



RENT STABILIZATION BOARD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 17, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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Minutes - *Approved*

1. **Roll call** – Chair Simon-Weisberg called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m..
Lief Bursell called roll.
Commissioners present: Alpert, Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Laverde, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg.
Commissioners Absent: None.
Staff present: Brown, Bursell, Pretto, Mueller (in audience), Law (in audience), Elstrand.
Councilmembers present: Bartlett, Hahn, Taplin, Wengraf.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – M/S/C (Alpert/Selawsky) APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: MOVE ITEM 4.b. TO BE HEARD AFTER ACTION ITEM 6.a.(5); HEAR ITEMS 7.a(1)-7.a.(11) AND 8.a.-8i. BEFORE THE ACTION ITEMS. Roll call vote: YES: Alpert, Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Laverde, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 9-0-0-0.

3. **Public Comment** – *non-agendized* items: Anne Omura of the Eviction Defense Center reported on City of Berkeley housing retention grants distributed and announced that there is still money available.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Item 4.b. was heard after item 6.a.(5) by a prior motion of the Board.

 - a. Approval of the May 6th regular meeting minutes

M/S/C (Kelley/Selawsky) APPROVE ITEM 4.a. AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Laverde, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 9-0-0-0.

 - b. Recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-12 Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government (Vice Chair Alpert, Chair Simon-Weisberg, Commissioner Laverde and Commissioner Walker)

Heard after item 6.a.(5) by a prior vote of the Board.

M/S/C (Mendonca/Laverde) MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED RESOLUTION 21-12. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Johnson, Laverde, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: Chang, Kelley; ABSENT: None.
Carried: 7-0-2-0.

5. **Public Comment** – for items on the agenda. Public comment was taken prior to hearing item 4.b. All public comments were on this item.

- Austin Tam spoke in support.
- John Slattery spoke in support.
- Former Berkeley Mayor Gus Newport spoke in support of the item.
- “Anonymous” spoke against the item.
- “Rima” spoke in support of the item.
- “Daniel” spoke against the item.
- Nedar Gatmon-Segal on behalf of the East Bay Democratic Socialists of America, spoke in support of the item.
- Rami Asia spoke in support of the item.
- Moina Shaiq spoke in support of the item.
- “TG” spoke against the scope of the resolution.
- Bobbi Lopez spoke in support of the item.
- Abid El-Miarri spoke in support of the item.
- Nathan Mizell spoke in support of the item.
- “RK” spoke in support of the item.
- Davina Srioudom on behalf of the ASUC and Cal Dems, spoke in support of the item.
- Aaron Katler spoke against the item.
- Zahwa Amad spoke in support of the item.
- Ellen Brotzky spoke in support of the item.
- “Patricia” spoke against the item.
- Cindy Shamban spoke in support of the item.
- Phone number ending in 2730 spoke against the item.
- Sonja Trauss spoke in support of the item.
- Rabbi Joshua Ladon spoke against the item.
- Ali Sakr spoke in support of the item.
- “Iman” spoke in support of the item.
- Cynthia Papermaster spoke in support of the item.
- Cheryl Davila spoke in support of the item.
- A. Luna Bocanegra spoke in support of the item.
- Michael Yoshii on behalf of The Friends of Wadi Foquin spoke in support of the item.
- Judith Gussman spoke against the item.
- Matthew Lewis spoke in support of the item.
- Jonathan Packman spoke against the item.
- Dorothea Dorenz spoke against the item.
- Yash Schwartz spoke in support of the item.
- Phone number ending in 0411 spoke against the item.

Acting Executive Director Matt Brown read four emails designated by the writers for public comment:

- Barbara Schick wrote against the item.
- Joshua Polsten wrote against the item.
- Candace Malone wrote against the item.
- Yaeir Haber wrote against the item.

The Board received numerous emails about item 4.b. leading up to the meeting, which are attached and incorporated in the minutes by reference (see Attachment 1).

6. ACTION ITEMS

The Board agreed by consensus to hear items 6(a)1 through 6.a.(5) as one item.

a. From Board Members, Committees, and Executive Director

- (1) Recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-13 approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Line-Item Budget, Staffing Model and Expenditure Level (Budget & Personnel Committee and Acting Executive Director)
- (2) Recommendation to adopt Resolutions 21-14 and 21-15 authorizing the Acting Executive Director to modify the contract with the Eviction Defense Center by an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for FY 2021-2022, and to modify the contract with the East Bay Community Law Center by an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for FY 2021-2022 (Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee and Acting Executive Director)
- (3) Recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-16 authorizing the Acting Executive Director to modify the contract with Brian Augusta & Associates for legislative advocacy by an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for FY 2021-2022 (Budget & Personnel Committee and Acting Executive Director)
- (4) Recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-17 authorizing the Acting Executive Director to modify the contract with Berkeley Community Media to capture and telecast all Board meetings by an amount not to exceed \$22,000 for FY 2021-2022 (Budget & Personnel Committee and Acting Executive Director)
- (5) Recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-18 authorizing the Acting Executive Director to modify the contract with QuickCaption, Inc. for remote closed captioning of all televised Board meetings by an amount not to exceed \$7,000 for FY 2021-2022 (Budget & Personnel Committee and Acting Executive Director)

M/S/C (Alpert/Chang) APPROVE ITEMS 6.a.(1) THROUGH 6.a.(5) AS WRITTEN. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Laverde, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None; RECUSED: Selawsky*. Carried: 8-0-0-0-1.

*Commissioner Selawsky recused himself because his son works for the Eviction Defense Center.

7. INFORMATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS ARTICLES

**ALL ITEMS BELOW WERE MENTIONED OR BRIEFLY DISCUSSED.
UNDERLINED ITEMS HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.**

Items 7.a.(1)-7.a.(11) were heard before the action items by a prior vote of the Board.

a. Reports from Board Members/Staff

- (1) Update on the annual registration processes for fully-covered units and Measure MM units for FY 2021-2022 – Verbal (Acting Executive Director) – Registration Unit Manager Allison Pretto presented and answered questions from the Board.
- (2) Update on the Safe Reopening Plan for resumption of in-person services to the public – Verbal (Acting Executive Director) – Acting Executive Director Matt Brown presented and answered questions from the Board.
- (3) Update on recent/upcoming Rent Board outreach events (Acting Executive Director)
 - a. [Wednesday, May 12, 2021 \(10:00 – 11:30 AM\) – Rent Board Registration 101/Registering your Berkeley Rental Property webinar](#)
- (4) May 11, 2021 letter to Assemblymember Ting and Senator Skinner conveying the Board’s support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1487 (Chair Simon-Weisberg & Vice Chair Alpert)
- (5) May 14, 2021 letter to Billi Romain and Katie Van Dyke in the Office of Energy and Sustainable Development with the Board’s comments on the Berkeley Draft Existing Buildings Electrification Strategy (Chair Simon-Weisberg)
- (6) May 5, 2021 *The Intercept* article by Rachel M. Cohen titled, “Startup Alternative to Rental Security Deposits Gets Legal Backing in Baltimore” (Vice-Chair Alpert)
<https://theintercept.com/2021/05/05/rhino-rent-security-deposits-baltimore/>
- (7) May 25, 2021 report by Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative, Housing Now!, and Policy Link titled, “Preventing an Eviction and Debt Epidemic: Delivering Effective Emergency COVID-19 Rental Assistance in California” (Chair Simon-Weisberg)
https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/makebankspay/pages/6889/attachments/original/1621965464/Preventing_an_Eviction_Epidemic.pdf?1621965464
- (8) May 26, 2021 *KQED.org* article by Joe Fitzgerald Rodriguez titled, “Tenants Group Sues Property Firm Mosser in Test of Oakland Pandemic Protections” (Chair Simon-Weisberg)
<https://www.kqed.org/news/11875215/tenants-group-sues-property-firm-mosser-in-test-of-oakland-pandemic-protections>
- (9) May 28, 2021 *The Oaklandside* article by Natalie Orenstein titled, “Does Oakland need a rental housing registry?” (Acting Executive Director)
<https://oaklandside.org/2021/05/28/does-oakland-need-a-rental-housing-registry/>

- (10) June 8, 2021 *The Daily Californian* op-ed by Concerned Community Members of UC Berkeley and the City of Berkeley titled, “UC Berkeley should reconsider its proposed student housing plans at People’s Park, 1921 Walnut St.”
(Commissioner Laverde)

<https://www.dailycal.org/2021/06/08/uc-berkeley-should-reconsider-its-proposed-student-housing-plans-at-peoples-park-1921-walnut-st/>

- (11) Date to submit agenda topics/items for the July 15, 2021 Rent Board meeting:
Friday, July 2nd (due to the Monday, July 4th holiday)

8. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items 8.a.-8i were heard after items 7.a.(1)-7.a.(11 and before the action items by a prior vote of the Board.

