

From: [Rosemary Amico](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: support student protestors
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:31:32 PM

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I am writing to ask you to support the resolution to support our students and call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. As a longtime Madison, WI resident and former student at the UW, I find the arrests, general police action, and other disciplinary actions against the students and faculty protesting abhorrent and am calling on you all to stand up for students exercising their free speech rights and to stand with them against the genocide that the US is supporting in Gaza.

-Rosemary

From: [Maram Assaf](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Item #38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:20:56 PM

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Hello, I'm writing to you guys about the meeting you have today about item #38. Calling for a ceasefire and supporting the student protest. By passing this you will make a lot of the community members feel heard and seen! This would have a big impact on the fellow Arab Americans and make us feel safer.

From: dr.aydarova@gmail.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: please vote yes to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:47:53 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing in regard to item 38 on the agenda to ask you to vote yes on the resolution reaffirming support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and supporting student protestors.

As a resident of Madison, I have gone to the encampment on campus almost every day since it was started and have seen care and community. Students are raising the voices of the unheard and calling for measures that could prevent numerous deaths in Gaza. Please, support their courageous act of dissent. Seeing how brutally they were treated by the police, I hope the city council will step in calling for the university administration to hear students' demands and address the issues they are raising without getting police involved again.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Elena Aydarova, Madison resident

From: [Nathan Beck](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Supporting resolution 83214, Item 38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:01:36 AM

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Hi all,

I write to you as a resident of Madison in support of resolution 83214, Item 38.

On May 1st, on my way to work, I stopped by the encampment at Library Mall to show support to students who are protesting a war that has killed 15,000 children. I was shocked to see what looked like hundreds of officers. It was an absurd scene - a few dozen predominantly 18 and 19 year old kids with signs, and hundreds of officers with guns. When I arrived, around 8:00, it was a peaceful stand-still at the moment. I went to take a picture of the absurdity of it, then was standing in the background (away from where most students and police were). I was texting the picture to my partner, when about 8 or so MPD officers started running towards me and a small group of others who were standing in the background. To be clear, I was sending a text message looking at my phone, there were others who were standing around observing who looked like they had stopped by on their way to work as well. There was no threat or risk.

Within seconds, MPD ran up and knocked me and others to the ground, knocked things out of our hands. Others ended up with officers' knees on their heads. It was an absurd and unwarranted escalation tactic that made everyone less safe and served no functional purpose.

Not only was it a lapse in ethics, it was a clear lapse in strategy. What purpose does it serve to escalate a peaceful demonstration in those ways? What purpose does it serve to, without conversation, without seeking to understand, knock people to the ground? Most concerning of all is that in review, I am sure MPD will find that officers acted clearly within the bounds of their SOPs. I urge you to vote in favor of this resolution.

Nathan
53711

From: [Bonnie Block](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution supporting a Ceasefire and Student Protestors
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:25:04 PM

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I strongly urge you to pass the resolution above.

Thank you.

Bonnie Block
2237 Fox Avenue
Madison, WI 53711

From: [RAINA SAGE BRAUN](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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I'm emailing as a resident of Madison to express my solidarity with the students protesting the Palestinian genocide on UW Madison campus. I urge you at your meeting today to also choose to stand in solidarity and speak in favor of the encampment and reaffirm Madison's support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Best,

Raina Braun

From: [Rita Baldacchino](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution Reaffirming Ceasefire in Gaza and supporting Students Protests
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:22:34 PM

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Dear Aldermen,

I thank you in advance for voting in reaffirmation of the ceasefire in Gaza and for supporting the Students' protests.

Rita Cairns
1622 Lakeview Avenue
Madison WI 53704
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Carnoali](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 7:55:48 PM

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Alders,

I urge you to support this resolution. I am a District 12 resident and how you vote on this resolution will affect who I vote for in future elections.

The student protests at UW have been peaceful and morally necessary. The students have every right to demand their institution not fund genocide. As American media and politics has focused on student protests, the heinous crimes students are protesting have continued. Israel has begun bombing Rafah, the last "safe" location in Gaza in which more than 1 million people are sheltering in tents with nowhere to go. Dozens of civilians have already been killed, and the Israeli government has made clear they will continue their assault without pressure from countries like the United States. Additionally, multiple mass graves have been discovered. We have a responsibility to act.

I want to remind you all as well that the methods of protest we normally understand as "acceptable" have been tried. You voted in support of a ceasefire, people have marched in the streets, voted uncommitted, and called their representatives to insufficient effect. If you believe that a ceasefire is what is needed to prevent further slaughter, then you should support the peaceful efforts by UW students to bring change to their campus and Gaza.

Gaza has no universities left. If we care about campus safety, I think it's clear that the IDF is a far bigger threat than students in tents.

From: [Rachel Chisman](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:19:47 AM

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Good morning,

I am emailing in support of all those students, staff, faculty, and community members who have bravely stood up and pledged their support for the Palestinian people who are currently experiencing a genocide. It is shameful that the US is the only nation in the UN standing against Palestine.

The truth is, throughout US history, every major social issue that has become a movement on multiple college campuses across the country has been in the direction of more human rights. I am proud to be part of a community that would risk their own individual wellbeing for the common good of human kind. I hope every alder will do everything in their power to support the people here peacefully protesting this genocide. Please stand with the world and show your support for item 38.

Respectfully and in solidarity,
Rachel Chisman

From: [Z](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for item #38 for Common Council meeting 5/7
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:56:17 AM

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Dear Common Council,

I am writing in support of item #38 on the agenda for the common council meeting on 5/7, which upholds the First Amendment right to protest and assemble and supports the Popular University for Gaza. The students have shown immense bravery, and the police have shown cruelty. When you voted for a ceasefire in Gaza, I was glad. Unfortunately, as long as the university invests in bombs sent to Israel, every Wisconsin tax payer is implicit in the slaughter in Gaza. Allowing the students to act on their constitutionally protected rights materially moves the city towards achieving what it called for back in December. As a citizen of Ward 4, I am glad to see Michael Verveer supported that previous vote. I hope he will support this one.

Thank you,
Zack

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Zachary (Zack) Crenshaw
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267-319-4422
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From: [City of Madison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] useless proposed resolution
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:10:19 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Thu, 05/02/2024 - 09:17

jerry darda

15 Sturbridge Circle

Madison, Wisconsin. 53717 Yes, by email. jerryxdarda@gmail.com All Alders useless proposed resolution Please reject alders Bennett,Rummel, and Wehelie's resolution directing the UW to allow illegal tents encouraging mob behavior during demonstrations on campus. You have zero authority and another proclamation highlights your arrogance especially when you can't solve problems over which you have control, such as, homelessness, affordable housing, panhandling on numerous streets, mental health etc. In addition allowing our outstanding police officers the use of body cameras would expose the fact that the demonstrators are the violent ones not the police. Wake up, these illegal gatherings encourage non student troublemakers to cause problems as evidenced by the fact that 3 of the 4 persons booked yesterday were non students. Peaceful demonstrations would garner sympathy to the cause of those demonstrating.

However, the elitist, entitled spoiled children incharge at UW have zero credibility with common sense folks.

From: [Buzz Davis](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Barb Olson-PeaceActivist](#)
Subject: PLS. Vote YES On Version 2 of Resol. ReaffirmingSupport4PermanentCeasefire&Students
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:42:42 PM

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Dear Alder Persons: These are dangerous times for children and adults in this world of global turmoil!

Ukraine and Gaza/Palestine lead the world in hot wars.

I spent a year of my life training to be an infantry officer during the Vietnam War. It was against my will. But after a year of learning how to kill everything and to destroy anything, I more strongly than ever -- know that democracy and peace do NOT come from the barrel of a gun.

Jews, Moslems, Christians and other religions have been at each others throats for thousands of years. The cause is not really religious differences but men seeking power.

We have learned that killing only builds immediate and delayed hatred. Killing does not bring peace.

In my view Israel is now conducting illegal genocide operations in Gaza, we supply the equipment. US Senators Sanders and 7 others in their March 12th letter to Pres. Biden said further supply of weapons to Israel is illegal under our laws. I urge you to vote YES on Version 2 of the Resolution. It is a reasonable statement of support for peace and support for Americans to speak up and speak out against the injustices and crimes in this world.

Peace and thank you for all your efforts to make Madison a good place to live, work and study!

Buzz Davis, formerly of Stoughton now of Tucson, former municipal and county elected official and member Veterans for Peace, 608-239-5354

From: [Esty Dinur](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:47:51 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to ask that you support agenda item 38 and the students' encampment in support of Gaza.

Especially today, with Israel attacking Rafah, the last refuge for more than million Palestinians, 610,000 of them children who have been uprooted time and again, we must show our support to them and to the students who are in their tents in the storms, to support an immediate, permanent ceasefire and demand that the UW-Madison administration disclose and divest from Israel- and war-supporting corporations.

I write to you as an Israeli-American daughter of a Holocaust survivor. After the Holocaust we promised "Never Again." But here it is, happening again right in front of our eyes, by my one country with full support by my other country.

Let's do what we can, by voting for this (sadly altered) resolution.

Esty Dinur

...for, truly, I am not a website and my name is not Etsy.

From: [Jess Draws](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:23:16 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to express my strong support for the "Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors" resolution being voted on tonight (5/7) urging immediate action to address the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As a member of the Madison community and an advocate for justice and human rights, I believe it is imperative that we take a stand against the violence and suffering inflicted upon innocent civilians in the region.

The resolution highlights the devastating impact of the conflict on both Palestinian and Israeli populations, with thousands of lives lost and essential infrastructure destroyed. The humanitarian crisis in Gaza, exacerbated by the destruction of hospitals and schools, demands urgent attention and intervention from the international community.

Furthermore, the resolution rightly emphasizes the importance of upholding the principles of free speech and peaceful assembly, as demonstrated by the courageous actions of University of Wisconsin-Madison students and faculty in organizing peaceful protests and encampments. The recent escalation of violence against protesters by law enforcement agencies is deeply concerning and underscores the need for clear communication and de-escalation tactics to ensure the safety of all involved.

I urge you, as elected representatives of our community, to support this resolution and take decisive action to address the root causes of the conflict in Gaza. By calling for an immediate ceasefire and advocating for diplomatic solutions, we can help alleviate the suffering of innocent civilians and pave the way for a just and lasting peace in the region.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Jess Draws
1630 Fordem Ave, Madison 53704
UW-Madison MSW '17

From: etalajk@gmail.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support the Resolution for a Ceasefire and Supporting Students
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 7:36:18 PM

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Dear Alders,

As a constituent of the city of Madison, I urge you to support the resolution proposed for tomorrow, May 7th, to support student protestors and reaffirm the city's support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. The University has committed egregious acts of violence against peaceful protestors, and Chancellor Mnookin's power must be kept in check in order to protect the students' right to protest and their personal safety.

From: [Maddie Faull](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:15:26 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am a 6 year Madison resident and a social work graduate student at UW Madison. I witnessed the raid on the peaceful encampment at Library Mall on Wednesday morning. **I will never forget what I witnessed that morning, a disgusting display of power by University Admin and UW, City, County, and State police.** The police violently dismantled the camp and manhandled and injured peaceful protestors, many of which were students and faculty of color. As we have seen time and time again in our country laws do not equal morality. I quite frankly do not care that camping is not permitted on University grounds, because to be honest, neither should investing UW funds in companies which profit off of war and genocide be. It was illegal to assist in the escape of enslaved people, illegal for Indigenous peoples to practice their religion, illegal for gay couples to get married, etc. I strongly urge you to consider this fact as you vote tonight.

