

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: March 20, 2023
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386

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8:29 PM	Lisa Disch and Cynthia Harrsion	Rahcel Gottlieb		Personal Contact Information	Privacy
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Alanis, Sarah

From: Rachel Gottlieb [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 8:29 PM
To: Disch, Lisa
Cc: Harrison, Cynthia
Subject: Re: E Medical Center Dr Bridge Proposal

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Thanks for your work on this, Lisa! I appreciate you advocating for the community!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 20, 2023, at 1:05 PM, Disch, Lisa <LDisch@a2gov.org> wrote:

Hello Rachel,

Thank you for writing!

I understand the limitations of this existing infrastructure for cyclists. Since the letter you reference from 2021 was written, the City has renegotiated the design and cost-share terms of this project with UM to ensure 13 ft on the West and 10.5 ft on the East side.

The proposed development of the B2B trail is a separate project that is being negotiated with MDOT. I also want to see the path under the bridge get built. Right now, the City is not able to do that, because a portion of the pathway is in the railroad right-of-way, and MDOT is not willing to grant the necessary easement at this time because they are about to start a railroad trespass study of the area. However, MDOT was willing to allow the widening of the platform as part of the current bridge project. This work will be included and will prepare the space beneath the bridge for a future pathway project. (you can read the full memo from staff and the design firm

here: <https://a2gov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11526076&GUID=28140F86-6E60-4E84-A9F5-7A72C90FA9E4>). Staff will continue pursuing construction of the path with MDOT, who informed us the proposed pathway will be included in a larger discussion regarding pedestrian access to MDOT Rail Right of Way in Ann Arbor.

There will be opportunities for residents to participate in these discussions as MDOT will be reaching out to the appropriate stakeholders in the near future to start the discussion and plan to establish a kickoff meeting at that time.

Lisa

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From: Rachel Gottlieb [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2023 9:45 PM
To: Disch, Lisa <LDisch@a2gov.org>; Harrison, Cynthia <CHarrison@a2gov.org>
Subject: E Medical Center Dr Bridge Proposal

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Dear Council Reps Disch and Harrison,

I am reaching out in support of [Walk Bike Washtenaw's letter](#) regarding the E Medical Center Drive Bridge redesign. Improved access to pedestrian and cycling traffic in this high-use area aligns with climate and safety plans for the city, along with building a healthier community. Specifically, widening of the west sidewalk to 15' and negotiating with MDOT for a planned loop trail under the bridge should be incorporated into the proposal.

As an Ann Arbor resident, medical student, runner, and cyclist, I use the E Med Center Dr frequently. Plans for redesigning the bridge should include additional improvements for pedestrians and cyclist, who use this access point to the hospital, Arboretum, and river frequently. I am hopeful that the plans for this bridge will evolve to include the proposals from WBW.

Sincerely,
Rachel Gottlieb

Alanis, Sarah

From: Disch, Lisa
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 8:20 PM
To: Pat Zabawa
Subject: Re: Support for LV Collective's Proposed 19-story Building at 711 Church St. in MLive

Dear Pat,
Thank you for writing.
Lisa

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From: Pat Zabawa [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 3:48 PM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; City Council <CityCouncil@a2gov.org>
Subject: Support for LV Collective's Proposed 19-story Building at 711 Church St. in MLive

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Ann Arbor Planning Commission and City Council,

I'm writing to you send my support for the construction of LV Collective's proposed 19-story 350-unit building with 1,050 beds at 711 Church St. as reported in MLive: <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2023/02/texas-developer-plans-19-story-high-rise-next-to-university-of-michigan.html>.

Dense development, even that at heights higher than we have at present, in walking and transit zones is essential to keeping housing costs in check and Ann Arbor accessible to live in, as well as climate goals. I fully support this project.

Thank you for your good work on behalf of our community,

Patrick Zabawa
Ward 4 Resident
[REDACTED]

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From: Mozhgan Savabieasfahani [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 7:02 PM
To: City Council;ryanstanton@mlive.com;news@michigandaily.com [REDACTED];osiblani@arabamericannews.com;mayor@ci.dearborn.mi.us;ebyrnes@ci.dearborn.mi.us;mhammoud@ci.dearborn.mi.us;msa-board@umich.edu;michael@mondoweiss.net;info@arabamericannews.com;info@electronicintifada.net;SAFEboard;Taylor, Christopher (Mayor);Disch, Lisa;Harrison, Cynthia;Song, Linh;Watson, Chris;Radina, Travis;Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha;Eyer, Jen;Akmon, Dharma;Briggs, Erica;Cornell, Jenn;Arab America E-News;MSA National;Salam Al-Marayati;MPAC Policy Fellow
Subject: Look at your face in my attached political cartoon. Why does Ann Arbor City Council love gun violence against the Palestinian people?
Attachments: City Council loves gun violence against Palestinians.jpg

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Feb. 20, 2023

To the Ann Arbor City Council:

Look at your face in my attached political cartoon. And take a hard look in the mirror.

Don't change the subject. The subject is the Palestinian people and your complicity in their murder.

At your February 21st meeting, you'll be doing a lot of flashy mourning about gun violence all over the United States. Who will ever believe your crocodile tears? The greatest purveyor of gun violence in the world is the U.S. government, from Iraq to Iran to the Congo to Vietnam. Both Martin and Malcolm expressed their outrage about that white-supremacist brutality as it was being inflicted on Black America and on the world. That white-supremacist gun violence continues to this day.