- a. Budget and Personnel Committee (Commissioner Selawsky, Chair)
Next regularly-scheduled meeting: Thursday, July 8th at 5:00 p.m.

(1) June 1st agenda

- b. Eviction/Section 8/Foreclosure Committee (Commissioner Mendonca, Chair)
Next regularly-scheduled meeting: Thursday, June 24th at 5:30 p.m.

(1) May 13th agenda

Committee Chair Mendonca discussed funding for the Eviction Defense Center and East Bay Community Law Center, and pandemic challenges.

- c. IRA/AGA/Registration Committee (Commissioner Kelley, Chair)
Next regularly-scheduled meeting: TBD

- d. Outreach Committee (Commissioner Laverde, Chair)
Next regularly-scheduled meeting: Wednesday, June 16th at 5:30 p.m.

(1) May 19th agenda

(2) June 16th agenda

Chair Laverde reported that the tenant survey is moving along, and the committee discussed the Measure MM website and accessibility.

- e. 2 x 2 Committee on Housing: Rent Board/Berkeley Unified School District
Chair: TBD
Next regularly-scheduled meeting: TBD

- f. 4 x 4 Joint Committee on Housing: City Council/Rent Board
Committee Co-Chairs: Mayor Arreguín and Chair Simon-Weisberg

Next regularly-scheduled meeting: Wednesday, June 23rd at 3:00 p.m.

- g. Ad Hoc Committee on RSB Technology Issues (Chair TBD)
Next meeting date: TBD
 - h. Updates and Announcements – Commissioner Laverde announced the Berkeley Tenants’ Union will be holding a workshop on July 26th.
 - i. Discussion of items for possible placement on future agenda
9. **ADJOURNMENT** – M/S/C (Selawsky/Chang) MOTION TO ADJOURN. Roll call vote. YES: Alpert, Chang, Johnson, Kelley, Laverde, Mendonca, Selawsky, Walker, Simon-Weisberg; NO: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None. Carried: 9-0-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

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Item 5. Public Comment

The emails in this attachment represent all written public comments for **Consent Item 4.b.** submitted to Rent Board Members and/or the Board Secretary before the 5:00 p.m. deadline noted on the June 17, 2021 Board Meeting agenda.

In keeping with the Board's commitment to minimizing the agency's carbon footprint and maximizing efficiency, the following was done in preparing this attachment:

- If an individual emailed the same comment to multiple Board Members *and* to the full Board's collective email address (TheRentBoard@cityofberkeley.info), only the email sent to the full Board was included in this attachment.
- If an individual emailed the same comment to multiple Board Members separately, only one of those emails was included in this attachment.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jerry BERKMAN <jerry@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 3:15 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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I can find no reference to the Rent Board previously discussing this matter or of allowing public comment. The last time something like this happened was when the HWCAC entertained a proposal about BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions) in October, 2015.

Then 168 people submitted written comments and hundreds spoke at a HWCAC meeting which lasting until 2AM. The HWCAC tabled the motion. I believe they had not even had a chance to read the written public comments before they voted.

I don't think this is within the purview of the Rent Stabilization Board.

The community is deeply divided about anything to do with Israel. Reserving one minute to discuss and decide on such a resolution makes the city look foolish.

Can this resolution be withdrawn?

- Jerry Berkman, Berkeley resident

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sara Shendelman <songbirds22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 4:15 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during this week's Rent Stabilization Board, scheduled for June 17.

This haphazard resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is factually inaccurate, lacking in nuance and far outside the mission of the board, which is "to regulate residential rent increases in the City of Berkeley and to protect against unwarranted rent increases and evictions and to provide a fair return to property owners."

The people of Berkeley elected you to support tenant rights and address the ongoing housing crisis, NOT to waste taxpayer money commenting on complex international conflicts.

To my knowledge, the Rent Stabilization Board has never commented on an international conflict. Singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community.

According to a recent ADL survey, 77 percent of the American Jews said that they were much more or somewhat more concerned about antisemitism in America since the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. I fear that this resolution will only further inflame the already escalating hate against the Jewish community.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on the issues that directly impact Berkeley citizens and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Berkeley needs work; street paving, housing for homeless, new housing construction, maintaining open spaces etc. You're not an arm of the UN or International Politics. Berkeley knows better than anyone? Arrogance causes us to turn against neighbors.

Sincerely,
Sara Shendelman
1743 Oregon
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Faith Meltzer <meltzerfamily@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 4:51 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Fw: Recommendation to Vote No on Resolution 21-12 Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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I don't know what upsets me more- the inaccurate information and the complete lack of context in resolution 2021-12, or the very fact that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board feels free to issue such a divisive and inappropriate proclamation.

You may not realize this, but last month, 3 Jewish institutions in Berkeley were vandalized- the language in this resolution will create an unsafe space for Jewish people and Jewish institutions in our community

In a community fractured by pandemic, employment instability, housing loss, and an affordability crisis, the Rent stabilization Board ought to focus their attention on Berkeley's needs, not on an intractable conflict thousands of miles away.

Please Vote No on Resolution 21-12.

Faith Meltzer

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: William Guynn <wsguynn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Rent Board Meeting Public Comment Item

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We, long-time Berkeley residents (58 years), strongly urge a “no” vote on the resolution regarding Israel that the Rent Stabilization Board will vote on June 17. We have studied the resolution and find it to be not only inaccurate but inflammatory, with potential to make Jewish residents unsafe at a time when antisemitism is on the rise. The authors of the resolution appear to be unaware of the long and complicated history of the housing situation they address, mischaracterize it, and mistakenly accuse the democratic state of Israel of “apartheid” and “ethnic cleansing.” This is a matter being dealt with by the Israeli courts. Our taxes pay the Board to deal with housing issues in Berkeley and not with international matters.

Stefanie and William Guynn

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Laura Sutta <4sutta@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:20 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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Dear Rent Board Members,

Given the serious problems of affordable housing and homelessness in Berkeley, it is obvious that your work is of the utmost importance.

Please devote your energies to that work and don't diffuse your efforts, and allow other agendas to take over. What does the resolution on Israel have to do with rent stabilization or Berkeley? Since when does the Rent Stabilization Board deal in foreign policy?

You were elected to serve Berkeley residents in the field of housing, nothing more.

Singling out Israel while using antisemitic tropes and inaccurate language to mischaracterize what's happening on the ground is wrong, and makes Jews in Berkeley and the Bay Area LESS SAFE.

Please don't subvert your purpose by supporting the blatantly antisemitic resolution you are considering.

Thank you.

Laura Sutta, MSW, MPH

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Daniel Isaacson <daisaacson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:22 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during this week's Rent Stabilization Board, scheduled for June 17.

This haphazard resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is factually inaccurate, lacking in nuance and far outside the mission of the board, which is "to regulate residential rent increases in the City of Berkeley and to protect against unwarranted rent increases and evictions and to provide a fair return to property owners."

The people of Berkeley elected you to support tenant rights and address the ongoing housing crisis, NOT to waste taxpayer money commenting on complex international conflicts.

To my knowledge, the Rent Stabilization Board has never commented on an international conflict. Singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community.

According to a recent ADL survey, 77 percent of the American Jews said that they were much more or somewhat more concerned about antisemitism in America since the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. I fear that this resolution will only further inflame the already escalating hate against the Jewish community.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on the issues that directly impact Berkeley citizens and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Taking a stand such as this one doesn't seem much different to me than white people in Alabama taking a stand on gun rights or abortion. Both are dogmatic and oversimplify a complex issue; both undermine true progress toward a workable solution.