I urge you all to vote in favor of the resolution presented in Agenda Item 38 which reaffirms support for a permanent ceasefire in Palestine and supports student protestors who are bravely fighting for justice despite the threat of physical violence at the hands of the state and counterprotesters.

Best,
Maddie Faull
(She/her)

From: [Ben Fisher](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: resolution on UW encampment
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:54:55 PM

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City of Madison Common Councilmembers,

I understand that this evening you will be voting on a resolution calling for Chancellor Mnookin to allow the UW-Madison student encampment to remain, free from threat of law enforcement. I am writing to urge you to SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION. Although I am writing you as a private citizen, my role a UW faculty member who has spent hours in or near the encampment—including when it was raided by law enforcement—shapes my writing indelibly.

Over the past week, I have spent time at the encampment speaking with students in the camp, having lunch with colleagues, observing cultural practices, and more. I've met more new friends and colleagues at the encampment over the past week than I have in my nearly two full years employed at UW-Madison. And importantly, in my observations the encampment has never been anything less than completely safe, to the point where multiple friends have brought their kids to come play and add to the beautiful chalk art.

Safe, that is, until the cops showed up at the behest of the Chancellor. I saw my students—students who are passionate about sustainable agriculture—about how we make science relevant to the public—students who have brilliant ideas but needed a bit more structure to help their argument flow out of their topic sentences—students who critiqued the ideas I presented in class in a way that led to deeper learning for the class as a whole—students who are SO ready to be done taking classes so they can go and make the world a better place—on the morning of 5/1 I saw their bodies smashed up against riot shields and my eyes welled up with tears. You've seen the videos I'm sure. Students stood their ground to protect what they had built against the heavy hand of the state that was called in by this university's highest ranking official. My students deserve better. They deserve the safety THEY created, not the danger imposed upon them by the Chancellor.

When speaking about the encampment, Chancellor Mnookin keeps saying that it needs to be removed not because tents in and of themselves are a threat, but because the camp is a magnet for unsafe activity. Should we stop building schools because they are a magnet for school shootings? Should we stop creating businesses because they are sites of fraud? Should we close our public parks because people sneak in drugs? The tents are not a threat; the encampment is not a threat; our students are not a threat. They should be protected and cherished and engaged with in a substantive, meaningful way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ben Fisher
Madison resident since 2022

From: [Dan Fitch](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: In support of agenda #38, 83214
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 5:03:49 PM

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Dear Alderpeople,

I'm academic staff at UW-Madison, and I support this resolution to keep our peacefully protesting students safe; calling riot cops on peaceful protestors is something Madison (and our chancellor) should have learned from history not to do. Frankly, I'm outraged that faculty of color were singled out for violence.

I encourage you to go down to Library Mall and talk to students, if you are on the fence about this. It's much safer there now that cops aren't rioting.

There may be arguments about wording in the resolution, but **US-made bombs are being dropped on kids living in tents (who are already refugees) and that collective punishment must be stopped.** Period. Students here protesting state murder are NOT the problem.

I intentionally *tried* to keep this brief, but feel free to reach out if you want to have a conversation about it.

Appreciate you all,

Dan Fitch

From: [Abby Frank Taylor](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support Resolution 83214, Item 38
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:02:34 PM

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Hello,

I am writing today to urge you to vote to reaffirm your support for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and to protect the rights of our students at UW Madison to protest peacefully against genocide.

Our students are standing up to protect the children and civilians in Palestine who are being starved and continuously bombed using our tax dollars. UW Chancellor Mnookin unleashed police violence on these peaceful students, which is a sign of her administration's poor judgement and misplaced priorities. These students deserve protection and to be bolstered by their community. By supporting this resolution, you are providing that support and protection.

I have spent time at the encampment on and off this past week. Each time I visited, the students were peacefully gathering, taking care of each other, and deescalating or ignoring any attempts by agitators to escalate the situation. I am so proud to see the work they are doing to fight for a better world and hold their University accountable. I hope you will support them as well.

Thank you,
Abby Frank Taylor
Madison, WI 53704

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Abby Frank Taylor
Pronouns: she/her/hers

From: [Costanza Generali](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 28, Common Council Meeting May 7
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:40:24 PM

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Hello,

I am a Dane County resident, wishing to comment on Agenda Item 38 for the Common Council meeting on May 7, 2024.

Agenda Item 38: Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors

I would like to express my support for this agenda item.

Thank you.

Costanza Generali
422 Stang St, Madison, WI 53704

From: [Costanza Generali](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
Subject: Re: Support for Agenda Item 28, Common Council Meeting May 7
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:45:34 PM

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Thank you for that clarification. Here is my updated comment:

Agenda Item 38, updated substitute version: Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors Supporting Student Organizers & Reaffirming Commitment to Peaceful Resolution

I would like to express my support for this agenda item.

Thank you.

Costanza Generali

422 Stang St, Madison, WI 53704

On Tue, May 7, 2024 at 3:42 PM Matthias, Isaac L <IMatthias@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email. The authors of that resolution have submitted an updated substitute version. You can find the updated text at the link below. The updated text is the portion that is underlined.

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6659491&GUID=BCA3DD9F-1B1E-428A-A808-C5854A3E99E7&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=83214&FullText=1>

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Agenda Item 38: Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student

Protestors

I would like to express my support for this agenda item.

Thank you.

Costanza Generali

422 Stang St, Madison, WI 53704

From: [molly ginsberg](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Reaffirm the City of Madison's Support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:08:53 AM

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Dearest Alders of the City of Madison,

I am writing to you with shaky hands and a broken heart as I bear witness to the unimaginable carnage being carried out in the city of Rafah right now....and with regard to item #38 of the City of Madison's Common Council agenda.

As a Jewish person and a person of conscience proudly born and raised in the city of Madison, I implore you to support the UW Madison student encampment and to halt any and all disciplinary action against these remarkable and courageous students who are willing to risk everything to protest the Israeli state-sanctioned genocide against Palestinians. I hope you are all as proud as I am of the tremendous tenacity of our students. I remain in awe of their bravery and steadfastness in the face of police violence and repression.

I implore you to support an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

I implore you to support the student calls for disclosure and divestment from the University.

It is because of the values imparted upon me by my public school education in MMSD and by my Jewish ancestral tradition that it sickens me to my core to watch the people and institutions I thought I respected support (or remain silent on) unconscionable and ultraviolent actions against innocent civilian populations—be they our cherished UW students or our sacred Palestinian siblings.

I implore you to be on the right side of history. This is not an issue of antisemitism. This is an issue of human rights violations and—by and large—our non consensual complicity in mass murder. With every fiber of my being I must demand that Never Again mean Never Again For Anyone.

I am often reminded of the words of the honorable Elie Wiesel (z"l), Nobel Laureate, author, and Holocaust survivor:

“Action is the only remedy to indifference: the most insidious danger of all.”

“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.”

“I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides.”

“This is what we must do—not to sleep well when people suffer anywhere in the world. Not to sleep well when someone's persecuted. Not to sleep well when people are hungry all over

here or there. Not to sleep well when there are people sick and nobody is there to help them. Not to sleep well when anyone somewhere needs you."

May we not sleep well until we see a free and liberated Palestine in our lifetimes.

Keyn y'hi ratzon. May it be so!

Please support agenda item #38. I believe the very soul of this ostensibly great city depends on it.

Mazel Ginsberg

From: [Lachrista Greco](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors
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Hello, please support the resolution to reaffirm support for a permanent ceasefire and support student protesters.

Thank you,
Lachrista Greco

From: [Julia Greenberg](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Vote in favor of #83214
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:12:00 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to ask you to vote for #83214 and reaffirm your support for a permanent ceasefire and student protestors. Like many in our community, I have been horrified by the war crimes Israel is committing on a daily basis. As a Jew, I am also horrified that crimes are being committed in the name of "Jewish safety." I urge you to join in the many other cities that have used their collective voice to call for an immediate, permanent ceasefire to save lives and begin working towards a political resolution to the conflict. I was proud to be part of a community passing the resolution earlier and will again be proud of our community if you vote in support tonight.

I am also an instructor at UW-Madison and have been disturbed by our administration using police force against my colleagues and students. Passing this resolution would be a show of solidarity with the coalition of students, faculty and staff, and community members working to make our voice heard to the university. It is important for the university to hear from the broader community that we do not condone this use of force against peaceful protest.

Thank you,
Julia Greenberg

From: [Ryan Hartkopf](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: I support student protestors
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:36:18 PM

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Madison and I want to register my support for the student protestors and their free speech rights. I'm joining them in asking the common council to adopt the resolution commending their efforts and supporting a ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you,

Ryan Hartkopf
6633 Raymond Rd, Madison, WI 53711

From: [Ryan Hartkopf](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
Subject: Re: I support student protestors
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:54:19 PM

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Thank you for the info. I support the new version of the resolution as well.

Ryan Hartkopf

On Tue, May 7, 2024, 3:39 PM Matthias, Isaac L <IMatthias@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

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From: Ryan Hartkopf <ryanhartkopf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:36 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: I support student protestors

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Madison and I want to register my support for the student protestors and their free speech rights. I'm joining them in asking the common council to adopt the resolution commending their efforts and supporting a ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you,

Ryan Hartkopf

6633 Raymond Rd, Madison, WI 53711

From: [Miriam Hasan](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: In support of resolution 83214, item 38
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:30:44 PM

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Dear Alders,

Please support resolution 83214, item 38, which reaffirms the Madison City Council's call for a ceasefire in Gaza and additionally calls for the protection of UW students, faculty and other members of our communities as they protest against genocide.

This is a humanitarian disaster that must be stopped for all of our futures. It will only be stopped through collective action.

In solidarity.
Miriam Hasan
2722 Sommers Ave.
Madison, WI 53704

From: [Jamie Hawkins](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:31:44 AM

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Hello Alders,

I am writing to confirm my support of the Resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire. The encampment should be able to continue, students should not be punished. We need an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

I hope that the common council votes yes on this resolution tonight!

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Jamie Hawkins
Postpartum Doula | mosaicpostpartum.com

From: [LUCY AUTUMN HILDEBRAND](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Permanent Ceasefire in Palestine
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:44:43 PM

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Hello Alders,

I am a student at UW and urge you to call for a ceasefire in Gaza and stand with the student encampment.

Lucy Hildebrand

From: [Bailey Hosfelt](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for ceasefire legislation and UW encampment
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:44:51 PM

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Hi Madison Alders,

I am a UW-Madison student and Madison resident. I am reaching out to urge the Common Council to vote YES on the resolution to support the student encampment and its demands for divestment and increased transparency about the university's financial holdings and complicity in genocide.

I am in support of a permanent ceasefire, and I would like the Common Council to reaffirm its call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire to save lives now and into the future for all Palestinians.

Israel has blocked the Rafah crossing and has initiated a deadly ground invasion, resulting in the loss of hundreds of innocent lives (on top of the thousands of innocent people murdered by the United States-backed Israeli government and military). Without immediate, international action, these deaths will continue.

Thank you for your time and attention, and please vote YES in support of the resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire. The Madison Common Council must put pressure on the university, the state, and the country to end the genocide NOW.

Best,
Bailey Hosfelt

From: [Htabbaa](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support UW student rights and cease fire in Gaza
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 5:10:14 AM

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Dear Alders,

Please we need your support for permanent ceasefire and stop the war on Gaza and most importantly to protect the right of our students for peaceful protest against genocide.

