heinous acts motivated by antisemitism showcases strong leadership and a dedication to preserving the safety and security of our city. By reaffirming the rights of every individual to live without fear of violence or intimidation, you emphasize the core values of inclusivity and protection for all residents.

Your resolution reflects a profound understanding of the distress experienced by our community members affected by these acts of terror. Your support and affirmation for their safety contribute immensely to fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and valued.

Your declaration underscores the values of unity, respect, and empathy, urging us to embrace understanding and mutual respect for one another's concerns. It signifies a commitment to ensuring that all individuals can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or threats.

Your unwavering dedication to safeguarding the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution stands as a testament to your commitment to preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define the great city of Palo Alto.

Sincerely,

Isabelle Marcus

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Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

David and Susan Apfelberg
46 Bay Tree Lane
Los Altos, CA 94022

Melissa Thurman

From: Sheri Morrison <morrison.sheri@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:20 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Please confirm the resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel, antisemitism and Islamaphobia

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for stepping up to denounce antisemitism and Islamophobia, and to firmly condemn the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023.

Your unwavering commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate sets a powerful example for our community.

It is possible to support Israel's right to exist and defend itself, and Palestinians' right to self-determination. It takes nuanced thinking and good leadership to give voice to that.

The one-sided voices we hear most often are leading to intolerance and violence against Jews and Muslims in our country as a whole, and close to home in our own communities.

Your leadership is very much needed now.

Thank you for supporting a resolution that will keep all of our citizens safe from these and other expressions of hatred. It is a crucial step in helping our community feel safe.

Respectfully,
Sheri Morrison

Melissa Thurman

From: Pazit Bar-Or <pazitbo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Resolution against Hamas

Dear Los Altos Council Members,

We have lived in this area for 37 years and we fully support the proposed resolution denouncing Antisemitism and denouncing Islamophobia and denouncing the Hamas attack against Israel on October 7th.

Thank you for your leadership and support!

Best regards,
Pazit Bar-Or

Melissa Thurman

From: Ronit Fuhrmann <ronit.fuhrmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:31 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I really want to thank you for deciding to stand against antisemitism and condemning the terrible attacks by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your courage in speaking out against this violence sets a powerful example for all of us.

By denouncing these terrible acts, you're showing real leadership and a commitment to keeping our city safe for everyone. Your resolution makes it clear that everyone deserves to feel safe and included without fear of violence.

I appreciate how much you understand the pain that these attacks have caused in our community. Your support means a lot, and it's creating an environment where everyone feels valued and protected.

Your commitment to unity, respect, and empathy shines through in this resolution. It shows that you're dedicated to making sure everyone can freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or danger.

Thank you for standing firm against terror and antisemitism and for working so hard to make our city a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

With heartfelt thanks,
Ronit

Melissa Thurman

From: Julia Freda-Eskenazi <juliebef@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:33 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

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Your courage in denouncing the heinous acts motivated by antisemitism showcases strong leadership and a dedication to preserving the safety and security of our city. By reaffirming the rights of every individual to live without fear of violence or intimidation, you emphasize the core values of inclusivity and protection for all residents.

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Your unwavering dedication to safeguarding the rights and safety of every individual within our city is commendable and deeply appreciated. Your resolution stands as a testament to your commitment to preserving the inclusive and secure nature of our community.

Thank you once again for your resolute stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define our city.

With utmost appreciation,

Julia Freda-Eskenazi
Los Altos resident & MVLA parent

Melissa Thurman

From: Mina Rotem <mina.rotem@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:33 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING Monday today- December 11,

Hello Mr. Mayor and members of the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall.
We just would like to point out, that we live in the area for some years and we fully support the:
Resolution denouncing Antisemitism and denouncing Islamophobia and denouncing the Hamas attack against Israel on
Oct 7th
Thanks again for your leadership and support

Best regards,
Mina Rotem
(669)288-1772

Melissa Thurman

From: Maya Yablonski <mayayab@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:34 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 01 - 12/11/2023 Support City Council adoption of a resolution denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I wanted to personally express my appreciation and gratitude for your forthcoming resolution denouncing antisemitism and condemning the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas on October 7, 2023. Your commitment to standing against such acts of violence and hate sets a powerful example for our community.

Your courage in denouncing the heinous acts showcases strong leadership and a dedication to preserving the safety and security of our community. This resolution emphasizes the core values of inclusivity and protection for all residents. Your support contributes immensely to fostering an environment where everyone feels secure and valued, allowing all individuals to freely practice their beliefs without facing discrimination or threats.

Thank you once again for your stance against terror and antisemitism and your unwavering dedication to upholding the values that define Los Altos.

With appreciation,
Maya Yablonski, PhD