Sincerely,
Daniel Isaacson
1420 10th St.
Berkeley, CA 94710

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Art Braufman <abraufman@lmi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:49 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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Dear Rent Board Commissioners:

I urge all of you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting.

As a tax paying citizen of Berkeley, I find that this resolution is completely out of order and should NOT even appear on the agenda of the Berkeley City Rent Stabilization Board. Taking a position on issues involving a foreign country is certainly not within the scope of your Board.

Even if it was your responsibility, the resolution is inaccurate. There is more than enough false accusations about Jews circulating through irresponsible media. Jews do not need a Board of our city to foster more antisemitism.

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Arthur Braufman

926 Shattuck Ave

Berkeley CA 94707



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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Aliza <alizais@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:39 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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Against Resolution 21-22

I too am concerned about injustices in Israel-Palestine, which is why I lived there and volunteered where I could be helpful. Being on the ground, I was able to help actual people.

How can The Berkley Rent Board help? It might start by resolving its own history. We are on Ohlone Land. We are in Huichin. Here is where we can get traction and do real work.

Unfortunately, Resolution 21-22 has very real unintended impacts. It can inflame baseless hatred amongst our residents, leading us to words and actions toward schoolmates, neighbors, colleagues, renters and landlords. It can stoke harm and fear, and possibly injustice.

I urge the Board not to adopt this resolution.

Aliza Shapiro
Berkeley Resident

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sarah Lefton <sarahlefton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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I am writing to share comment on the absurd news that Berkeley Rent Board members are attempting to issue foreign policy from Milvia Street, as it attempts to pass a resolution accusing Israel of ethnic cleansing.

Like many Berkeleyans, I follow the news. (Unlike many Berkeleyans, I have visited Sheik Jarrah!)

That my city would dare to spend public, civic time making a statement about Sheik Jarrah is embarrassing. Such action is not only irrelevant to your charter, it is also dangerous for your local citizens who are subject to rising antisemitism in the streets. This isn't new for Berkeley, and the obsessive focus on Israel's wrongdoings are antisemitic regardless of who initiates them.

The discussion of foreign affairs on my taxpayer dime is an outrage. Stabilize rents and protect the important needs of Berkeley tenants. Full stop. Seems we have sufficient problems here in Berkeley.

Sarah Lefton
2330 Sacramento Street

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rabbi Straus <rabbistraus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:07 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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This haphazard resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is factually inaccurate, lacking in nuance and far outside the mission of the board, which is "to regulate residential rent increases in the City of Berkeley and to protect against unwarranted rent increases and evictions and to provide a fair return to property owners."

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According to a recent ADL survey, 77 percent of the American Jews said that they were much more or somewhat more concerned about antisemitism in America since the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. I fear that this resolution will only further inflame the already escalating hate against the Jewish community.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on the issues that directly impact Berkeley citizens and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Straus
811 York St
Oakland, CA 94610

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Peg Sandel <pegsandel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:35 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Cc: Wendy Rosov
Subject: RENT BOARD PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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Dear Berkeley Rent Board,

I am appalled at the idea that you would take up a resolution to condemn Israel. While each of you are entitled to your opinions, as an elected body such a resolution goes beyond your mandate and your elected responsibilities. It is a betrayal of the office to which you were elected and the Berkeley residents who elected you. Please remain singularly focused on the local housing issues which you were elected to address. We have an affordable housing crisis, as well as a growing homeless crisis in Berkeley. Do not get distracted. Do not insert your foreign policy opinions into your work as officials elected to local office. You will lose my vote and my trust as a resident of Berkeley if you vote for the Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government.

Sincerely,
Margaret "Peg" Sandel

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: John Rosenberg <johngrosenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7:53 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Though the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is deeply troubling, it is important to not oversimplify the positions or acts of either side. As wrong as the Israeli actions have been, "Ethnic cleansing" is a distorted term to apply to this situation.

Sincerely,
John Rosenberg
2893 Buena Vista Way
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Steven Solomon <steven.solomon@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 8:06 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

[EXAMPLE LANGUAGE, PLEASE PERSONALIZE, 150 WORDS MAX]

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Sincerely,
Steven Solomon
584 the alameda
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Marc Ettliger <ettlinger@gmail.com>
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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I am deeply dismayed that the Rent Stabilization Board is considering embracing hate by passing Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b).

This resolution will only serve to encourage violence against Jews and it will do nothing to solve the Palestinians' problems. This hollow Resolution will do nothing good and falls far outside the Rent Stabilization Board's mandate to protect tenants and address rental costs in Berkeley. If you vote for it, you are partially responsible for escalating and inflaming tensions here in the Bay Area to no positive ends in the Middle East.

Please do not turn a blind eye to antisemitism -- a 75% increase in reports to the ADL -- and think about what this vote will do to actual people and please do your jobs and focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley; vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Marc Ettliger
2410 Edwards Street
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: david ritvo <david.z.ritvo.md@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 8:15 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
david ritvo
471 VASSAR AVE
BERKELEY, CA 94708

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From: Fred Gardon <fredgardon@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Fred Gardon
2740 4th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95818

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jessica Lang <jessicalang84@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Jessica Lang
1333 Kains Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ruth PT <ruthannpt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:43 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Re: Rent Board Public Comment item

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Just a friendly reminder that throwing false accusations around about Israel - and that includes accusations of "genocide," "ethnic cleansing," "apartheid," "white supremacy," "colonialism," "policies of sexual violence," "policies of killing children," etc- are not only antisemitic blood libel, but also are directly and acutely endangering Jews worldwide. There has been nearly a 600% increase in hate-crimes against Jews this last month or so, and it is directly correlated with these false accusations.

The Nazis used the language of social justice to justify their hatred, violence, and ultimately genocide against us too.

If you really want to be anti-racist and anti-fascist, it's time to examine your anti-Israel and anti-Jewish biases.

On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 11:39 PM Ruth PT <ruthannpt@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City of Berkeley,

The Berkeley Rent Board is in no position to vote to condemn Israel, and it saddens me that this public display of blame and hatred is embraced yet again. This kind of action only serves to legitimize antisemitism and create more and more stress for Jews living right here in Berkeley. Has the rent board voted to condemn any other country? Please focus on your own responsibilities.

Ruth P. Teitelbaum
Berkeley

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rebecca Joseph <12tribessf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:34 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

If adopted, Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) will have real consequences for Berkeley residents who depend on the Rent Board to protect all tenants.

It emboldens Berkeley property owners to illegally refuse housing, harass, or evict Jewish tenants based on ethnicity and religion if it is done under the cover of solidarity with Palestinians in Israel and Palestine.

It signals that Jewish residents - tenants and landlords alike - should not expect fair hearings when issues arise that merit the Rent Board's involvement.

Given Berkeley's profile and influence, it encourages similar endorsements of such discriminatory housing practices throughout the region.

I speak from lived experience in Berkeley where a self-described "activist" landlord questioned me about Israel and then told me directly, "I could never have a Zionist tenant." Thereafter, the apartment was "rented".

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Joseph
1522A Grant St.
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Lenny Kristal <lennykristal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:45 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: "RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM"

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Sir/Madam,

As a Berkely resident I am highly perturbed at the forthcoming vote on a verifiably false, even incendiary [resolution](#) accusing Israel of "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing." As someone who grew up in South Africa deeply committed to anti apartheid activities and whose family members were imprisoned along with Nelson Mandela, I forcefully reject the analogy that Israel is an apartheid state. Moreover, to accuse Israel of ethnic cleansing is palpable nonsense. The facts on the ground give the lie to this blood libel.

The resolution as it stands, has the potential of engendering more hate against Jews and Israelis who live in our proud city. None of us wish to see this.

The Rent Board's mandate is to protect tenants and confront the housing crisis in Berkeley. Not to involve itself in complex international matters over disputed territories. I ask therefore, that the Board vote "no" on this inflammatory resolution.

Sincerely yours,

Lenny Kristal ,Ph.D. (Cantab).

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Daniel Myers <dmandroid88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 7:22 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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The accusation of 'ethnic cleansing' is particularly backwards. There are more Arabs in Israel than Jews in the entirety of the Arab world because of Arabs and Muslims in the middle east ethnically cleansed Jews and guess where they went - ISRAEL.