We have to stand up for our values and respect our constitutional rights and freedom of speech.

Our students are standing up to protect the remaining children, women and innocent civilians in Gaza and we should appreciate their stance.

UW Chancellor Mnookin unleashed police violence on these peaceful students which is a sign of her administration's poor judgement and misplaced priorities. We need to do better for our students and community who stand up with them in solidarity against the crimes happening now in Gaza.

Much appreciated.

From: [City of Madison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Proposed Encampment Resolution
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:10:29 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Thu, 05/02/2024 - 11:44

James Isaac
4006 Mandan Crescent
Madison, Wisconsin. 53711 Yes, by email. jamesgisaac@gmail.com All Alders Proposed Encampment Resolution Dear Alders,

First, and as always, thank you for all of the time you dedicate to the community.

I write today to ask you NOT to support the apparent resolution that is being proposed by Alders Bennet, Rummel, and Wehelie asking for UW-Madison approval of the illegal encampment on Library Mall. Whatever the intentions, a Council resolution to request the authorization of illegal activity is wrong. Period. This community and nation are at their best when no one is above the law. If Alders do not agree with the law – namely, Chapter 18 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code that prohibits tents and camping on university property – then they should work to change the law. It would be an extraordinary step for elected representatives to pass an official measure asking anyone, the UW Chancellor, Madison police, whomever, to knowingly sanction violation of a common sense law.

No one wants to see the continued loss of innocent life in Gaza or Israel. There are a number of ways Madison residents can make this view known, and legal ways to do so have been fully embraced – indeed, fully protected – by UW-Madison, the UW police, and Madison police. (Although it can shock the conscience, this includes a First Amendment right used by some anti-Israel protesters across the country to utter blatantly antisemitic chants such as “From the river to the sea,” and a right to completely ignore the barbaric acts perpetrated by Hamas on Israelis this past October or claim they were justified.) But an encampment on Library Mall is not one of them. This applies equally to any group that would try to create an encampment on Library Mall, now or in the future, in favor of or in opposition to any particular cause.

Sincerely, James Isaac

From: [City of Madison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Say No to Pro-Encampment Resolution
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:11:25 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Thu, 05/02/2024 - 18:35

James Isaac
4006 Mandan Crescent
Madison, Wisconsin. 53711 Yes, by email. jamesgisaac@gmail.com All Alders Say No to Pro-Encampment Resolution Dear Alders,

Thanks for everything you do for the city.

I write to urge you NOT to support the proposed resolution from Alders Bennett, Rummel, and Wehelie that would ask UW-Madison to affirm and permit the continued illegal encampment of anti-Israel protestors on Library Mall.

It would be truly absurd for a group of elected officials, who are here to serve the ENTIRE Madison community, to urge the UW to tolerate the flagrant violation of the law.

The UW and local law enforcement are doing the right thing: unequivocally upholding and protecting First Amendment rights of free speech (even with some odious, antisemitic elements involved), while also enforcing the law against encampments for the safety and protection of the ENTIRE student body and broader Madison community. Although the encampers seem to have lost sight of this, theirs are not the only voices in the city, nor are they above the law. They also are not the only ones who would like to make use of Library Mall, especially with graduation upcoming.

To speak of a “slippery slope” if allowed to continue their encampment or if the UW gave in to their demands (can one think of anything more brazenly discriminatory and hateful than to call for terminating a study abroad program to Israel just because it’s Israel?) would be a grave understatement - it would be a suicide slope. The potential fall-out is impossible to quantify: now and in the future, supporters of the proposed resolution are setting a precedent to encourage any and all groups (whatever the issue, including those not foreseen) to insist on breaking the law long enough to get their way.

This is a country and city of laws, not women or men, and no one and no groups should be awarded for claiming to be above them.

Sincerely, James Isaac

From: [James Isaac](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
Subject: Re: [All Alders] Say No to Pro-Encampment Resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:18:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thank you, Isaac. I continue to oppose the revised resolution and will share that thought with all common council members. Please see below for the why.

The revised resolution states:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Madison Common Council commends the student organizers for exercising their First Amendment rights, signifying the Wisconsin Idea, and engaging in civil disobedience for beliefs they strongly hold.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Madison Common Council urges Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin and UW-Madison leadership to prioritize protecting free speech and allow the encampment to continue during ongoing negotiations with student organizers.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Madison Common Council condemns any acts of antisemitism, islamophobia, and hatred in any and all forms.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin.”

First, I do not agree with “commend[ing] the student organizers for exercising their First Amendment rights, signifying the Wisconsin Idea, and engaging in civil disobedience for beliefs they strongly hold.” The point is that the encampers are going beyond their Constitutionally protected free speech rights - which the UW, law enforcement, and critics of the encampment have all universally acknowledged and protected - and instead have insisted on continued violation of the law by camping somewhere they are not allowed to camp. The Wisconsin Idea emphatically does not stand for anyone’s right to knowingly violate the law just because the person or group feels their illegal behavior is justified.

Second, I do not agree with “urg[ing] Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin and UW-Madison leadership to prioritize protecting free speech and allow the encampment to continue during ongoing negotiations with student organizers.” This statement represents the conflation of two distinct ideas. Ms. Mnookin and UW leadership have all along prioritized the protection of free speech. That is not in debate. What they have not done, should not do, and cannot legally do is to approve an illegal encampment. Illegal encampment is fundamentally different than the exercise of legally protected free speech rights. Moreover, I also do not agree with the UW’s ongoing “negotiation” with those who are intentionally breaking the law as a way to try to increase their leverage. Violation of the law should result in adverse consequences, not rewards. Placating those who break the law intentionally is the most slippery of slopes. Desired by some today for a cause they feel is worthy, regretted tomorrow by so many more.

Third, the fleeting reference to “as well as the Hamas attack on October 7” doesn’t fool anyone. Neither this resolution nor, it appears, the encampers seem to care about the barbaric attacks of Hamas. Nor do they appear to care about making any demands of Hamas, the terrorists who intentionally started the current situation. Where is the demand that Hamas immediately surrender and surrender the remaining hostages? Where is the demand that Hamas stop using Gazans as human shields? Where is the demand that Hamas provide shelter, water, and food to the innocent in Gaza? Silence on these obvious points, all of which would save (and would have saved) countless innocent lives, tells one everything one needs to know.

No one wants to see the innocent loss of life in Gaza or Israel. But this resolution does nothing to accomplish that, in form or substance. Instead, it encourages mob rule and willfully ignores other steps that the encampers and council member sponsors could suggest that would save so many lives.

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From: [City of Madison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Oppose Revised Pro-Encampment Resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:31:35 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Tue, 05/07/2024 - 15:29

James Isaac
4006 Mandan Crescent
Madison, Wisconsin. 53711 Yes, by email. jamesgisaac@gmail.com All Alders Oppose Revised Pro-Encampment Resolution Dear Alders,

I understand the prior draft resolution that would urge UW-Madison to ok the illegal encampment on Library Mall has been revised. For the reasons set out below, I continue to urge Council members to oppose the revised resolution.

The revised resolution states:

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based on who wants to violate it.

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Sincerely, James Isaac

From: [Cheryl Johnson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Ceasefire now
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:09:46 PM

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Please support the immediate ceasefire in Gaza!

Thank you,
Cheryl Johnson

From: [Sunshine Jones](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Vote Yes on Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:23:08 PM

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Sunshine Jones
4333 Crawford Drive
Madison, Wisconsin
53711

To Madison Common Council,

Vote Yes on Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors.

I am asking that you reaffirm the City of Madison Support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. I also ask that you support the University of Wisconsin Madison students demand for UW disclosure of their investments and their call for UW to divest from holdings that support the illegal, by international law, occupation of Palestinians and the horrific Israeli ongoing genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. Further, I ask that you urge the Chancellor to allow for the student-led peaceful encampment and that she discontinue any disciplinary action against these courageous students leading the way for a world my generation was unable to bring to fruition.

My hope in what is possible has been reawakened by the UW students and faculty involved in the UW encampment. I applaud their moral courage, their commitment to non-violent activism and their inclusivity of peoples of different political, religious, gender and sexual orientation and ages and abilities. May we each learn from their strong antiracist intersectional consciousness, and collaborative leadership. I respect their dedication and the depth of work they have done to challenge and root out antisemitism and islamophobia. I honor their inclusion of families with children.

Their inspired programming each day educates and generates interrelatedness among all who attend their events. One of many examples from this past weekend was their beautiful, inclusive and moving liberation Shabbat service organized by a group of UW Jewish Students followed by the Muslim call for Prayer in the same space.

These students do not want their education on the backs of 14, 000 Palestinian children massacred and no educational institutions left for Palestinians in Gaza. They want the UW to invest in that which is life enhancing for ALL.

Thank you for listening.

Sunshine Jones

From: [Yehuda Karsh](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: resolution#83214
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 2:19:40 PM

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As a voting residents in the City of Madison, we urge you to reject and vote against the divisive resolution, #83214, at tomorrow night's Common Council meeting. The resolution fails to attribute any responsibility for the current war to Hamas and its supporters or to condemn Hamas's triggering of the war when they murdered 1200+ men, women, children and babies in their brutal attack on October 7. It also makes no call on Hamas to return the 130+ hostages/bodies being held captive in Gaza. We demand that they be brought home. The resolution is not supported by Madison's Mayor, City Attorney and Chief of Police. This is a time of rising hate and antisemitism, which our grandchildren are experiencing in colleges and even high school. We are asking you to lead with empathy and ensure all local residents feel supported and welcomed. Inaccurate and one-sided resolutions will not solve the conflict or bring us any closer to peace. It will just spread antisemitism. We must bring our community together-not pull ourselves apart. Thanks for you compassion and understanding.

With gratitude,
Sari and Yehuda Karsh

From: [Sol Kelley-Jones](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Vote yes to "Supporting Student Organizers & Reaffirming Commitment to Peaceful Resolution"
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:34:45 PM

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Dear Alders,

I strongly urge you to support the resolution "Supporting Student Organizers & Reaffirming Commitment to Peaceful Resolution," although I must say, it is extremely disappointing that the substitute resolution takes out any policy change or accountability for the ways in which Madison Police Department participated in, and escalated, the aggressive crack-down on the peaceful encampment on May 1st.

On Wednesday morning, 4/1, I went down to the encampment to support the students and be an observer and was horrified by the level of state violence I saw enacted against a group of peaceful protestors standing up against a war that has killed over 14,000 children in 6 months. Not only were there State Troopers in riot gear, UW Police, the Dane County Sheriff's Deputies, but there were also Madison Police officers actively participating in the aggressive and violent suppression and arrest of protestors. It was one of the most shocking displays of state violence during a protest I have ever seen in Madison.

We should be embarrassed by the actions of our Madison Police and the violence they were an active part of facilitating against young people – students – and professors who call Madison home and were there to protect their students. As a city that prides ourselves on being a bastion of free speech with rich civic engagement and a proud history of protest we should be alarmed and ashamed of the actions of our police department, and the leadership from our city and the University that endorsed and enabled it.

Finally, I strongly urge you to reaffirm our city's call for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza. The level of destruction of Gaza and human suffering is unconscionable. We as taxpayers continue to bankroll a war on Gaza to the tune of billions of dollars and it has consequences for what we can invest in to support residents in our own communities. I am in strong support of our UW students joining with thousands of students across the country to demand that University divest from the ongoing brutal war on Gaza and no longer be financially complicit in what the International Court of Justice has ruled a plausible genocide. I call on the Chancellor to take the reasonable demands of the student's seriously and take action toward disclosing divestments and steps toward divesting in companies that profit from the ongoing violence and oppression toward the Palestinian people.

