

ITEM#5
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Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Hamas Resolution

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This resolution is not a bad idea. Unfortunately, you are missing a serious part of the resolution.

Did you know this: *The Palestinian child death toll in Gaza has reached 2,055—an unthinkable number indicating Israeli forces have killed about a thousand children a week since October 7. Nearly 5,000 Palestinian children are injured and 830 are reported missing under the rubble.*

I don't know if you have any kids but I do and this is unthinkable. These are civilians that Israel is massaging! The resolution should be modified calling for a cease fire and immediate humanitarian aid. What Israel is doing are war crimes!

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From: Brandon Gumm <brandongumm1996@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:04 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Subject: Re: Supervisor Brandau's, "Comdemning" Hamas Resoultion

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To whom this concerns,

For consideration of the Board, as I am a resident of Fresno County. Why would a conflict being Zionists and Palestinians be blindly condemned with no context about the past 100 years since Mandatory Palestine at the end of WWI?

If the Board, particularly Brandau, was aware of the racist ideology of Zionism, why would this ideology be supported with a condemnation of Hamas with never a condemnation of Zionist Israel when Israel has, even to their nation's admissions in the past, bombed and harmed more children than Hamas ever has?

Fomenting division between Palestinians and Zionists is a racist action. Why is it so? As stated by Theodor Herzl (the creator of the Zionist Organization that pushed to colonize land occupied by Palestinians of various religions for at least around 2,000 years without needing a series of cultural books; Palestinians have some of the oldest Christian churches in the world), Zionism is a settler colonial project with no desire for peace with Palestinians; it was admired by him to be a literal race-based ideology.

If the Board read about Zionism from a non-Israeli source, they would find it's racist origins of principle and practice. Why is this racism not condemned? There are religious, cultural, elements of Zionism; but it is, as Herzl mentions in 1896, racist ideology that aimed to benefit the upper and middle class Jewish people at the expense of their own poor, laboring Jews. How can anyone who hasn't sold their brains to lobbyists support this racist tyranny? I have a smidge of Jewish in my blood, "blood" is talked about a lot in Zionist ideology as it relates to "race", but I can't support actions that give ammo to anti-Semites like Ukrainian Nazis who support Israel.

The Zaavara Agreement of 1933 gave Zionist German Jews (only the Zionist ones) the green light to colonize Palestine. This angered the Palestinians and Arabs of the 1930s, which would motivate the most racist among them, as a response. Religion is only a tiny aspect of Zionist ideology (the cultural aspect they attribute to race and nations that are based on race; an ugly ideology). Race is their primary factor.

Albert Einstein had once supported Zionism until after the Nakba, when he condemned them as behaving like Nazis. Einstein later condemned the Israeli lobby.

Zionism takes the colonial activities that Europeans forced upon many peoples, including the brutalities done to Jews by racist Europeans and westerners since Ancient Rome, and then applies that to people who did not oppress them: Palestinians. Bear in mind, Palestinians have lived there since at least the change from BC to AD, and the conquests occurring in that region in the AD era came from religious groups responding to colonization by Christians and Jews of Arabic tribes before Islam stopped that. Ottomans (Turkish in origin) also conquered, but not the Palestinians. They are used as a proxy tool for the imperialism that the Bible condemns and that Thomas Jefferson would condemn.

No state of Palestine, to form a 2-state solution, was ever done since the end of WWI. It is legally under Israeli dictates and rulership. The Israeli lobby further stamps that status quo in. The administration of Palestinian land is complex in Israel, as there are 4 zones until they can even become a "separate but equal" Israeli citizen. They are treated as others despite only wanting self-determination and sovereignty that would allow them to trade with who they choose; not with who Israel chooses. They want an end to the many decades of blockade against Gaza by Israel.

When a resolution hasn't been found, and if Israel didn't admit to being tied to Hamas, can we be surprised that armed groups arise in heavily oppressed regions filled with Israeli violence and Islamist violence funded by our country?

My view is a ceasefire, at minimum, to stop the abominations committed by Israel. If Israel's history was known, and seen as a race-cultural issue, then it would be best to condemn Israel too. If Hamas is the only issue, then why would this Board not condemn the oppression of millions for the actions of a few?

“Do unto others as you would want done unto you.” I, as well as all of our country, would not want to be collectively punished for the actions of a few lobbyists and “corporations” and politicians, so why should the Gazans and Palestinians?

When Dyer puts up Israeli flags but no Palestine flags, is he representing the whole City and County, by extension (though it’s not his jurisdiction)? Or is he representing racial supremacy of Jews above Palestinians and Arabs?

Likewise to the County, why support the racism of Israel when their terrorism is far worse than anything Hamas could do?

In Fresno County, we have many ethnic and cultural groups, so why support one over the other; especially when the one has been the oppressor since 1948? In the book of Amos, a Jewish prophet, Israel was condemned for its sins committed against others.

Ceasefire. Minimum. Thank you for your time. I hope the Board doesn’t end up supporting lobbyist-funded racial supremacy.

-A conceded county resident