Sincerely,
Daniel Myers
805 Kains Avenue
ALBANY, CA 94706

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Adam Noily <adamnoily@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 7:50 AM
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Sincerely,
Adam Noily
517 Neilson Street
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ann Rosenberg <annie31521@gmail.com>
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This Resolution is not nor should it be in the purview of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization board. If certain members of the Board feel strongly about it, they should express their feelings and take action through an appropriate political organization.

Sincerely,
Ann Rosenberg
3152 Lewiston Ave
Berkeley, CA 94705

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Judith Wolfe <judith.wolfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:10 AM
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Sincerely,
Judith Wolfe
319 28th Street
San Francisco, CA 94131

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jeremy Weintraub <jeremyweintraub@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Statement on resolution

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The Berkeley rent stabilization board is not the right venue to take on political stances, especially when it is a public agency there to represent all citizens, regardless of their beliefs and politics. If an individual or family who is need of help from the rent board has political beliefs that make them feel alienated by a resolution that only serves to make a statement, then is the rent board doing its service to the community?

Why not simply say you're pro peace and anti violence?

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jeremy Benjamin <jeremy.benjamin1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:11 AM
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Sincerely,
Jeremy Benjamin
1542 20th Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94122

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Andrea Grant <anyag@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:24 AM
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I chose to live in Oakland as an adult but am a Berkeley native. I chose to leave Berkeley because of this type of shallow, faddish and self-satisfied thinking that is fact-free. Berkeley is a small town with biases like any small, insulated town.

Sincerely,
Andrea Grant
5982 Romany Rd
Oakland, CA 94618

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rent Stabilization Board
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Fw: are you kidding?!

City of Berkeley Rent Board
(510) 981-7368
rent@cityofberkeley.info
www.cityofberkeley.info/rent

From: Sarah Lefton <sarahlefton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Rent Stabilization Board <rent@cityofberkeley.info>; Berkeley Mayor's Office <mayor@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: are you kidding?!

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Please don't spend another two cents of my tax-funded support of your important organization by issuing foreign policy. Are you kidding? I did not elect Berkeley city officials, and their appointed officers, to weigh in on the Middle East crisis. How dare you. I am embarrassed to live here sometimes. FIX BERKELEY.

Sarah Lefton
Sacramento Street

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Andrew Meklin <ameklin@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Andrew Meklin
53 Sandy Ln
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Shalom Bochner <shalom.bochner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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The Rent Stabilization Board's mandate to protect tenants and address rental costs in Berkeley. It is not about international politics, polarizing issues, or adding to the increasing hate directed at Jews here in Berkeley, across the United States, and all round the globe.

This resolution is unprecedented and singles out Israel for false condemnation and uses inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing". It send a hateful and wrong message to our diverse community.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Shalom Bochner
1814 63rd Street
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Marlene Danzig <joyfuld@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:31 AM
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Sincerely,
Marlene Danzig
2611 Saklan Indian Dr.
Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Robert Alter <altcos@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

As a resident of Berkeley since 1967, where I have been a faculty member at UC, and someone with an intimate knowledge of Israel who has never hesitated to criticize actions of its government that seem wrong to me, I strongly urge you to vote NO on resolution 21-12. The rent stabilization board has absolutely no business addressing international affairs--that is something very far from its mandate--and the wording of the resolution is shot through with misrepresentations. If passed, it will have not the slightest effect on the vexed conflict in the Middle East, and as a futile, unwarranted, and inaccurate statement it is the sort of thing that makes Berkeley a laughingstock.

Sincerely,
Robert Alter
1475 LE ROY AVE
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Peter Yolles <pyolles@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:01 AM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
Peter Yolles
1 Lagoon Rd
Belvedere Tiburon, CA 94920

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Mark Schickman <schickman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: rent Board Public meeting Comment Resolution 21-12

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As a longtime Berkeley resident I oppose your resolution 21-12. You have no purview or expertise in this matter. Any "Yes" vote in favor is an act of Antisemitism, employing a double standard against Jews, ignoring far more serious human rights and real property abuses.

"The trigger for the most recent escalation of violence in Israel and Palestine" was the firing of 4000 rockets at Israeli civilians. Ignoring that fact means you don't care about civilian deaths, limited to the pesky Jews. Jews cannot own or rent land in Gaza or the west bank; any landowner who sells or rents property to a jew is killed; Jews were forcibly evicted from Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Iraq with no right to return to those lines. Why isn't that ethnic cleansing? Not addressing those extremely serious issues proves you're not interested in property abuses, but only in attacking Jews and the Jewish State.

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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: EUGENE BARDACH <ebardach@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

Please vote to defeat these resolutions. They are ill-conceived and malicious on so many dimensions I won't elaborate.

Eugene Bardach
Emeritus UCB Prof. of Public Policy and Berkeley resident for 51 years

Sincerely,
EUGENE BARDACH
815 OXFORD ST
BERKELEY, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Zachary Weinstein <zachary.r.weinstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:36 AM
To: TheRentBoard
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I fail to see why a rental board has any qualifications that merit making such statements about a conflict thousands of miles away. It's absolutely absurd.

Sincerely,
Zachary Weinstein
1931 Chalcedony Street
San Diego, CA 92109

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Robin Steinmetz <steinmetz.robing@gmail.com>
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singling out Israel, in a resolution addressing a long standing international conflict, that has nothing to do with Berkeley or rental agreements for the city of Berkeley is simply antisemitic & will add fuel to an already alarming rise in Jew hate

Sincerely,
Robin Steinmetz
2230 Northup Drive
Tustin, CA 92782

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Robert Scheifer <robscheifer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:06 AM
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Your job is to protect Berkeley renters. This proclamation puts renters at risk by encouraging hate groups to attack Jews who have nothing to do with the actions and reactions in a faraway region.

Sincerely,
Robert Scheifer
965 Creston Rd
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Wendy Allyn <wendy@allyn92.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:46 AM
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As a former resident of the Oakland/Berkeley area, please focus on the board's charter and intent. Inappropriately discussing and voting on international affairs will not address housing and rent issues in Berkeley.

Sincerely,
Wendy Allyn
1075 Echo Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: David Steigmann <benjinick@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

Where was the Berkeley City Government when European Jews were being rounded up and shipped off to the camps?
Where was the Berkeley City Government when these people were denied refuge in the US?

I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley, refrain from offering resolutions devoid of context on complex historical issues about which you know nothing, and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
David Steigmann
2236 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Patrick Weiss <patrickdowdweiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:04 PM
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Hate is not a progressive value! No matter where it comes from ...Stop the inflammatory rhetoric and Jew hate!

Sincerely,
Patrick Weiss
3015 East Escoba Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: David Barkan <dmbarkan@cal.berkeley.edu>
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Sincerely,
David Barkan
1075 Echo Drive
Los Altos, CA 94024

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sandra Curtis <sancurtis24@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:34 PM
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Sincerely,
Sandra Curtis
1020 Lassen Street
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ariel Feinberg <alfeinberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

[EXAMPLE LANGUAGE, PLEASE PERSONALIZE, 150 WORDS MAX]

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This haphazard resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is not only factually inaccurate and lacking in nuance, but also far outside the Rent Stabilization Board's mandate to protect tenants and address rental costs in Berkeley.

This resolution is unprecedented and singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community.

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For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Ariel Feinberg
1226 Parker St
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Dale Friedman <dale.friedman@gmail.com>
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To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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Sincerely,
Dale Friedman
1324 McGee Ave
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: John Gertz <johngertz@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Rent Board Anti-Israel resolution

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As a long term resident of Berkeley I oppose the recent efforts of the Rent Board to categorize Israel as an apartheid state. This is sheer nonsense and shows complete ignorance about the case at hand in East Jerusalem. This is a case that has been before the Israeli courts for years and is now before the Supreme Court in Israel. At no time has this ever been the subject of Israeli government action. As in the U.S., anyone can sue anyone in Israel. The case revolves around several homes that were indisputably owned by Jews before they were evicted during the 1948 war. The current occupants have refused to pay rent or in any way acknowledge the prior owner's claims. A fair argument can and is made that Jews should not be granted ownership over their pre-1948 homes unless Palestinians are also granted rights to the homes they lost in 1948. I happen to agree with that, and believe that both Jewish and Palestinian claims should be addressed in a peace settlement. But to call this apartheid and ethinc cleansing is ignorant, wrong, and helps nothing.