Please support this resolution, but, also, in the future, please have the courage to file resolutions that go beyond words of support to actually address the underlying policies that have produced and enabled the kinds of violence and escalation from MPD we saw on May 1st. We can and must do better as a city.

Thank you for your leadership,

Sol Kelley-Jones

4341 Crawford Drive
Madison, WI
53711

From: [lucy.l](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Ceasefire legislation
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:15:09 PM

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Hello, my name is Lucy Kenevan and I am a student at UW Madison. I'm writing to say that I strongly support the call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and I support student protestors who were arrested.

Lucy Kenevan

From: [Megan Kennedy](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support item 38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:24:06 AM

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Hello!

I am writing to urge you to support resolution 38 tonight, to support the student anti war protestors. Ceasefire Now!

Megan

From: [Rynn Kerkhove](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Supporting Agenda 38 Legistar 83214
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 7:52:20 PM

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Alders,

I urge you to support this resolution. I am a District 12 resident and how you vote on this resolution will affect who I vote for in future elections.

The student protests at UW have been peaceful and morally necessary. The students have every right to demand their institution not fund genocide. As American media and politics has focused on student protests, the heinous crimes students are protesting have continued. Israel has begun bombing Rafah, the last "safe" location in Gaza in which more than 1 million people are sheltering in tents with nowhere to go. Dozens of civilians have already been killed, and the Israeli government has made clear they will continue their assault without pressure from countries like the United States. Additionally, multiple mass graves have been discovered. We have a responsibility to act.

I want to remind you all as well that the methods of protest we normally understand as "acceptable" have been tried. You voted in support of a ceasefire, people have marched in the streets, voted uncommitted, and called their representatives to insufficient effect. If you believe that a ceasefire is what is needed to prevent further slaughter, then you should support the peaceful efforts by UW students to bring change to their campus and Gaza.

Gaza has no universities left. If we care about campus safety, I think it's clear that the IDF is a far bigger threat than students in tents.

From: [Nicole Kester](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Madisonian In Full Support of Passing the Resolution Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza and Supporting Student Protesters
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:19:08 PM

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Hello,

I want to email and share my unequivocal support for the resolution being voted on at tonight's meeting, which is focused on "Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza and Supporting Student Protesters."

I have been deeply impacted watching the horrors unfold in Gaza over the last seven months, with many of my days being filled to the brim with grief, confusion, and anger at the stark loss of humanity that can allow the world to watch on as Palestinians are massacred like fish in a barrel with nowhere to escape to. Our only current glimmer of hope in our state is the beautiful solidarity shown by our young people who are standing up and putting their futures and their bodies on the line in a poignant refusal that this should be accepted as a new normal. These students and other voices across our city and the state of WI must be honored and protected for all they are doing to demand better of us.

Please ensure the resolution is passed.

Nicole Kester
3817 Busse St
Madison, WI 53714

From: [Nicole Kester](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
Subject: Re: Madisonian In Full Support of Passing the Resolution Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza and Supporting Student Protesters
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:28:40 PM

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Thank you for the update. My comment is reaffirmed and still applies to the updated version of the resolution.

Kind regards,

Nicole

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I have been deeply impacted watching the horrors unfold in Gaza over the last seven months, with many of my days being filled to the brim with grief, confusion, and anger at the stark loss of humanity that can allow the world to watch on as Palestinians are massacred like fish in a barrel with nowhere to escape to. Our only current glimmer of hope in our state is the beautiful solidarity shown by our young people who are standing up and putting their futures and their bodies on the line in a poignant refusal that this should be accepted as a new normal. These students and other voices across our city and the state of WI must be honored and protected for all they are doing to demand better of us.

Please ensure the resolution is passed.

Nicole Kester

3817 Busse St

Madison, WI 53714

From: [H Koller](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:47:08 PM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident, professional student, and university staff member. I am writing to ask that you please vote in favor of the Resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire tonight. This is a moment that will forever be remembered in history and I want to be a member of a community that gets it right. UW-Madison students have a long history of activism and fighting for what is right, and unfortunately, the city and the university have a long history of opposing such efforts by students. (A great history of UW-Madison student activism and opposition by the university and city: <https://reckoning.wisc.edu/student-activism/>).

By voting in favor of the resolution tonight, you have an opportunity to add an item to the list in the link above, an item in which UW-Madison and the City of Madison did right by their students and supported them in their efforts to make the world a better place. Please, see this for the amazing opportunity it is and see yourselves as the powerful change-makers that you can be.

Hannah Koller

From: [City of Madison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Vote on ceasefire resolution
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:47:09 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Mon, 05/06/2024 - 16:44

Neil lerner

He/him

1 Laredo Court

Madison , Wisconsin. 53719 Yes, by email. neilnewsltr@charter.net All Alders Vote on ceasefire resolution As a voting resident of Madison for 41 years, I am urging you to vote against the divisive resolution, #83214, at tomorrow night's Common Council meeting.

The situation is tragic for the people of Gaza and Israel, and for Jews and Palestinians in Madison. By choosing sides, your resolution will make the situation in Madison worse and will have no effect on the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Respectfully, i believe your time would be better spent on important Madison issues like the 2025 budget deficit.

The resolution fails to attribute any responsibility for the current war to Hamas and its supporters or to condemn Hamas's triggering of the war when they murdered 1200+ people in their brutal attack on October 7.

It makes no call on Hamas to return the 130+ hostages being held captive in Gaza. We demand they be brought home.

The resolution is not supported by Madison's Mayor, City Attorney, and Chief of Police.

The City of Madison must follow the law and support statutes previously established to protect ALL of its residents.

During this time of rising hate and antisemitism, I'm asking you to lead with empathy and ensure all local residents feel supported and welcomed. Inaccurate and one-sided resolutions will not solve the conflict or bring us any closer to peace. We must bring our community together – not pull ourselves apart.

Thank you for your compassion and understanding.

Sincerely,
Neil Lerner

From: [Sharon Lezberg](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for resolution supporting student organizers
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:00:20 PM

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Dear Alders,

I write as a Madison resident, a UW-Madison staff employee, a graduate of UW-Madison, and a person of Jewish faith. I am fully in support of the substitute resolution "Supporting Student Organizers & Reaffirming Commitment to Peaceful Resolution," which is before the Madison Common Council for adoption.

The student protesters have exercised their right to free speech in a peaceful, mindful, and intentional way. They, together with faculty and staff, community residents, and many in the student body, are elevating the issue of Palestinian right to self-determination. Through teach-ins, prayer, speakers, and open mics, they have been educating themselves, the campus community, and the public about the current unlawful war in Gaza. The war, albeit instigated by Hamas, has brought unbelievable death, destruction, and suffering to the Palestinian people. There is evidence of countless human rights violations inflicted by the Israeli Defense Forces. The students have every right and moral responsibility in bringing attention to what is happening in Gaza.

I have been at the encampment for several protests and events, and I can attest that these activities have been conducted in a peaceful and intentional manner. Outside of the police incursion, there has been no danger to students or to the community. Student organizers are sleeping at the encampment as a way to maintain a presence and assure that the issue is kept front and center, such that the University administration will respond to student demands. The resolution rightly calls on the Chancellor to allow the encampment to continue and to redact disciplinary actions against students.

Support for the students is a vote to assure that First Amendment rights are guaranteed. Support for the resolution is a vote against violence, genocide, and war. Please reaffirm the City of Madison's support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. This is the right thing to do.

Thank you for supporting this resolution,

Sharon Lezberg
Madison, WI

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Sharon Lezberg
sharonlezberg@gmail.com

From: [City of Madison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Release the hostages!
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:17:13 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Mon, 05/06/2024 - 14:55

Mushkie Matusof
1909 Regent St.

Madison, Wisconsin. 53726 No, do not contact me. All Alders Release the hostages! My name is Mushkie, I live in madison, i want to urge you to reject the resolution calling for a ceasefire in gaza tomorrow. This is actually not a resolution for a ceasefire, it's an antisemitic demand for the world's only jewish state to cower to the terrorists that attacked them and took hundreds of hostages who are still there, and several of them are american. At least one is a holocaust survivor and it's a disgrace that today on yom hashoah, holocaust remembrance day, the jewish community of madison should still have to call and email their alderpeople to remind our elected officials of the humanity of the jewish people. If you want to discuss this more i am always available to talk about jewish life and historical and modern antisemitism. Vote no to this resolution. Instead be a leader in this country and put forward a resolution to demand hamas release the hostages now! It's shocking that in 2024 we have to even ask this! There are over 100 INNOCENT CIVILIANS being held hostage in Hamas terror tunnels. Let's end this now.

From: [Malcolm McCanles](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:08:48 PM

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Dear Common Council Members,

student and resident of Madison Item #38 to
both state my support for the solidarity with student protestors expressed in this resolution, and strongly encourage the Common Council to stand with the demands of the Popular University for Gaza at UW-Madison.

These demands are:

- Divest from occupation, borders, and prisons.
- Disclose all of the UW foundation's investments.
- Cut all ties with Israeli institutions.
- Call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.
- Get cops off campus.
- And stop the land grabs and cease expansion.

The violence utilized on students, faculty, and community by police on May 1st was an abhorrent demonstration of the disdain UW-Madison holds for those who speak out against the institutions decisions. Namely to fund the genocide in Palestine. As a student at UW , I have a right to decide where my tuition money goes and I do NOT want my school funding military contracts.

I applaud the strong stance this Council has taken in the past in favor of a ceasefire, and urge the Council to stand with the concrete demands of its constituents. Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Athnie McMillan-Comeaux](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution 83214
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:51:33 PM

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Hello,

I am a resident of Madison writing in strong support of resolution 83214, supporting student protestors at UW-Madison and reaffirming the city council's commitment to a ceasefire.

As a staff member at the university, it has been so heartening to see these students put their bodies and education on the line to stand up for what is right. The brutality used against them by UWPD and MPD on the morning of May 1 was atrocious and should be condemned. Whether you agree with the students' demands and political position or not, they deserve to be listened to and allowed to exercise their first amendment rights, not to be arrested and subjected to police violence. I sincerely hope that you will do the right thing and pass this resolution as a first step toward protecting student and other protestors in Madison.

Thank you very much for your time,

Athnie McMillan-Comeaux
3017 Maple Valley Dr. Apt. 204
Madison, WI 53719
athniereid@gmail.com
608-440-4171

From: [susan McMurray](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support Agenda item 38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:10:13 PM

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Dear Alders of the City of Madison,

Please support the resolution relating to Gaza, which: (1) calls on the UW Madison Chancellor to allow the encampment on Library Mall AND to discontinue any disciplinary action against students; and (2) Reaffirms the City of Madison's support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

I urge the Madison Common Council to look to guidance on how to manage this understandably delicate issue from the ACLU, whose president issued an "Open Letter to College and University Presidents on Student Protests", or refer to Northwestern University President Michael Schill's remarks when he announced an understanding with student protestors.

I am a strong ally of Jewish Voice for Peace as well as the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project, and I urge you to find out more about the work of these visionary organizations in our backyard.

Thank you.

Susan McMurray
District 18
Madison, Wisconsin

From: [Annie Menzel](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Please support the ceasefire resolution!
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:55:22 PM

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Dear Alders,

Please support tonight's ceasefire resolution! Thank you for all that you are doing.

