

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: December 4, 2023
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From: [Jen Munford](#)
To: [Cornell, Jenn](#); [Briggs, Erica](#); [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#)
Subject: I support City of Ann Arbor signing a resolution for ceasefire in Palestine
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 7:09:11 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I'm a resident of ward 5 and small business owner in Ann Arbor.

I'm writing because I can't make it to the city council meeting taking place right now. But I want to make it known to you that I fully support Ann Arbor city council signing on to a community resolution for PERMANENT ceasefire in Gaza, and all of Palestine.

I also want to urge council members to please support any moves towards divesting in Israeli companies, and ending US aid to the Israeli government & their military.

People are not their governments. And governments are not religions. It is not antisemitic to condemn the actions of the state of Israel. They are actively committing a genocide and the whole world is watching.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Jen Munford
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From: [Ashley Tellez](#)
To: [Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha](#); [Radina, Travis](#)
Subject: Call for ceasefire
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 7:44:26 PM

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Hello Representatives of Ward 3 Ayesha and Travis,

Allow me to thank you for your dedication and leadership in our community. Tonight at the council meeting you heard comments from several residents regarding the horrifying acts against Palestinians. I urge you to publicly support a permanent ceasefire in this conflict. Several neighboring cities in Michigan have already done so. While events taking place on the other side of the globe may not seem pertinent to city council, our tax dollars are being utilized to kill innocent civilians and, most importantly, our Arab and Muslim brothers and sister are not safe in our city if we do not stand against the abhorrent rhetoric used to justify this genocide. We must exhaust all options to stop this. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ashley Tellez

From: [Maya Glenn](#)
To: [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#)
Subject: We are pleading
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:01:43 PM

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Hello Mayor Taylor,

Thank you for taking my call. My name is Maya Glenn, and I am a constituent of yours in Ann Arbor.

I am emailing to express my deep concern about your stance on a Ceasefire resolution. As mayor, I trust you to prioritize your constituents' interests and to champion the greater good, yet you have not fulfilled these expectations.

Our neighboring cities have boldly acted and advocated for a ceasefire, recognizing the inhumanity of asking for anything less. Given your position on this humanitarian crisis, I must inform you that I cannot support voting for you in the future. I also plan to inform other Ann Arbor voters of your stance on this crucial issue.

Thank you for your time,

Maya

From: [Maya Glenn](#)
To: [Radina, Travis](#)
Subject: We are begging
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:04:25 PM

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Hello,

Thank you for taking my call. My name is Maya Glenn, and I am a constituent of yours from Ward 3.

I am emailing to express my deep concern about your stance on a Ceasefire resolution. As my councilmember, I trust you to prioritize your constituents' interests and to champion the greater good, yet you have not fulfilled these expectations.

Our neighboring cities have boldly acted and advocated for a ceasefire, recognizing the inhumanity of asking for anything less. Given your position on this humanitarian crisis, I must inform you that I cannot support voting for you in the future. I also plan to inform other Ann Arbor voters of your stance on this crucial issue.

Thank you for your time,

Maya

From: [Logan L](#)
To: [Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha](#)
Subject: In further support of a ceasefire in Gaza
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:59:58 PM

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Hi Councilmember Ghazi Edwin,

I called and left a voicemail earlier asking for you to support a ceasefire resolution, as a Jewish, anti-Zionist constituent of Ward 3. I have been watching the meeting online and I am sad that it seems (at this point in the meeting, anyway) that Ann Arbor is choosing not to take up a statement of solidarity with Palestinian citizens, but I want to offer compassion and just really try to bridge a gap here. I understand the desire to bring people together. I do not believe these are mutually exclusive goals. We can call for a ceasefire while also holding compassion for the grief people are experiencing. In fact, I believe we cannot bring this conflict to a close without all of us coming together and calling for an end to the killing of Palestinians in Gaza and Palestine as a whole.

I can speak only of my experience as someone who has organized for a free Palestine here and elsewhere in the United States, but, in Ann Arbor, I have faced far more hatred and vitriol from people within my own religion than those outside of it. I've been called a fake Jew, a self-hating Jew, seen friends be assaulted, called a terrorist supporter, and more. I have faced far more kindness from Palestinians, including survivors of massacres in occupied Palestine (who I would fully accept being cautious around me), and have rarely felt unsafe. I will acknowledge that this time has felt different and more threatening than much of my previous advocacy work, but I think much of that is because many people engaging in these discussions were not previously engaging with what has been going on and who, in the absence of credible sources, are following emotion and believing conspiracies. Yes, there has been an increase in antisemitism, but anti-Zionism is not antisemitism. The equating of the two, is, I think, furthering the anger at us as Jews in a way that acknowledging that what is happening is an undeniable atrocity would not, because it makes people believe that we as Jews are inherently responsible, not that the Israeli government (which does not represent all Jews, especially those of us living in diaspora) is responsible for its actions. It also erases the many Jewish voices speaking truth to this, including my own. Pulling out protest signs I made years ago during previous acts of aggression, such as one I made only a couple of years ago during the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah, has been devastating, but I am strengthened by the many strong Jewish voices calling for an end to the occupation both now and in the past.