Israel, too, is all about gun violence -- massive gun violence and Hitlerian aerial bombardment -- which has killed thousands of people in occupied Palestine, and thousands more in Lebanon. As early as 1964, Malcolm was writing against Israel's murder and robbery of the Palestinian people. As early as March 1950, Dr. Hossein Fatemi, who became the Foreign Minister of Iran under Mossadegh, wrote against Israel's violent dispossession of the Palestinian people.

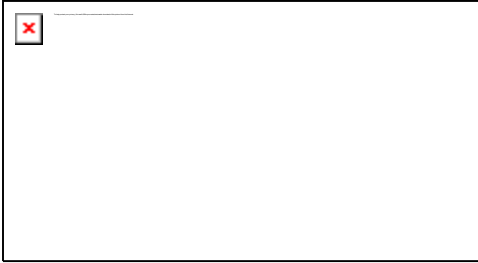
So Israel's murderous racism has been no secret, since before you were born, up until today. You pay for all that murder, all that racism, with your tax dollars.

Why do you still stonewall this simple resolution? -- **"We are against military aid to Israel"**

Since 2003 you, the Ann Arbor City Council, have thrown your weight against every resolution that tried to oppose military aid to Israel.

In 2003, your own hand-picked Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission urged you to adopt this **“Resolution in Support of Ending U.S. Military Support for Israel”** --

[The “Resolution in Support of Ending U.S. Military Support for Israel” was approved by the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission -- in 2003:
\(weareagainstmilitaryaidtoisrael.blogspot.com\)](http://weareagainstmilitaryaidtoisrael.blogspot.com)



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You spat on that resolution. You spat on every similar resolution that followed it.

Whenever anyone mentions the Palestinian people, Israel screams "anti-Semitism."

So do you.

You and Israel still push the lie that Arabs = anti-Semitism, and, with that lie, millions of Arabs have been killed.

Councilmember Eyer took campaign money from old Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. Now she's screaming the lie of "anti-Semitism" against a political cartoon criticizing Israel's brutality against the Palestinian people.

With that lie, you've been fueling Israeli gun violence against Palestinians since 2003, and now is the time to stop.

Stop making the blood of Arabs and Muslims so cheap and easy to spill, from Palestine to Michigan to everywhere.

You, the Ann Arbor City Council, must shake off your long history of racist hostility to the Palestinian people. Do it now, before Israel kills more Palestinians – with our tax dollars.

That's why City Council must finally approve this simple resolution:

“We are against military aid to Israel”.

This resolution is even more urgently needed as the most ravenous racists, including Itamar Ben-Gvir, take power in Israel, with their itchy finger on the trigger.

-- That trigger is paid for with your tax dollars.

Here are seven more reasons why you'll see City Councils speak up against arming the apartheid state of Israel:

1. Israel is committing the crime of apartheid, says South Africa:

"South Africa calls for Israel to be declared an 'apartheid state' "

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/26/south-africa-calls-for-israels-proscription-as-apartheid-state>

2. Israel is committing the crime of apartheid, says the Black Lives Matter movement:

"Israel accused of being 'apartheid state' by US black rights group"

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/fr/news/jewish-groups-slams-black-lives-matter-calling-israel-apartheid-state-1618362962>

"The US-based Black Lives Matter movement has called Israel an 'apartheid state' and said it is joining the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign over acts of 'genocide against the Palestinian people'."

3. Israel is committing the crime of apartheid, says Human Rights Watch:

"Human Rights Consensus Around Crime of Apartheid"

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/03/25/human-rights-consensus-around-crime-apartheid>

4. Israel is committing the crime of apartheid, says Amnesty International:

"Israel/OPT: Palestinian lives in peril as Israel reinforces apartheid"

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/02/israel-opt-palestinian-lives-in-peril-as-israel-reinforces-apartheid/>

"Israeli authorities must dismantle the system of apartheid which is causing so much suffering and bloodshed, Amnesty International said today. Since the organization launched a major campaign against apartheid one year ago, Israeli forces have killed almost 220 Palestinians, including 35 in January 2023 alone. Unlawful killings help maintain Israel's apartheid system and constitute crimes against humanity..."

5. Israel is committing the crime of apartheid, says B'Tselem:

"B'Tselem welcomes Amnesty International's new report, calling the Israeli regime what it is: apartheid."

https://www.btselem.org/press_releases/20220201_btselem_welcomes_amnesty_internationals_report_calling_the_israeli_regime_what_it_is_apartheid

6. Israel is committing the crime of apartheid, says the progressive base of the Democratic Party in DSA:

"DSA Stands with Palestinians: from Sheikh Jarrah to Gaza and Beyond"

<https://www.dsausa.org/statements/dsa-stands-with-palestinians-from-sheikh-jarrah-to-gaza-and-beyond/>

"The Democratic Socialists of America unequivocally condemns the ongoing ethnic cleansing of Palestinians everywhere... We stand in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle against apartheid, colonialism, and military occupation, and for equality, justice, and self-determination."

7. Israel is committing the crime of apartheid, says the Mayor of Barcelona:

"Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau Cuts City's Ties With Israel Over 'Crime of Apartheid':

" 'We cannot be silent,' said Colau."

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/ada-colau-israel>

Again: don't change the subject! The subject is the Palestinian people and your complicity in their murder.

Israel is undoubtedly a violent apartheid state. No wonder it was intimately allied with Apartheid South Africa for so many years.

Shake off your racist past and approve this simple resolution:
“We are against military aid to Israel”.

Sincerely,

Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, Ph.D.

Candidate for Ann Arbor City Council, 2022.

Winner of the Rachel Carson Prize, 2015:

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2015/03/11/scientist-who-exposed-health-impacts-burn-pits-iraq-awarded-rachel-carson-prize>