Best,
Annie Menzel

From: [Emily Morris](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Comments for Meeting May 7, 2024
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:31:49 PM

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Agenda Item 83214
OPPOSED

To the Alders of Madison:

My name is Emily Morris, I'm a Madison voter and proud member of this city's Jewish community. I urge you to oppose the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza tonight. This is actually not a peaceful resolution for a ceasefire, it's an antisemitic demand for the world's only Jewish state to stop defending its people from the terrorists that attacked them, and to cower to those who murdered 1,200 people on October 7 and took hundreds of hostages. Even today, the bodies are still being counted from the mass murder on October 7, and over 130 hostages are still in the terror tunnels beneath Gaza or being used as slaves, as survivors have testified. One of those hostages is from my hometown, which was also devastated from personal losses after 9/11, a terror attack in many ways very similar to the October 7 pogroms. At least one hostage from 10/7 is a Holocaust survivor and it's a disgrace to the City of Madison that yesterday on Yom Hashoa, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Jewish community of Madison should still have to call and email their alderpeople to remind our elected officials of the human right of the Jewish people to defend ourselves from those who have declared to destroy us. Israel is protecting its people from a genocidal terrorist organization and the least we could do from the comfort of Madison, thousands of miles away, is oppose a global terrorist ideology and stand by Israel in its existential fight. If this resolution passes it will be a mark of shame on the City of Madison. Vote opposed to this resolution. Instead do what should have been done worldwide on October 8: stand up and unite as moral leaders in this country and demand an unconditional release of the hostages today. Thank you.

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From: [Erin Susanne Morse](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: RE: Resolution to Support Students & Reaffirm Call for Ceasfire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:18:27 PM

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Dear Alders of Madison,

Thank you so much for your leadership of our city. I applaud the raising of the issue of student protests for Palestine. It is important that we make clear on a local level what our collective resources are being used for on the federal level in international affairs.

I support the vote to create a resolution supporting student protests and affirm the call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Palestine. Please vote in favor of this resolution.

Respectfully,

Erin Morse
Resident of Ward 6

From: [Timothy Moye](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Please Support resolution in support of protesting students and reaffirming call for permanent ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:13:43 PM

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Dear alderpersons,

I sincerely hope you will repeat your courageous and principled action in supporting the original call for a permanent ceasefire and confirming our community's commitment to defending the right to protest against genocide.

Thank you all for standing up for the basic human right of principled and peaceful protest and especially for the right of people to be free of and protected from the genocidal actions of powerful states, even if one of those states is our own.

Sincerely yours,
Timothy Moye
138 W. Gorham St.
Madison, WI 53703

From: [Lilah Rae Myhre](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Madison Common Council Resolution 83214
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:21:53 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to you in support of Madison Common Council resolution 83214, “Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors.”

Students for Justice in Palestine at UW-Madison stands in full support of the Madison Common Council resolution 83214, “Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors.” We applaud the Common Council’s call for a permanent ceasefire, and are encouraged by this response to support and affirm the rights of student activists to demand transparency and divestment from the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s administration. The Gaza Solidarity Encampment is made up of students, faculty, staff, and community members of all backgrounds and faiths, and we are appreciative of the broader Madison community’s support. It is evident that solidarity with Palestine is popular, and given the imminent and ongoing invasion of Rafah, concrete action towards ending the genocide and occupation of Palestine is necessary at all levels of our community.

We also call on this Common Council to specifically affirm the demands of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment. We demand that the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

Divest from occupation, borders, and prisons from Palestine to Teejop.
Disclose all of the University of Wisconsin Foundation’s investments.
Cut all ties with Israeli institutions.
Call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire to end the ongoing genocide, and an end to the siege on Gaza.
Get cops off campus.
Stop the land grabs and cease expansion in order to house our community.

While we are heartened by the Common Council’s broader support for students’ right to protest, we also call on this body to affirm these demands and recenter the reasons for which we have gathered: UW’s complicity in the continuing devastation of Gaza and the genocide of the Palestinian people. As of May 6th, more than 34,750 people have been killed in Israel’s ongoing genocide in Gaza. Support for students’ right to protest on campus without retaliation or police action is inextricably linked to the complicity of our own administration in these deaths. We urge the Common Council to support student demands for divestment from and disclosure of the University’s investments in this ongoing genocide.

In addition, we also call for the demilitarization of our campus community. On May 1st, 2024, UW Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin ordered the use of force by UWPD, MPD, the Dane County

Sheriff's Office, and State Patrol against students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered at the Gaza Solidarity Encampment on Library Mall. Countless students and faculty were assaulted by these forces and forcibly detained. Four of those arrested were booked into the Dane County Jail and are facing charges. In addition to denouncing this use of force by the University, we also urge the Common Council to call for these charges to be dropped. The call for charges to be dropped goes hand in hand with the reduction of funding for police on campus and the increase in funding for community social services—from UHS to affordable housing and tuition remission.

Thank you so much for your time,

Lilah Rae

they/them/theirs

"we are each other's

harvest:

we are each other's

business:

we are each other's

magnitude and bond." -Gwendolyn Brooks

From: [City of Madison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Far from surprised
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:10:16 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Thu, 05/02/2024 - 05:05

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Madison, Wisconsin. 53511 No, do not contact me. All Alders Far from surprised Of course you injected your opinions into keeping the Hamas supporters' illegal encampment. You're the local version of the Tlaib squad of America haters. You're everything wrong with this country.

From: [Moniba Nazeef](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution 83214, Item 38
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:28:49 PM

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Dear Alders,

Please vote in to reaffirm support for permanent ceasefire for Gaza and most importantly to defend the right of our students for peaceful protest against genocide.

Rafah, the last place left with 1.7 million sheltering is being bombed right now.

Our students are standing up to protect the remaining children, women and innocent civilians there.

UW Chancellor Mnookin unleashed police violence on these peaceful students which is a sign of her administration's poor judgement and misplaced priorities. We need to do better for our students and community who stand up with them in solidarity against the worst crime against humanity since WW2.

Moniba Nazeef
Resident of Madison (Spring Harbor Neighborhood)
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Molly Otto](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support of Resolution to Support Students and Call for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:29:48 PM

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Hello,

I am a citizen of Madison and a student of UW-Madison. I am emailing you today in support of the resolution that will be voted on today at 6:30 pm by the Madison Common Council, which is in support of student protestors and their encampment and an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Palestine.

Our students deserve to have their First Amendment rights protected by both the university and city of Madison. I ask that you vote today in support of this resolution in order to protect our students and the people of Gaza.

Thank you for your time,
Molly Otto

From: [Molly Otto](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
Subject: Re: Support of Resolution to Support Students and Call for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:09:47 PM

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Hello,

Thank you for the update. In reviewing the new document, I would like to comment that I still maintain my support of this resolution and ask that the alders vote in support of it today.

Thank you,
Molly Otto

On Tue, May 7, 2024, 2:41 PM Matthias, Isaac L <IMatthias@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

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From: Molly Otto <molly.otto23@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:30 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support of Resolution to Support Students and Call for Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

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Thank you for your time,

Molly Otto

From: [ivan loncharich](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 38, Common Council Meeting May 7
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:51:46 PM

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Hello,

I am a Dane County resident, wishing to comment on Agenda Item 38 for the Common Council meeting on May 7, 2024.

Agenda Item 38, updated substitute version: Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors Supporting Student Organizers & Reaffirming Commitment to Peaceful Resolution

I would like to express my support for this agenda item.

Thank you.

Ivan Loncharich Pacheco

422 Stang St, Madison, WI53704

From: [Kamika Patel](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: SUPPORT STUDENTS AND CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 6:24:44 PM

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To all alders,

Let our voices be heard as the students of today. I call on you to support the resolution which calls on the Chancellor of UW Madison to allow the encampment and discontinue any disciplinary actions against students. Support the resolution and the students' demands for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Sincerely,
Kamika Patel

From: [Kate Phelps](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support Our Students! Immediate and PERMANENT Ceasefire!
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:15:50 PM

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Dear Alders of Madison,

Please support our students in their right to protest and share their voices. We can demand more of our universities and the people who represent us. This has to stop. 35,000+ are dead. I fall asleep thinking about the children of Palestine and wake up seeing their faces. Please support the call to divest, help keep our students and our communities safe, and support an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

In solidarity,
Kate Phelps

From: [Kim Plummer](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:17:55 PM

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Greetings,

I urge you to adopt resolution 83214 this evening which reaffirms the city's strong support of an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and supports UW Madison students' rights to engage in the peaceful protest through encampment on university grounds, and reaffirm their demands of institutional divestment from and disclosure of investments that are contributing to the genocide in Gaza. I am also in strong support of the calls on Chancellor Mnookin to discontinue any disciplinary actions against students.

Respectfully,
Kim Plummer

From: [Karen Polnitz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Please Support Resolution 83214
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 9:25:51 PM

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Dear Alders,

Please support Agenda Item Number 38, Resolution 83214.

In the wake of escalating violence in Gaza and the connections to violence on the UW Madison campus as excessive police force was used in seizing student property and arresting peaceful protesters, we need our council to stand with justice.

Please reaffirm our community's support for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the West Bank and solidify our support for the student protesters.

I have been at the encampment several times throughout the week and have witnessed a deep outpouring of care and dedication. I have also felt the fear not only for our siblings in humanity currently at such dire risk in Gaza, but for those present in the camp as the ever-present worry of state-sanctioned violence threatens student and faculty wellbeing.

May your vote reflect a hope for protection over these students who are working so hard for the liberation and safety of Palestinians.

Karen Polnitz
(she/her/hers)

May you be happy.
May you be healthy.
May your heart be at peace.

From: [Carrie Purins](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:23:11 PM

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Thank you for considering passing a resolution to support the students and reaffirm your support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

My husband and I are second-generation alumni. Although she grew up in California, our daughter decided to continue the family legacy and come to Madison for college. She's enjoyed her time here, but she was disheartened by the administration's decision to use police to violently disrupt the peaceful protest on campus. We also have to question why the city of Madison made the decision to send the police onto campus to injure and arrest peaceful protestors, not to mention several student reporters. For the safety of my daughter and other students, please make sure the Madison police do not come after our students again.

I also support the passing of a resolution to call on the Chancellor to allow the encampment and discontinue any disciplinary actions against students

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Carrie Purins
parent and alumna

(510)205-9039

From: [Carrie Purins](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
Subject: Re: resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:36:35 PM

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I support the new text. Thank you!

Carrie Purins
parent and alumna
BA '96

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From: Carrie Purins <carrie@purins.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:22 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire

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parent and alumna

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From: [HB Riley Reyes](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support Ceasefire Legislation
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:58:24 PM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident. I have been closely following events in Palestine and the more recent student encampments. I strongly support the student's right to protest, and am heartbroken by Israel's military attacks on Palestinian civilians.

I encourage you to vote yes on a resolution to support students and reaffirm the call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. It should not be controversial to publicly state that killing children is bad.

Riley

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HB Riley Reyes
(she/they)

"The only compensation for land is land." -Winona LaDuke

From: [Kim I. Richman](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #38 (83214)
Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:44:46 PM

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Shalom Aleichem,

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From: [Kim I. Richman](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
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Subject: Re: Agenda Item #38 (83214)
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:02:17 PM

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Shalom everybody ...

Version 2 is no different than version 1.

In fact in my opinion it is worse.

Whoever decided to use Al Jazeera as a creditable, serious source shows their bias towards Jews and Israelis.