John Gertz
Berkeley

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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jennifer Kamenetz <jenkamenetz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:08 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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You are elected representatives of this city. Your obligation is to focus on your mission as a public board. This factually inaccurate resolution not only falls way outside that mission, but endangers Jews in your (my) community.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kamenetz
1725 Grant Street
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ernst Valfer <esvalfer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I am a Berkeley resident since 1949 and have lived at my present address since 1961. I consider myself to be for freedom and opportunity for all people all over the world. But I totally fail to see why our Rent Control Board with a narrow designated domain of focus finds it necessary to become involved in one area of international conflict in exception to the dozens areas where conflict and human rights abuses occur daily with thousands of losses of life, liberty or the means of survival. The proposed action on Israel smacks to me of the age-old scourge of anti-semitism because Jews are an easy and well accepted target of hate and discrimination. I am a Holocaust survivor and urge a vote against the proposed anti-Israel resolution.

Ernst Valfer

Sincerely,
Ernst Valfer
2621 Rose St.
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Remi Omodele <adabrire7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:23 PM
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While it might represent the position of some partisans in Berkeley, California, it is doubtful that it speaks for the entire citizenry. Many would indeed argue that the resolution contains factual inaccuracies, and that it is lacking in nuance.

Clearly Resolution 21-21 is far outside the Rent Stabilization Board's mandate. RSB will have to address the question regarding what it intends to do with this precedence in the future. Will Berkeley's RSB intervene henceforth in all matters pertaining to eviction all around the world?

Please vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Remi Omodele
911 Mendocino Ave
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Lois Brandwynne <cminorlois@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

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I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting. I join the reasoning expressed by Ernst Valfer in a separate email.

Lois Brandwynne

Sincerely,
Lois Brandwynne
2621 Rose St
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ziv, Elad <Elad.Ziv@ucsf.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
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Dear Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board:

The resolution you have written on Israel and Palestine is riddled with inaccurate statements and presents a one-sided view of the conflict. Though you are entitled to your views, you were not elected to pass resolutions about foreign affairs. You have neither the authority nor the expertise in this area. Please use your time and our tax dollars to address the issues that you were elected to deal with: improve access to affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Elad Ziv
Berkeley Resident.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Tamar Levin <levin.tamarie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:13 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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Hello,

This is the first time, to my knowledge, the Rent Stabilization Board is passing a resolution regarding an international conflict and a foreign government policy. By doing so RSB is singling out Jews and Israelis in Berkeley and making them LESS SAFE.

The use of inaccurate and inflammatory language is dangerous. In the past month there's an historic uptick of antisemitism in the US and I strongly believe singling out Israel while using antisemitic tropes is inciting more hate.

Beyond the idea of being at the right side or the wrong side of history- there is a field, an unbiased space- where organizations committed to serve ALL population(regardless of their ethnicity, religion, nationality)- should be.

Berkeley is facing a crisis in affordable housing and concerning growth of homelessness and the Rent Stabilization Board should continue doing all in it's power to protect tenants.

Thank you,
Tamar Levin

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: moshe sarig <moshe.sarig20@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: BRSB Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b)

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Hi,
in response to the BRSB resolution 21-12, I would like to comment that the BRSB never taken an action on the following;

- 1) The Chinese government taking over and annexing Tibet, a free country, nor over the subjugation of Hong Kong, it's treats of taking over Taiwan, nor the genocide it conducts against the moslen Uiguer.
 - 2) Nor, ever uttered a word of condemnation against the Syrian Government and the atrocities it has committed against its own popolation, resulting with 5-6 million refugees, 1/2 a million dead and the destruction of the country.
 - 3) Nor a word about the similar situation in Iraq.
 - 4) Nor ever condemning the Iranian Mulla regime for the imprisening of tens of thousand of people without trial, the hanging, torturing, stoning and arming terrorist organization, fomenting wars and acts of war against civilians.
 - 5) Nor it ever condemn Hamas for launching rockets against Israeli civilians, putting its own Palestinian population in the line of fire and uses them as human shield, therefor getting killed in the cross fire, just the purpose of putting the blame on Israel.
- The BRSB is wrong for taking an action which is outside of its knowledge, or worse, disregarding facts, in order to blame Israel, and consequently promotes antisemitism, as if don't have enough of it.
The BRSB should concentrate on the issues of the Berkeley Housing Shortage, a reason that it was elected for.

Thank you,

Moshe Sarig

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rebekah Stern <rabbistern@bethelberkeley.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:34 PM
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Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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The protection of human life and preservation of human dignity are core principles in Judaism. As such, although we are geographically distanced from the suffering and loss of life among Palestinians and Israelis in the extended conflict, it is devastating for those of us in the Berkeley Jewish community. Further, many of us feel a close connection to the violence because our beloved friends and family live there. Advocating for justice and an end to the violence and suffering in the region is critical.

This resolution is not the way. In recent weeks increasing antisemitic speech and actions have many of us here in the Berkeley Jewish community feeling unsafe right here at home. This resolution is likely to add to the conditions we've experienced in recent weeks that lead to increasing antisemitism targeting Jewish Americans in Berkeley and across the Bay Area. I urge the board to vote NO.



Rabbi Rebekah Stern (she/her)

Congregation Beth El

Member of the Union for Reform Judaism

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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Maxine Litwak <mglitwak@umich.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:51 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Novato

Sincerely,
Maxine Litwak
164 Caribe Isle
Novato, CA 94949

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jenna Lewis <jennalewis28@gmail.com>
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I condemn the behavior of the Israeli Government regarding Palestinian rights. I also condemn the Rent Board's decision to make statements about international affairs. Focus on the affordable housing crisis, which is what we elected you to do!

Sincerely,
Jenna Lewis
2164 Blake St
Berkeley, CA 94704

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: David Kilimnik <david.kilimnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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Dear Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

I urge you **NOT** to pass the Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government. It is a non—balanced perspective, anti-semitic in nature, and also irrelevant to matters that the rent board should be governing.

David Kilimnik

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: SolWeingarten@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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I am saddened by, and opposed to, resolution 21-12 which incorporates propaganda that incites divisiveness and hate against the Jewish residents in our community. I suggest you research the issue from all sides first which would unveil some truths about the issue that are currently being ignored. In any case, you are not empowered as the rent Board to support congressional bills in the name of Berkeley residents. This is a clear misuse of your elected position which is to solely focus on Berkeley rent issues. Your focus during this pandemic time should be on keeping Berkeley residents housed, not weighing in on a conflict that obviously has not been researched in depth and which is not in your job description. Please rescind this propaganda filled resolution immediately.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Wornick Jonathan <jwornick@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Resolution 21-12

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To: City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board

I served on Berkeley's Peace and Justice Commission for eight years. That commission was designed specifically to deflect issues related to Peace and Justice away from the City Council since they were being inundated by issues related to world affairs by a small cadre of activists with an endless laundry lists of complaints. The fact that your board is now being used for a similar means is wrong, especially since it is not related to Berkeley housing whatsoever. Furthermore, not that it should matter, but the "whereas" statements in the resolution are filled with outrageous inaccuracies. I urge all board members to read the attached article which succinctly and factually rebuts all the gross lies within 21-12. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/almost-nothing-youve-heard-about-evictions-in-jerusalem-is-true-11621019410>

Jonathan Wornick
(510)684-5711

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rent Stabilization Board
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Fw: Proposed resolution regarding the Palestinian/Israeli housing conflict

I believe this is intended for the elected Board.

City of Berkeley Rent Board
(510) 981-7368
rent@cityofberkeley.info
www.cityofberkeley.info/rent

From: Astrid Lacitis <astrid.lacitis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Rent Stabilization Board <rent@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: Proposed resolution regarding the Palestinian/Israeli housing conflict

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There are of course various opinions regarding this long simmering conflict. If elected officials decide to weigh in on this matter that of course is their prerogative. However, unless I am mistaken, members of the rent control board are paid from fees collected from landlords, and where these fees are passed on, from tenants. It seems to me a more productive use of the funds that are collected is in dealing with rent control issues.