I would like to share with you the words I have returned to many times since October 7th, from a Yiddish email list, Yidishistn mit Palestine:

פֿאַרשניטענע, מוזן מיר אָפּהאַלטן דעם איצטיקן חורבן - הנקבה, און שטיצן דעם פּאַלעסטינישן געראַנגל צו באַקומען זייער פֿרײַהייט און צו מאַכן אַ סוף צו דער אַפּאַרטהײַט. מיר שרײַבן אויף ייִדיש ווייל מיר גלייבן אין אַ צעבלײַענדיקן ייִדישן גלות, פֿרײַ פֿון דעם ציוניזם און אַלע אַנדערע מלוכה-נאַציאָנאַליזמען. מיט דערמעגלעכן דאָס

חרוב מאכן פון עזה - غزة - קען מען נישט באוויינען די אומגעקומענע. מיר מוזן פארהיטן דעם גענאָציד.
פֿאַראייניקט זיך מיט אונדז

To honor all the dead we must stop this next catastrophe. We must struggle alongside Palestinians for their liberation and to end apartheid. We write in Yiddish because we believe in the thriving of a Jewish diaspora free from zionism and all other state nationalisms. Enabling the destruction of Gaza is not a way to grieve. We must interrupt genocide. We must do this together.

kedey optsugebn koved dem ondenk fun di ale farshnitene, muzn mir ophaltn dem itstikn khurbn – nakba, un shtitsn dem palestinishn gerangl tsu bakumen zeyer frayheyt un tsu makhn a sof tsu der apartheyt. mir shraybn oyf yidish vayl mir gleybn in a tsebliendikn yiddishn goles, fray fun dem tsionizm un ale andere melukhe-natsionalizmen. mit dermeglekhn dos khorev makhn fun aze – gaza – ken men nisht baveynen di umgekumene. mir muzn farhitn dem genotsid. fareynikt zikh mit undz.

I appreciate that this email will likely not be read tonight and will not change anything, and, as a social work major myself and knowing you are a LEO with UMich's school of social work and I would like to think we both share a strong pull towards social justice (in fact, this is a large reason I voted for you!), I believe that you are trying to hold multiple truths and advocate in the best way you can, and I know that you've uplifted the call for a ceasefire by Michigan legislators. I encourage you to please continue in this work.

In solidarity,

Logan
(they/them)

From: [Beaudry, Jacqueline](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Dohoney Jr., Milton](#); [Kaur, Atleen](#); [Frost, Christopher](#)
Subject: FW: Additional Leaf Blower Amendments
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:01:52 PM

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From: Radina, Travis <TRadina@a2gov.org>
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2023 12:27 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline <JBeaudry@a2gov.org>; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) <CTaylor@a2gov.org>; Gerhart, Stephen <SGerhart@a2gov.org>; Dohoney Jr., Milton <MDohoney@a2gov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Additional Leaf Blower Amendments

Potential amendments for tonight's meeting. Atty Frost has reviewed.

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Travis Radina
Mayor Pro Tem | Councilmember, Ward 3
(he|him|his)

From: Radina, Travis
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:44:25 PM
To: Frost, Christopher <CFrost@a2gov.org>; Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha <AGhaziEdwin@a2gov.org>
Subject: Additional Leaf Blower Amendments

Hi Chris,

I could only find a PDF version of the ordinance, so I couldn't create a redline version myself, but I think my proposed amendments will be relatively clear. I wanted to provide them to you for review before submitting them. Please feel free to call me tomorrow (Monday), as necessary.

AMENDMENT 1

6:702. – Regulation of Gas-powered Leaf Blowers.

(1) Summer ban and phase out. Beginning on June 1, 2025, the use of Gas-powered Leaf Blowers is prohibited in the City from June 1 to September 30. Electric Leaf Blowers may be used during this time.

(2) Seasonal use and phase-out. The use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers is permitted from October 1 to May 30 through the year 2027. Beginning January 1, 2028 the use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers is

prohibited at all times in the City.

AMENDMENT 2

6:703. – Regulation of Leaf Blowers Generally.

~~(1) Hours of operation. Leaf Blowers may only be used during the following hours:~~

~~a. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.~~

~~b. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.~~

~~(2)~~ (1) Blowing off-property prohibited. It is prohibited to blow or sweep debris, trash, leaves, plant clippings, or yard waste into a neighboring property, street, sidewalk, drain, or public right-of-way.

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Travis Radina

Ann Arbor Mayor Pro Tem | Councilmember, Ward 3

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