I wrote this in my original email to the mayor and all alders, PLUS a follow-up to alder Madison.....

Put AT LEAST the same time and effort into eliminating the \$27 million deficit that you caused.

Know your roles, concentrate on this city. Perform your duties as written in the mission statement.

People didn't elect you to waste time to write up meaningless, useless resolutions.

We'll note who supports this resolution and who opposes it, then we'll use in the April 2025 elections.

I urge all of you to vote against this resolution.

Shalom Aleichem

Kim Richman
Madison

Sent from Proton Mail mobile

----- Original Message -----

On May 7, 2024, 2:21 PM, Matthias, Isaac L <IMatthias@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email. The authors of that resolution have submitted an updated substitute version. You can find the updated text at the link below. The updated text is the portion that is underlined.

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6659491&GUID=BCA3DD9F->

From: Kim I. Richman <krichman@pm.me>

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From: [Bonnie Roe](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Tye, Matthew](#)
Subject: Agenda #38
Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024 9:09:00 AM

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Dear Alders,

Regarding Legistar File #83214 (Agenda #38), I oppose this resolution. While I long for a ceasefire and a peaceful resolution to the very serious conflict in Israel/Gaza, this resolution goes ridiculously far when talking about local policing. It is political grandstanding on full display.

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<https://x.com/SpectrumNews1WI/status/1785657468099448969>

https://www.channel3000.com/news/protesters-arrested-at-uw-madison-wednesday-morning-formally-charged/article_04e6723e-0992-11ef-acd5-5be62f2c7787.html

If you would like to claim your own version of mistreatment by police in a public, city resolution instead of taking it through the complaint process, then I hope that video from the incident at the Fluno Center, from the facility’s surveillance cameras as well as police body cameras, will be made available to the public. Either way, I will be filing an open records request for the footage on Monday.

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I imagine this will pass under the optics of appearing politically correct, but I hope Alders will look at the final focus of the resolution and realize an Order directing the Police Chief is unnecessary, foolish, and ridiculous.

Bonnie Roe
District 11

From: [Bonnie Roe](#)
To: [Madison, Sabrina](#)
Cc: [Tishler, Bill](#); [Kapusta-Pofahl, Karen](#); [Matthias, Isaac L](#); [Haas, Michael R](#); [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); [Barnes, Shon F](#)
Subject: Re: #38
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:10:35 PM

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To Alder Madison's point about taking the role of Alder seriously, when I look at the role of an Alder found on the City's site, this resolution seems like quite a stretch.

To Alder Tishler, thank you for being an Alder who listens to your constituents and engages respectfully with all. Please take no offense that I did not CC you on my email to Alder Madison. That was in response to her recent blog post and seeing that she had added her name as a sponsor. I didn't need to waste your time with this. Thank you for engaging with your constituents and taking a \$27 million budget deficit seriously and not minimizing it (even though you haven't been in the role as long as Alder Madison). I greatly appreciate your leadership,

Bonnie

District 11

PS What follows is just the two versions of the resolution, which I would like to memorialize here in this email.

Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

Title

SUBSTITUTE - Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors Supporting Student Organizers & Reaffirming Commitment to Peaceful Resolution

Body

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023, the Madison Common Council unanimously passed two resolutions: one calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and urgent political action to deescalate the crisis and to prioritize truth, reconciliation, restitution, and the building of a future for Palestinian and Israeli people, and the other condemning all acts of Islamophobia and Anti-semitism and encouraging all Madisonians to recognize the diversity of religions as a source of strength and to foster an environment of open and constructive dialogue that provides a supportive space to engage in these crucial conversations; and,

WHEREAS, according to Al Jazeera, the Gaza Ministry of Health reports that armed violence has claimed the lives of over 34,500 people, including more than 14,000 children, as well as over 1,100 Israelis; and,

WHEREAS, the devastation and death continue with horrific news of a mass grave uncovered at Nasser Hospital in Gaza which included bodies shot in the head; and,

WHEREAS, according to Al Jazeera and the United Nations, 24 hospitals have been partially or totally destroyed and at least 53 schools have been totally destroyed; and,

WHEREAS, this conflict is perpetuating a dangerous and costly lack of access to basic human needs in Gaza, such as food, water, medical supplies, and more, which are indispensable for the survival of the civilian population; and,

WHEREAS, for the safety and security of all civilians and in order to provide humanitarian aid to Gaza, any ceasefire must be agreed upon by both sides and must be guaranteed by the physical presence of international partners who have a vested interest in seeing peace and stability in the region; and,

WHEREAS, it is reported that both Israel and Hamas attacked and seized hostages and there is unclear reporting on the state of said hostages; and,

WHEREAS, after over 200 days of violence, leaders have not yet successfully enacted a permanent ceasefire; and,

WHEREAS, students at over 120 universities across the United States, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, have organized peaceful protests and encampments to express their first amendment rights and have demand for a permanent and immediate ceasefire, divestment, and action from campus leaders and elected officials; and,

WHEREAS, on Monday April 29, University of Wisconsin-Madison students began the Popular University for Gaza encampment at Library Mall, joining over 100 universities across the globe participating in encampments in support of an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, which further called for the University of Wisconsin-Madison to divest from occupation, borders, and prisons from Palestine to Teejop; and,

WHEREAS, on April 29, the Wisconsin ACLU issued a statement in support of students right to free speech and reminded us that “university administrators are left with a choice - one that will determine which side of history they will be on. They can stay true to the Wisconsin Idea - the founding principle of our state university system - which holds that college campuses must serve as incubators for self-discovery and empower students to critically examine, understand, and interact with the world around them. Or they can, regrettably, decide to follow the path of other universities that have succumbed to political pressure, betraying and punishing their students, faculty, and staff for peacefully exercising their right to dissent”; and,

WHEREAS, UW-Madison administration and the University of Wisconsin Police Department (UWPD) should share the priority of maintaining safety and protecting first amendment rights to free speech; and,

WHEREAS, clear communication and de-escalation from UW-Madison administration and UWPD is essential to maintaining safety and protecting first amendment rights to free speech; and,

WHEREAS, during the week of April 29, 2024, Madison area elected officials responded to the peaceful protest at Library Mall to listen and ensure the safety of all involved, despite the lack of clear communication from law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2024, the Wisconsin State Patrol and UWPD physically pushed two Madison alders and a Dane County Board Supervisor at the Fluno Center as they were operating in their capacity as elected officials to represent their constituencies; and,

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2024, UWPD, Madison Police Department (MPD), Dane County Sheriff (DCSO), and Wisconsin State Police organized and initiated an escalation tactic through executing a raid on the peaceful protest and encampment at Library Mall, resulting in numerous arrests and eyewitness reports of student and faculty injuries that resulted from police brutality; and,

WHEREAS, during the raid on May 1, 2024, there were numerous eyewitness reports and photographic evidence of UWPD, DCSO, and state troopers using violent tactics, including the use of batons, knees on the upper back, stripping clothes, chokeholds, and other forms of physical violence on UW-Madison students and faculty; and,

WHEREAS, in MPD's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for "Demonstrations and Assemblies," one of the principles states that "communication between police and event organizers before and during events can create mutual understanding, generate cooperation and compliance, and prevent disorder"; and,

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, the Madison Common Council created Section 5.16 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit Madison Police Department employees from intentionally using carotid or neck restraints; and,

WHEREAS, numerous UW-Madison campus and local organizations, UW-Madison faculty and staff, elected officials, and a broad range of local supporters

have called on Madison area law enforcement to discontinue the raid on the encampment and use of force on students and protests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council calls on Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin to use her authority under Wisconsin Administrative Code 18.07(4) to authorize the Popular University for Gaza at UW-Madison encampment in the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, as long as students and community supporters are peaceably assembling and exercising their First Amendment rights to dissent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council calls on Chancellor Mnookin and UW-Madison to discontinue any disciplinary actions against students and faculty, including suspension and expulsion, and instead directly engage protestors in productive conversations to gain mutual understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council issues a written order per our authority under Wisconsin Statutes 62.09(13)(a) to Police Chief Shon Barnes to update MPD Standard Operating Procedure(s) to clarify that whenever Mutual Aid is rendered for a demonstration where protestors are peaceably assembling, that the Officer-in-Charge will not direct officers to interfere with the lawful exercise of free speech rights and will communicate with protestors and affected elected officials who may be attempting to facilitate communication, deescalate, and ensure the safety of event participants.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council defends the rights of UW-Madison students to assemble 24/7 as a demonstration of solidarity with the Palestinian people and we reaffirm our call for an immediate ceasefire, cessation of hostilities to all civilians, and urge our federal legislators to use their power for diplomatic and humanitarian ends to stop funding a war being carried out in clear violation of US and international law.

Sources:

- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2023/10/9/israel-hamas-war-in-maps-and-charts-live-tracker>
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/4/24/uncovering-of-mass-grave-at-gazas-nasser-hospital-what-you-need-to-know>
- <https://www.aclu-wi.org/en/press-releases/aclu->

[wisconsin-emphasizes-importance-students-first-amendment-rights-ahead-protests>](#)

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WHEREAS, student organizers maintained a peaceful presence at all times, establishing community guidelines including not engaging with counter-protesters, assuming best intentions, and seeking to create a community of understanding and respect; and,

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Alder Madison

In community,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:33 PM

To: Madison, Sabrina <district17@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: #38

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Bonnie

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To Alder Tishler, thank you for being an Alder who listens to your constituents and

engages respectfully with all. Please take no offense that I did not CC you on my email to Alder Madison. That was in response to her recent blog post and seeing that she had added her name as a sponsor. I didn't need to waste your time with this. Thank you for engaging with your constituents and taking a \$27 million budget deficit seriously and not minimizing it (even though you haven't been in the role as long as Alder Madison). I greatly appreciate your leadership,

Bonnie
District 11

PS What follows is just the two versions of the resolution, which I would like to memorialize here in this email.

Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

Title

SUBSTITUTE - Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors Supporting Student Organizers & Reaffirming Commitment to Peaceful Resolution

Body

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2023, the Madison Common Council unanimously passed two resolutions: one calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and urgent political action to deescalate the crisis and to prioritize truth, reconciliation, restitution, and the building of a future for Palestinian and Israeli people, and the other condemning all acts of Islamophobia and Anti-semitism and encouraging all Madisonians to recognize the diversity of religions as a source of strength and to foster an environment of open and constructive dialogue that provides a supportive space to engage in these crucial conversations; and,

WHEREAS, according to Al Jazeera, the Gaza Ministry of Health reports that armed violence has claimed the lives of over 34,500 people, including more than 14,000 children, as well as over 1,100 Israelis; and,

WHEREAS, the devastation and death continue with horrific news of a mass grave uncovered at Nasser Hospital in Gaza which included bodies shot in the head; and,

WHEREAS, according to Al Jazeera and the United Nations, 24 hospitals have

been partially or totally destroyed and at least 53 schools have been totally destroyed; and,

WHEREAS, this conflict is perpetuating a dangerous and costly lack of access to basic human needs in Gaza, such as food, water, medical supplies, and more, which are indispensable for the survival of the civilian population; and,

WHEREAS, for the safety and security of all civilians and in order to provide humanitarian aid to Gaza, any ceasefire must be agreed upon by both sides and must be guaranteed by the physical presence of international partners who have a vested interest in seeing peace and stability in the region; and,

WHEREAS, it is reported that both Israel and Hamas attacked and seized hostages and there is unclear reporting on the state of said hostages; and,

WHEREAS, after over 200 days of violence, leaders have not yet successfully enacted a permanent ceasefire; and,

WHEREAS, students at over 120 universities across the United States, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, have organized peaceful protests and encampments to express their first amendment rights and have demand for a permanent and immediate ceasefire, divestment, and action from campus leaders and elected officials; and,

WHEREAS, on Monday April 29, University of Wisconsin-Madison students began the Popular University for Gaza encampment at Library Mall, joining over 100 universities across the globe participating in encampments in support of an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, which further called for the University of Wisconsin-Madison to divest from occupation, borders, and prisons from Palestine to Teejop; and,

WHEREAS, on April 29, the Wisconsin ACLU issued a statement in support of students right to free speech and reminded us that “university administrators are left with a choice - one that will determine which side of history they will be on. They can stay true to the Wisconsin Idea - the founding principle of our state university system - which holds that college campuses must serve as incubators for self-discovery and empower students to critically examine, understand, and interact with the world around them. Or they can, regrettably,

decide to follow the path of other universities that have succumbed to political pressure, betraying and punishing their students, faculty, and staff for peacefully exercising their right to dissent”; and,

WHEREAS, UW-Madison administration and the University of Wisconsin Police Department (UWPD) should share the priority of maintaining safety and protecting first amendment rights to free speech; and,

WHEREAS, clear communication and de-escalation from UW-Madison administration and UWPD is essential to maintaining safety and protecting first amendment rights to free speech; and,

WHEREAS, during the week of April 29, 2024, Madison area elected officials responded to the peaceful protest at Library Mall to listen and ensure the safety of all involved, despite the lack of clear communication from law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2024, the Wisconsin State Patrol and UWPD physically pushed two Madison alders and a Dane County Board Supervisor at the Fluno Center as they were operating in their capacity as elected officials to represent their constituencies; and,

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2024, UWPD, Madison Police Department (MPD), Dane County Sheriff (DCSO), and Wisconsin State Police organized and initiated an escalation tactic through executing a raid on the peaceful protest and encampment at Library Mall, resulting in numerous arrests and eyewitness reports of student and faculty injuries that resulted from police brutality; and,

WHEREAS, during the raid on May 1, 2024, there were numerous eyewitness reports and photographic evidence of UWPD, DCSO, and state troopers using violent tactics, including the use of batons, knees on the upper back, stripping clothes, chokeholds, and other forms on physical violence on UW-Madison students and faculty; and,

WHEREAS, in MPD’s Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for “Demonstrations and Assemblies,” one of the principles states that “communication between police and event organizers before and during events can create mutual understanding, generate cooperation and compliance, and

prevent disorder”; and,

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, the Madison Common Council created Section 5.16 of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit Madison Police Department employees from intentionally using carotid or neck restraints; and,

WHEREAS, numerous UW-Madison campus and local organizations, UW-Madison faculty and staff, elected officials, and a broad range of local supporters have called on Madison area law enforcement to discontinue the raid on the encampment and use of force on students and protests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council calls on Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin to use her authority under Wisconsin Administrative Code 18.07(4) to authorize the Popular University for Gaza at UW-Madison encampment in the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea, as long as students and community supporters are peaceably assembling and exercising their First Amendment rights to dissent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council calls on Chancellor Mnookin and UW-Madison to discontinue any disciplinary actions against students and faculty, including suspension and expulsion, and instead directly engage protestors in productive conversations to gain mutual understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council issues a written order per our authority under Wisconsin Statutes 62.09(13)(a) to Police Chief Shon Barnes to update MPD Standard Operating Procedure(s) to clarify that whenever Mutual Aid is rendered for a demonstration where protesters are peaceably assembling, that the Officer-in-Charge will not direct officers to interfere with the lawful exercise of free speech rights and will communicate with protesters and affected elected officials who may be attempting to facilitate communication, deescalate, and ensure the safety of event participants.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council defends the rights of UW-Madison students to assemble 24/7 as a demonstration of solidarity with the Palestinian people and we reaffirm our call for an immediate ceasefire, cessation of hostilities to all civilians, and urge our federal legislators to use their power for diplomatic and humanitarian ends to stop funding a war being carried out in clear violation of US and international law.

Sources:

- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2023/10/9/israel-hamas-war-in-maps-and-charts-live-tracker>
- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/4/24/uncovering-of-mass-grave-at-gazas-nasser-hospital-what-you-need-to-know>
- <https://www.aclu-wi.org/en/press-releases/aclu-wisconsin-emphasizes-importance-students-first-amendment-rights-ahead-protests>

WHEREAS, on Monday April 29, 2024, UW-Madison students joined over 120 universities internationally, part of the Popular University for Gaza movement by establishing an encampment on Library Mall, with goals of calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and disclosure and divestment from occupation, borders and prisons from Palestine to Teejop; and,

WHEREAS, the “Wisconsin Idea” is signified as a general principle “that education should influence people’s lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom”; and,

WHEREAS, students chose to set up tents, sleeping bags and permanent shelters overnight on campus property; and,

WHEREAS, student organizers maintained a peaceful presence at all times, establishing community guidelines including not engaging with counter-protesters, assuming best intentions, and seeking to create a community of understanding and respect; and,

WHEREAS, student organizers emphasized out-of-class education and community building, through hosting activities including prayer, teach-ins, guest speakers, open mics, pop-up libraries, therapy and wellness spaces, meditations, movie screenings, art-making, t-shirt printmaking, Dabke dancing, Shabbat, providing protective circles for daily Muslims prayers; and,

WHEREAS, communication from UW-Madison administration and University of

Wisconsin Police Department (UWPD) to students, organizers, and elected officials did not achieve the goal of transparency and de-escalation leading up to the incident on May 1; and,

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2024, the peace at Library Mall was broken when under the authority of UWPD and assisted by Madison Police Department (MPD), Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), and Wisconsin State Patrol initiated an operation to remove student tents; and,

WHEREAS, during the operation on May 1, 2024, there were numerous eyewitness reports and photographic evidence of UWPD, MPD, DCSO, and state troopers using tactics, including the use of batons, knees on the upper back, stripping clothes, and other forms of physical use of force on UW-Madison students and faculty; and,

WHEREAS, the continued communication since May 1 has led to de-escalation between the organizers and UW-Madison Administration, during ongoing negotiations; and,

WHEREAS, a broad range of supporters, including campus and community organizations, UW-Madison faculty and staff, elected officials, and community members have called on UW-Madison to prioritize First Amendment rights, allow the peaceful protest and encampment, provide full transparency to students and organizers, and continue good faith negotiation efforts with student organizers; and,

WHEREAS, the impetus behind the student-led organized movement is shaped by mounting concerns and personal impact of violence in Gaza in which after over 200 days of violence without a permanent ceasefire, the Gaza Ministry of Health reports that armed violence has claimed the lives of over 34,000 people including more than 13,000 children and over 1,700 Israelis, and 250 hostages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Madison Common Council commends the student organizers for exercising their First Amendment rights, signifying the Wisconsin Idea, and engaging in civil disobedience for beliefs they strongly hold.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Madison Common Council urges Chancellor

Jennifer Mnookin and UW-Madison leadership to prioritize protecting free speech and allow the encampment to continue during ongoing negotiations with student organizers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Madison Common Council unequivocally condemns Hamas for actions on October 7, and for the ongoing indiscriminate bombing, violence, and displacement of civilians in Gaza carried out by the Israeli Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Madison Common Council reaffirms its commitment to an immediate and permanent ceasefire, as stated in the December 5, 2023, resolution that passed unanimously, along with the release of all hostages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Madison Common Council condemns any acts of antisemitism, islamophobia, and hatred in any and all forms.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin.

On Tue, May 7, 2024, 12:46 PM Madison, Sabrina <district17@cityofmadison.com> wrote:
Hello Bonnie,

Holding the role of Alder is one that I take seriously and have the utmost respect for.

The role of Alder is not defined to a single lane such as working on the budget that has been a deficit building for 10+ years, much longer than my time in office (fall 22).

I've add your Alder as he may have his own input about what you've decidedly sent to me. Either way, I do hope that you have a great rest of the week.

Alder Madison

In community,

Sabrina Madison, District 17 Alder

Don't miss updates you can use by [subscribing](#) to my blog updates

Email: district17@cityofmadison.com

Phone: 608-403-5665 (call/text)

Schedule a time for us to meet. (Developers on Fridays only please)

From: Bonnie Roe <bonnie.roe@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:33 PM

To: Madison, Sabrina <district17@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: #38

Alder Madison,

With any due respect, that resolution (version 1 and version 2) is an absolute joke and a disgrace.

It would be a big improvement if you Alders would stay in your lane and fix the deficit you caused instead of trying to pass garbage like this. But keep it up, it will be great election fodder.

Bonnie

From: [Leah Rolando](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support Resolution 83214
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:38:02 PM

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Dear Madison Alders:

As a UW-Madison alum (MSW, 2017), former Teaching Assistant in the School of Social Work, and current resident of Madison, I urge you to support Madison Common Council resolution 83214, “Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors.”

Students for Justice in Palestine at UW-Madison stands in full support of the Madison Common Council resolution 83214, “Reaffirming Support for a Permanent Ceasefire and Supporting Student Protestors.” We applaud the Common Council’s call for a permanent ceasefire, and are encouraged by this response to support and affirm the rights of student activists to demand transparency and divestment from the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s administration. The Gaza Solidarity Encampment is made up of students, faculty, staff, and community members of all backgrounds and faiths, and we are appreciative of the broader Madison community’s support. It is evident that solidarity with Palestine is popular, and given the imminent and ongoing invasion of Rafah, concrete action towards ending the genocide and occupation of Palestine is necessary at all levels of our community.

We also call on this Common Council to specifically affirm the demands of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment. We demand that the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

1. Divest from occupation, borders, and prisons from Palestine to Teejop.
2. Disclose all of the University of Wisconsin Foundation’s investments.
3. Cut all ties with Israeli institutions.
4. Call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire to end the ongoing genocide, and an end to the siege on Gaza.
5. Get cops off campus.
6. Stop the land grabs and cease expansion in order to house our community.

While we are heartened by the Common Council's broader support for students' right to protest, we also call on this body to affirm these demands and recenter the reasons for which we have gathered: UW's complicity in the continuing devastation of Gaza and the genocide of the Palestinian people. **As of May 6th, more than 34,750 people have been killed in Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza.** Support for students' right to protest on campus without retaliation or police action is inextricably linked to the complicity of our own administration in these deaths. We urge the Common Council to support student demands for divestment from and disclosure of the University's investments in this ongoing genocide.

In addition, we also call for the demilitarization of our campus community. On May 1st, 2024, UW Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin ordered the use of force by UWPD, MPD, the Dane County Sheriff's Office, and State Patrol against students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered at the Gaza Solidarity Encampment on Library Mall. Countless students and faculty were assaulted by these forces and forcibly detained. Four of those arrested were booked into the Dane County Jail and are facing charges. In addition to denouncing this use of force by the University, we also urge the Common Council to call for these charges to be dropped. The call for charges to be dropped goes hand in hand with the reduction of funding for police on campus and the increase in funding for community social services—from UHS to affordable housing and tuition remission.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [david rossing](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution to Support Student Protest and Permanent Ceasefire
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 8:52:36 PM

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Dear Common Council,

As a UW-Madison alumni and long-time Madison resident, I urge you all to vote in favor of the Resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire.

Upholding students' first amendment right to make morally-driven demands of their learning institution is crucial, as well as supporting the immediate ceasing of hostilities in Israel/Palestine.