Astrid Lacitis
DRE 00684382
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astrid@vanguardsf.com

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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Stephen Tolchin <steve.tolchin@gmail.com>
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Stephen Tolchin
771 Parma Way
Los Altos, CA 94024

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Rita Fabi
90 Pacific Ave
Piedmont, CA 94611

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I am worried that with almost no new construction in Berkeley of moderate and middle income housing you guys are screwing around with foreign policy issues that are truly one sided - where are your expressions of concern for other national issues -

Sincerely,
William Pomeranz
140 paloma avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Susan Frankel <b7frankel@gmail.com>
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As a person who spends a lot of time with my dear friends in Berkeley, I am perplexed and dismayed at this resolution. It makes me feel unsafe to be in Berkeley.

Sincerely,
Susan Frankel
1484 Rexford Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Yuridia García Berraquero <yuridiagarcia2017@gmail.com>
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Como mujer judía y latina, me siento indignada por tan desafortunada resolución. Nos retrotrae a épocas donde se señalaba a los judíos como culpables. La situación en Israel es más compleja. Para solucionar conflictos se requiere voluntad de diálogo.

Sincerely,
Yuridia García Berraquero
1651 Fruitvale Ave Apt 21
Oakland, CA 94601

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Tricia Roth <triciar1958@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:19 PM
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I am Jewish and study antisemitism. Please understand that the Jewish community is started at the amount of antisemitism seemingly to suddenly hit U.S. shores. Included in that is demonization of Israel. Please protect us; don't demonize Israel.

Sincerely,
Tricia Roth
8635 SVL Box
Victorville, CA 92395

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Stephen Jackson <hojacks@gmail.com>
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Stephen Jackson
15984 Grandview Avenue
Monte Sereno, CA 95030

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: shmuel shaffer <shmuel.shaffer@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
shmuel shaffer
1211 Cowper st
palo alto, CA 94301

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sarah Prensky-Pomeranz <sarahpp89@gmail.com>
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Sarah Prensky-Pomeranz
140 Paloma
SF, CA 94127

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From: Steven Bauman <stevebaumantbg@gmail.com>
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Steven Bauman
1514 Redwood Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Tobie Lurie <tobie.lurie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:03 PM
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I do not understand why you are even doing this. You are the rent board. Take care of the business you were elected to do.

Sincerely,
Tobie Lurie
2122 Acton St
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ron Blatman <ronblatman@gmail.com>
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Why is a Rent Stabilization Board getting involved in a conflict it's ignorant about thousands of miles away? Care to tell me what kind of car to drive, what socks to wear or which strawberries are best at the farmer's market this weekend?

Sincerely,
Ron Blatman
3844 Clay St
San Francisco, CA 94118

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Susan Blachman <susan@blachman.org>
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I am a Berkeley resident and voter.

Please do not support this resolution. Unless you will single out every single government that has human rights abuses such as China, Turkey, Russia, North Korea etc. this resolution is blatantly anti-semitic.

Sincerely,
Susan Blachman
2712 Benvenue Ave
Berkeley, CA 94705

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From: Skylar Cohen <skylarc@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Skylar Cohen
1602 Martin Ave
Pleasanton, CA 94588

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From: Sophia lehmann <sophialehmann@gmail.com>
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Sophia lehmann
1014 Mariposa
Berkeley, CA 94707

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From: Roberta Golden <robgolden@gmail.com>
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This letter pretty much says it all. Your "facts" are inflammatory and untrue.

You were elected to do a job unrelated to the issue you're protesting.

Sincerely,
Roberta Golden
9712 Oakmore Rd
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: YELENA Giderman <giderman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:30 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
YELENA Giderman
579 39th avenue
San Francisco, CA 94121

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Tanya Shore <tanya.shore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:45 PM
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I urge you to stop creating unsafe environments against the Jewish people by passing resolutions that single out Jews and creates a toxic environment. There is no place for hate in this world, stop creating one.

Sincerely,
Tanya Shore
237 Aptos place
Danville, CA 94526

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Marla Sofer <marlasofer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 7:53 PM
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Please investigate facts. This is over-the-top anti-semitism!

Sincerely,
Marla Sofer
998 laguna cir
Foster city, CA 94404

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Susan Sholin <szasholin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:04 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Kesarwani, Rashi; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Taplin, Terry; Chang, James; Harrison, Kate; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Robinson, Rigel; Droste, Lori; Auditor; Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Agenda for 6/17/21 meeting
Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Rent Board Members and other relevant parties,

As a Board whose **stated mission is “to regulate residential rent increases in the City of Berkeley and to protect against unwarranted rent increases and evictions and to provide a fair return to property owners”**, I am appalled that the City of Berkeley Rent Board has determined that you speak for the community with the decision to vote on a foreign policy resolution "accusing Israel of violence, oppression, ethnic cleansing and calling for the “end of American funding of Israeli apartheid.”

This resolution is one sided, inflammatory and does nothing to further a lasting peace between the people of the Middle East. Even more concerning is that the extremist rhetoric may led to an increase in attacks on Israeli-Americans and the local Jewish community, as we have seen worldwide. The use of false accusations against Israel including “apartheid” and “ethnic cleansing” have been used to justify antisemitic violence.

Antisemitic incidents, with 83% referencing the conflict in Gaza and Israel have skyrocketed 438% in the U.K. in the last month. Four men were arrested in London for shouting “F* the Jews. Rape their daughters.” A group of Iranian American Jews were attacked in Los Angeles – one was hospitalized. Jews were assaulted near an anti-Israel rally in downtown Toronto. In our own community, Jewish owned businesses and community centers have been targeted with anti-Israel and antisemitic graffiti.**

As a member of this community, I assure you, I don't speak for me and I will not vote for anyone who votes for this anti Semitic resolution.

Very truly yours.

Susan Sholin

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sue Sheftel <SUESHEFTEL@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:29 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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I am also letting you know that if you do decide to vote in favor of this resolution, I will do everything in my power to make your next run for Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board unsuccessful.

Sincerely,
Sue Sheftel
2335 Acton St.
BERKELEY, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sherrie Rosenberg <sherrie.rosenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:38 PM
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There is more to the story of the relationship between Palestinians & Israelis. Many groups are working for peace & having two states. Please realize that Jewish people like me care deeply about the welfare and rights of Palestinians & Israelis.

Sincerely,
Sherrie Rosenberg
555 40th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94121

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: yanay shik <yanay.shik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:21 PM
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End the rent board in Berkeley

Sincerely,
yanay shik
1466 7th st
Berkeley, CA 94710

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Youval Dar <youval@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:25 PM
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Stop the Berkeley racist actions against the Jewish State of Israel and against the Israeli-American community.

Sincerely,
Youval Dar
2210 Rose St.
BERKELEY, CA 94709

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Talya Ronen <tali.ronen@gmail.com>
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Talya Ronen
1415 Todd Street
Mountain View, CA 94040

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From: Stanley Wulf <stanleywulf12@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Stanley Wulf
1016 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Vivian Cohen <covivi48@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:17 PM
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In these times of racism, Asian hate crimes, and anti-Semitism on the rise I would hope you wouldnt tarnish yourselves by making statements such as you have. It will not go unnoticed by good people every where.

Sincerely,
Vivian Cohen
2499 Raleigh dr
San jose, CA 95124

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Marilyn Sarig <marilynsarig@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:57 PM
To: RSBChang
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Sincerely,
Marilyn Sarig
1919 Berkeley Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: SUSAN KATZMAN <susie.katzman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:05 AM
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SUSAN KATZMAN
133 TREEHAVEN CT
Kenwood, CA 95452

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Susan Meyers <smeyers@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 4:35 AM
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Sincerely,
Susan Meyers
1120 Curtis St
Albany, CA 94706

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Samuel Tobin <samtobin243@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:48 AM
To: TheRentBoard
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I am a resident of Oakland California. But I want to add my name to this letter to Reject Resolution 21-12. Thank you, Sam Tobin. 510-459-3073

Sincerely,
Samuel Tobin
652 Mandana Blvd
Oakland, CA 94610

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Marilyn Mayo <marilyn.mayo2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:02 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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1927 bridgepointe pkwy
San mateo, CA 94404

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Susan Barnes <cilarea@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:08 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Please vote NO on Resolution 21-12

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I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting.

This resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is factually inaccurate and also far outside the Board's mandate. In fact, it's likely to endanger Jewish tenants by inflaming antisemitism in the City and making Jews feel this Board is not a safe place they can come to for fair mediation or other services. How can this agency be trusted to mediate local disputes when they so precipitously jump into other, far off disputes they have so unfairly judged?

This resolution is unprecedented and sends the wrong message to our diverse community. As a graduate of U.C. Berkeley a former renter there, it is disheartening to see this kind of intolerance in an agency of the City so many of us love so well.

Please vote NO and don't add fuel to rising antisemitism in the City.

Susan

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Marla Knight <marlabastienknight@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:18 AM
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As a housing activist I am appalled that the Rent Stabilization Board would weigh in on a complex international issue while there is a housing crisis. This proposed resolution is not in the Board's mandate and it is incendiary. Btw I am not Jewish.

Sincerely,
Marla Knight
566 Lombard St Apt 1
San Francisco, CA 94133

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rent Stabilization Board
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: FW: On Israel

From: Stephen Knaster <steveknaster@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:50 PM
To: Rent Stabilization Board <rent@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: On Israel

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Rent Board members –

A few facts to correct false narratives about Israel and Israeli Arabs. The claim Israel is an Apartheid nation is an anti-Semitic myth. Arab Israelis have the same rights as all other Israelis. They serve in the Knesset, as commissioners in government, are doctors, attorneys, CEOs. They serve as justices on Israel's Supreme Court. They have universal health care, higher income levels, longer life expectancy, and more freedoms than any Arab Nation including the Palestinian territories. Polls consistently show that more than 2/3s of Israeli Arabs would rather live in Israel than a Palestinian State. Women , gays, lesbians are afforded full equal rights in Israel but not in the Palestinian territories. In Gaza many women are unable to leave their homes unaccompanied by a man. Israel has tried for peace, but Hamas is a terrorist organization that seeks the destruction of Israel and is the major roadblock to peace . In Bill Clinton's autobiography he endorses Israel's 2000 peace initiative which Arafat rejected. Read it for yourself.

**Stephen Knaster, Ph.D., J.D.
Berkeley, CA and Nashville, TN**

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ryan Kuhel <ryan.kuhel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:21 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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For these reasons, I urge you to focus on the issues that directly impact Berkeley citizens and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Ryan Kuhel
4416 Paxton pl
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Yaeir Heber <yaeirheber@gmail.com>
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Gross oversimplification of an international historical and legal issue so far out of this board's purview it's astounding. Singling out this action from this hundreds across the globe does far more harm than any good, their wellintention might seek.

Sincerely,
Yaeir Heber
144 Carl St
San Francisco, CA 94117

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Yaeir Heber <yaeirheber@gmail.com>
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Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

This Resolution, thought surely well-intentioned and pursuing Justice, is such a gross oversimplification of an international historical and legal issue that so far out of this board's prevue it's honestly shocking. Singling out this foreign real-estate dispute amongst the unfortunate immense amounts of housing injustice transpiring here and across the globe does far more harm than good. Why does the board feel sanctioned to voice an opinion and resolve on this topic? Have you resolved on the theft of property from Jews in Europe during WW2? Or on jews being forced from their homes in Iraq or Morocco? Interesting to note which distant international issues the board feels it has a right to comment and impose it's judgement on and which it does not... all while we have scenes here in Berkeley far far worse than in the subject region of this resolution.

According to studies, Israel's homeless population (including amongst its non-jewish citizens) is around 2500 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homelessness_in_Israel). Israel's population is 9 million. The city of Berkeley, with a population 121,000 has over 1000 according to recent counts.

Perhaps this statistic might help redirect some of this board's attention to it's own relative incapacity and failures before it wastes our time and money to voice it's irrelevant and inflammatory opinion on legal ownership of a 6 houses across the world.

Apparently you need to be reminded that this board's job is to: "regulate residential rents; to protect tenants form unwarranted rent increases and arbitrary, discriminatory or retaliatory evictions; to help maintain the diversity of the Berkeley community; and to ensure compliance with legal obligations relating to the rental of housing."

Oddly, no where in the charter does it implore this board to weight in on foreign policy funding. Should the members who've spent their time drafting this resolution like to focus on this issue, perhaps they should pursue so in a more appropriate forum and seek a more appropriate appointment for themselves. The evocation of MLK's words to somehow try to justify relevance or jurisdiction holds only if the Board resolves itself to draft and pursue similar resolutions on every unjust global eviction. I suspect the board might suddenly find less motivation to pursue "justice everywhere" (else). Does the board know that the PA also receives US aid? Have they vetted all of the evictions that they and Hamas has perpetrated against Palestinians?

I'll close by saying that the entitlement this board feels to weight in on this specific issue (relative to so many others), in blatant comparison to its own comparative failure to protect its own residents from homelessness (as compared with those which its choosing to condemn) is truly unconscionable. I urge to board to reject this dangerous, inciting, and counter-productive resolution and redirect its attention to the extremely important task we have entrusted unto it.

Sincerely,
Yaeir Heber
1336 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Steven Silberblatt <stevensilberblatt@gmail.com>
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If I'd known when voting for Rent Stabilization Board members that you would pursue such a measure, you would never have received my support— nor, if you vote in favor of this resolution, will I ever vote for you in the future.

Sincerely,
Steven Silberblatt
1111 Fresno Ave
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ruth Mastron <ruth.mastron@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:36 PM
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When everyone in Berkeley has access to decent, affordable housing, then your job is done. Until then, you should focus on doing your job rather than wasting time, money, and resources on issues that are beyond your remit.

Sincerely,
Ruth Mastron
720 Charles Drive
Oceanside, CA 92057

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Spencer Klein <spencerkleinberkeley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 4:38 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I strongly object to the biased Resolution 21-12, which gives a one-sided picture of a complex situation. It will cause damage to many Berkeley renters. Both Jews and non-Jews conflate criticism of Israel with criticism of Jews (witness the many news articles about cars flying Palestinian flags driving through London's Jewish neighborhoods shouting "F--k the Jews.>").

Passing this resolution will not help anything, anywhere, but it will lead to a clear perception that the Rent Board is biased against Jews and especially Israelis. This racial bias (whether real or merely perceived) will reflect back on the rent board, making your job harder and more contentious, and, likely leading to lawsuits over bias. A significant number of Jewish Israelis and other Jews live in Berkeley and some have occasion to appear before the rent board. Will you treat them fairly, or force them to turn to the courts? This resolution would be the perfect legal argument that you are biased against them.

Sincerely,
Spencer Klein
968 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Mark Katzman <markkatzman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:47 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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It's wrong to attack Israel, the ONLY democratic society in the MEast. I direct your attention to what Israel recently did for the unfortunate victims of the ongoing terror in Syria when doctors from Ziv Hospital in Tzfat saved thousands.

Sincerely,
Mark Katzman
133 Treehaven Ct.
Kenwood, CA 95452

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Tania Schweig <taniaschweig@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:14 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Kesarwani, Rashi; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Taplin, Terry; Chang, James; Harrison, Kate; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Robinson, Rigel; Droste, Lori; Auditor; Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Please do not contribute to growing anti-Jewish sentiment in this country
Categories: BOARD-related

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To the Mayor and the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

I have just learned about the upcoming foreign policy vote of the rent stabilization board concerning Israel Palestine. I am a progressive observant Jew with Palestinian friends, deep investment in lasting peace in Israel Palestine, and a profound love of the land of Israel which Jews have prayed and yearned for for thousands of years. I also love the city of Berkeley, a place where I have lived, raised my children and a place where I have worshipped as a Jew.

I know that our progressive city includes many people with strong opinions and high ideals and I know this means that we often take a stand on important national and international issues. For the most part I respect the drive and yearning for justice that is such a part of the character of this special city.