Sincerely,
David Rossing

1129 Elizabeth St.
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 770-7632

From: [Brenda Salvo](#)
To: [council](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Protect Our Community & Support Encampment
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 5:38:17 PM

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Hello Madison Alders,

My name is Brenda Salvo and I'm from Dane County. I've been a resident of Madison since 2015 (currently living in district 5). I'm writing to urge you to **support and protect** our students, community members, and university faculty/staff who are advocating for peace through **the encampment on Library Mall**.

If you haven't been to the encampment, it is a beautiful, diverse, joyful community. They share books, ensure that people are fed, exchange resources, and teach each other about our world. There are regular worship and prayer services in multiple religious traditions; notably Muslim and Jewish folks have regularly gathered in religious observation. Students are protesting for disclosure (an honest statement from UW and WFAA about what they invest money in) divestment (that their tuition dollars not be used to fund genocide, research that supports genocide, and study abroad to a country committing genocide) and that UW protects its own students with fair housing and no more violent cops on campus. They are doing this by singing, dancing, building relationships and taking care of each other. An incredible example of everything a peaceful protest ought to be.

On Wednesday, MPD along with the university police and other law enforcement violently attacked this peaceful protest, blaming their violence on the needs of Jewish community members. This is a horrifically antisemitic justification for violence towards, in particular, Black and Brown community members.

Please pass a resolution to both protect the encampment and to demand that Chancellor Moonkin and UW-Madison honor their obligation to keep students safe by protecting the encampment themselves.

Thank you,
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Brenda Salvo
She, Her, Hers

BLACK LIVES MATTER. Hold me accountable.

From: [Brenda Salvo](#)
To: [Matthias, Isaac L](#)
Subject: Re: Protect Our Community & Support Encampment
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:08:26 PM

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Thank you for letting me know! I urge you to support student protestors, calls for peace, and the updated resolution.

Brenda Salvo
She, Her, Hers

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On Tue, May 7, 2024 at 2:16 PM Matthias, Isaac L <IMatthias@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Thank you for your email. The authors of that resolution have submitted an updated substitute version. You can find the updated text at the link below. The updated text is the portion that is underlined.

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6659491&GUID=BCA3DD9F-1B1E-428A-A808-C5854A3E99E7&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=83214&FullText=1>

From: Brenda Salvo <brenda.salvo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 5:38 PM
To: council <council@cityofmadison.com>; All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Protect Our Community & Support Encampment

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Brenda Salvo

She, Her, Hers

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From: suzannesarhan@yahoo.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution 83214 Item 38
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 8:45:53 PM

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Resolution 83214, Item 38

Dear Alders,

Please vote in to reaffirm support for a permanent ceasefire for Gaza. It is also most important to protect the right of our students for peaceful protest against genocide. These protests have been peaceful. Our university is letting all of us down.

Rafah, the last place left with 1.7 million sheltering is being bombed right now. There is no where left to go.

Our students are standing up to protect the remaining innocent civilians there. How many more children need to die?

UW Chancellor Mnookin unleashed police violence on these peaceful students which is a sign of her administration's poor judgement and misplaced priorities. We need to do better for our students and community who stand up with them in solidarity against the worst crime against humanity since WW2.

Our children, your children are watching. Humanity has to win.

Respectfully
Suzanne Sarhan

From: [Amber Scarborough](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina](#)
Subject: Common Council Meeting Today - 6:30
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:14:18 PM

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Dear Common Council Members,

I am a Madison native and community member and a constituent here in Madison. I am speaking here today about Item #38 to both state my support for the solidarity with student protestors expressed in this resolution, and strongly encourage the Common Council to stand with the demands of the Popular University for Gaza at UW-Madison.

These demands are:

1. Divest from occupation, borders, and prisons.
2. Disclose all of the UW foundation's investments.
3. Cut all ties with Israeli institutions.
4. Call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.
5. Get cops off campus.
6. And stop the land grabs and cease expansion.

I believe in equality from all forms of oppression - including settler colonialism and racist violence. As a liberal city that is known for its left-leaning views, it only makes sense that Madison stands with the right side of history. I stand and will always stand with my Palestinian brothers and sisters.

I applaud the strong stance this Council has taken in the past in favor of a ceasefire, and urge the Council to stand with the concrete demands of its constituents. Thank you for your consideration.

Amber Scarborough

From: [Abby Sharp](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Ceasefire Resololution
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:40:26 PM

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My name is Abigail Sharp and I'm a resident of Madison in the 53715 zipcode. I'm writing to urge the alders to vote in support of student protestors and reaffirming the call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, as the escalation of Israel's US-backed genocide is leading to unimaginable death and destruction.

Sincerely,
Abigail Sharp

From: [Elizabeth Bynum Sorrell](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Writing in support of Agenda Item 38
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 6:53:34 PM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item 38. It is imperative that we stand with student protesters and continue to stand against the genocide Israel is perpetrating in Palestine.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth

From: [Amelia Speight](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Students & Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire (Resolution 83214)
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 8:44:27 PM

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Dear Alders,

Please vote to reaffirm your support for a permanent ceasefire for Gaza and most impactfully / locally to protect the right of our students to peacefully protest against genocide.

Rafah, the last place left for 1.7 million people to shelter, is being bombed right now. Our students are standing up to protect the remaining children, women, and innocent civilians there.

UW Chancellor Mnookin and other campus officials feel that peaceful protest should be responded to with the inherent violence and threat of the police. We know better than to respond to calls for justice with the presence and actions of the police. It is a sign of the UW administration's poor judgement and misplaced priorities, and reveals a disappointing hollowness to statements about thoughtful engagement and actually hearing marginalized voices. We need to do better for our students and community members who stand up with them in solidarity against the most horrifying violence, public & targeted genocide of our generation.

I urge the Common Council to pass a resolution in support of the students & to continue conversations about how Madison can advocate for an end to Israel's war of collective punishment for Palestinians.

Thank you,
Amelia Speight
134 Lynnhaven Rd, Madison 53714

From: [Lisa Subeck](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Resolution File 83214
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:54:38 AM

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Hello Council members,

It is not often that I weigh in on matters before the council, especially on symbolic resolutions. However, I am breaking with tradition for this one.

I understand and sympathize with the desire to protect free speech on campus. If this were only an issue of free speech, I would be right there with you. However, the issue of the encampments runs deeper than just first amendment rights.

I am hopeful that you will not pass the resolution before you tonight. Regardless of how you plan to vote, I ask that you read the three articles linked below before casting your vote to better understand the impact of the encampments and related activities on students at UW and on our broader Jewish community. It is one thing to take a position on the war in the Middle East, but it is another thing altogether to support activities that promote antisemitism.

Instead of passing divisive resolutions, I hope we can find ways to come together to heal and put an end to hate in Madison.

Thank you,
Lisa Subeck
District 78 State Representative and former District 1 Common Council member



Jewish student group meets with UW-Madison administrators to present requests regarding Library Mall encampment and campus antisemitism
dailycardinal.com



Antisemitic chalkings found at Dane County
Farmers Market
dailycardinal.com



Investigations initiated for two student
organizations
news.wisc.edu

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse any typos.

From: [tracy suprise](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Tracy Suprise](#)
Subject: Resolution in Support of Student Protestors at UW Campus
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:52:22 PM

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Dear Council Representatives,

Please vote to adopt the above-mentioned resolution at the meeting tonight . The bloodshed in Gaza must stop and the protesting students are righteous in their efforts to peacefully protest in support of the Palestinian people.

I am a retired RN and I shudder to think of the destruction and devastation to the health care systems in Gaza by the relentless bombings of the IDF. The carnage and emotional trauma are too much to even imagine. We must do what we can to prevent further loss of life and terror . Supporting this resolution is the least you can do.

Please protect the rights of these students to demonstrate peacefully for what they believe in without fear of police violence and Administrative reprisals.

Sincerely,

Tracy Suprise
18 Cherokee Circle 201
Madison , Wisconsin 53704

From: [Phil Trachtenberg](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Ceasefire resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:45:55 PM

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Hi - concerned citizen of Madison here. As Israel closes the border crossing and invades Rafah, please do anything you can to call for a ceasefire. We are paying for these tanks. Please, call for a ceasefire, an end to the violence, and an end to American support of the occupation.

Phil

From: [bvedder](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Ceasefire resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:48:30 PM

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Hello alders,

I'm writing to urge you to vote for the new resolution authored by Ald. Wehelie, Bennett and Rummel to stop the invasion of Gaza and to demand a permanent ceasefire there.

Thank you,

Former Alder Barbara Vedder
2314 E. Dayton St.
Madison, WI 53704

From: [EDITH ALEXANDRA VEUM](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: please vote in favor of students' rights to protest and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza!
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:19:17 AM

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Dear Madison city alders,

My name is Edie Veum and I am a graduating senior at UW-Madison, as well as an incoming MA student in Library and Informational Studies at UW for the fall. I am writing to ask you to please vote in favor to support students and call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. It has been deeply upsetting and frustrating to see my classmates and beloved faculty face police violence for their peaceful protests against the horrific genocide happening in Gaza. Our campus has a robust history of student protesting for human rights globally, like demonstrations against the war in Vietnam. This movement is another example of students standing up against injustice, violence, and oppression, and our campus community deserves to demand accountability from our administration for their investments in war without facing police action and legal consequences. Further, the broader Madison community continues to show its support for these protests and for an immediate and permanent ceasefire to end the mass deaths in Gaza and save the innocent lives of civilians. I ask you to please stand with us as students, faculty, and the broader Madison community on the right side of history against violence and state oppression.

Sincerely,

Edie Veum

From: [Kate Vieira](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: I support the ceasefire resolution
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:09:10 PM

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and support students. Please vote for the resolution.

Warm regards,

Kate Vieira

Madison, WI

From: [Donna Wallbaum](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Ceasefire in Gaza
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:11:19 PM

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Calling on each of you once again to support an immediate, permanent ceasefire in Gaza and to ask Chancellor Mnookin to allow the peaceful protest of UW-Madison students. Vote yes on item 38, #83214.

Thank you to my alder Marsha Rummel for always speaking out for social Justice and being the voice of our district!

Thank you,
Donna and Bruce Wallbaum
1820 Rutledge St, 53704

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kate Wallner](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Ceasefire Legislation and UW Madison Student Right to Protest
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:00:21 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my support and solidarity with the Student Protestors on the UW campus, and their encampment formed in support of Palestine. I urge the City of Madison to support their right to protest and their calls for the University of Wisconsin—Madison to disclose and divest. I also support an immediate and permanent ceasefire and urge the City of Madison to create and uplift legislation that reflects this.

From: [SANDRA E WARD](#)
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Hello Madison Alders,

I am writing in support of agenda item 38 (83214) supporting a permanent ceasefires in Gaza and supporting UW-Madison students who are protesting the war.

Sandra Ward
333 W Mifflin St Unit 6010
Madison, WI 53703

From: [Amy Washbush](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Vote to pass resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:40:20 PM

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Hello City of Madison alders,

I am writing to encourage votes to pass the resolution to Support Students and Call for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire. I believe it is important for members of our Madison community to ensure that students have their right to peaceful protest affirmed, especially when they are calling for peace and the end to violence, and to acknowledge that civil disobedience sometimes involves breaking rules. We should encourage the Chancellor to allow the encampment and discontinue any disciplinary actions against students. This resolution also re-affirms the City of Madison's call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you,
Amy Washbush
107 Sutherland Court #226
Madison, WI 53704