That said, as a Jew, I am worried about the lack of nuanced understanding of the complexities of the nature of the conflict in Israel Palestine. I am particularly worried that this lack of nuance is leading to a marked increase in anti-Jewish sentiment that feels all-too familiar and that these sentiments are leading to a rise in anti-Jewish hate crimes and a frightening choice to turn a blind eye to the dangers posed to the Jewish community. I ask that you [please read this article which explains very well the reason that Jews are increasingly afraid.](#)

Please please, I ask that you focus your work on what you were elected to focus on - the important work of rent stabilization and affordable housing. If you are going to condemn Israel, then please give equal attention to every other foreign power that has taken part in actions that you deem inhumane, including our own US government. I'm not sure I would say that this would be a worthwhile focus for your work, but if you must do this, then please do it all the way and do not single out one very specific country above all others.

Thank you,

Tania Schweig

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Tania Schweig

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Richie Rayant <richardrayant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 11:03 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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In addition to what is said above, what stake does the Berkely rent stabilization board have in adopting any rhetoric either way on this issue? How does adopting this stance have anything to do with rent stabilization in Berkely?

Sincerely,
Richie Rayant
1902 Green Street
San Francisco, CA 94123

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sanne DeWitt <skdewitt@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:58 AM
To: RSBAIpert
Subject: Rent Board Proposal: NO

Importance: High

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**Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board's Resolution, June 17, 2021
Recommendation: That the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board adopt
resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the
Israeli**

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No No No

**The Berkeley Rent Stabilization board has written a resolution that
condemns the "Illegal eviction of Palestinians by the Israeli
Government." This is shameful! Berkeley's citizens became aware of
the fact that the RSB is trying to legislate anti-Israel propaganda. This
puts the city of Berkeley on record as a Jew Hating community and
that is not worthy of a city that has, at hits core, one of the
greatest universities in the world. Many faculty members and students
are Jewish and/or Israeli. The Berkeley RSB should not make foreign
policy.**

Jew Hate MUST be stopped. I condemn this resolution

**Susanne (Sanne) DeWitt
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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Diane Mintz <diane.mintz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:23 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
Diane Mintz
1457 Cornell Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Faith Meltzer <meltzerfamily@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Recommendation to Vote No on Resolution 21-12 Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government

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please read out loud during the public comment period of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization board, Thursday June 17 meeting.

I don't know what upsets me more- the inaccurate information and the complete lack of context in resolution 2021-12, or the very fact that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board- elected officials paid by our tax dollars- feels free to issue such a divisive and inappropriate proclamation.

Shame on you.

In a community fractured by pandemic, employment instability, housing loss, and an affordability crisis, the Rent stabilization Board ought to focus their attention on Berkeley's needs, not on an intractable conflict thousands of miles away.

Please Vote No on Resolution 21-12.

Faith Meltzer

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Hillary Reinis <HillaryReinis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:26 PM
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Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I urge the Board to vote **NO** on Resolution 21-12.

The mandate of the Rent Stabilization Board is to protect tenants and confront the housing crisis in the City of Berkeley,

Regardless of the personal point of view of the individual Board members, as an elected board it is not in their purview to pass resolutions concerning international conflicts on behalf of their constituency,

Sincerely,
Hillary Reinis
860 Spruce St
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ron Feldman <ronfeldman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I am a Berkeley renter – so I am your constituent.

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board’s June 17 meeting.

I have plenty of opinions about the state of the world as a whole, including the Israel-Palestine conflict, as it seems you do. But this resolution has nothing to do with your mandate to protect tenants and control rental costs in Berkeley.

I – we, the voters – did not elect you to make foreign policy.

Please – spend your time and my money on protecting my rights as a renter. Do your job!

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Ron Feldman
1442A Walnut St
Berkeley, CA 94709

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rachel Berinsky <berinsky@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Rachel Berinsky
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berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Mark R <mray22720@gmail.com>
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I'm shocked, deeply hurt, and frankly frightened by the actions of your Board's mandate. This blatant antisemitism is harmful and has no place in the world, let alone on one of the most renown college campuses. Protect tenants, don't oust Jews.

Sincerely,
Mark R
325 w Adams Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90007

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jesse Kellerman <jessekellerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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I urge the Board to reject Resolution 21-12.

While I appreciate the Board's intent, the resolution is inflammatory and inaccurate.

It's often claimed that statements condemning Israel are meant to criticize its government rather than to demonize Jews worldwide. Perhaps the Board is capable of making such fine distinctions—I'm not sure they can be made—but one look at the recent violence against Jews nationwide makes clear the hollowness of this logic when it's set loose in public.

I've lived all over the world. Never have I been subjected to more bigotry than since moving to Berkeley ten years ago. Before COVID, I'd walk to synagogue wearing my yarmulke. I've had slurs screamed at me, been sprayed with a water gun while carrying my infant daughter, and had bottles thrown at my head. Passing this resolution contributes to an existing environment where Jews are acceptable targets.

Jesse Kellerman

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Audrey Gardner <m.audreygardner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:17 PM
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This has absolutely nothing to do with any issues concerning rent or tenants' rights.

Sincerely,
Audrey Gardner
2798 shasta rd
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Richard Keene <rkeene37@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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I am writing to object to the Board's intention to consider a resolution which takes a partisan stand on the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

This is a challenging issue for knowledgeable compassionate persons who represent both sides of the conflict.

It is not an issue suitable for action by our local Rent Board, especially at a time when we have a trying homeless problem to deal with.

The Rent Board should not let itself be a tool for those who seek divisive and anti-semitic community polarization.

Richard Keene M.D.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Hillary Kilimnik <chasinghillary@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

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This resolution is unprecedented and singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community. Israel's current cabinet is as diverse as they come with a Muslim-Arab serving as Israel's Minister for Regional Cooperation, A black woman serving as Israel's minister for immigration and absorption, an openly gay man serving as the minister of health and one yet to be named deputy minister who comes from one of Israel's largest Islamist political groups. Hardly an apartheid state.

Furthermore, according to a recent ADL survey, 77 percent of the American Jews said that they were more concerned about antisemitism in America since the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. This resolution will only further inflame the already escalating hate against the Jewish community.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Hillary Kilimnik
741 The Alameda
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Malka Weitman <malkaw@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:24 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Berkeley Mayor's Office; Hahn, Sophie; Robinson, Rigel
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members-re Sheikh Jarrah resolution

Categories: BOARD-related

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To the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

The resolution "Illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government " is factually inaccurate and violates the Rent Board's mission.

This is another attempt to insert anti-Israel propaganda into Berkeley local affairs. It is divisive and destructive. It inflames hatred against Israelis, Zionists and, by extension, all Jews. This is not "legitimate criticism of Israel" —instead it is misinformation disguised as social justice, with the purpose of demonizing Israel. The fact that some Jews buy into the distortions does not alter their malevolent nature. Most importantly, the Rent Board is betraying the trust of Berkeley citizens by stepping into territory that is clearly outside its bounds.

Some facts:

The Sheikh Jarrah issue is a private property dispute and not an action of the Israeli government.

There are no "settlers" involved. Rather, there are property owners with clear title dating back to 1875. Israeli courts uphold Palestinian ownership when *they* have clear title.

In an effort to avoid evictions, Israeli courts came up with a compromise: Palestinian tenants would pay rent to the Jewish owners and, in exchange, be considered “protected tenants” —protected from eviction in perpetuity. The present eviction threat could be avoided by adhering to this compromise.

There is no apartheid or ethnic cleansing in Israel, no matter how fashionable it is to throw these accusations around.

Finally, the Rent Board is not empowered to take positions on international matters. Please focus on the mission we elected you for: “The mission of the Rent Stabilization Board is to regulate residential rent increases in the City of Berkeley and to protect against unwarranted rent increases and evictions and to provide a fair return to property owners.”

If Berkeley is truly to “stand united against hate” this resolution must be defeated.

Malka Weitman

2534 Chilton Way

Berkeley 94704

City Council District 7

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Debby Zopfi <bezzyrav@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:23 PM
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It seems this is an effort to jump on a bandwagon in order to demonize the Other. It's deeply concerning and very scary that in these times that people like me, should be worried about local politicians who step out of bounds this way.

Sincerely,
Debby Zopfi
45 Sandy Creek Way
Novato, CA 94947

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Joelle Steefel <jssteefel@gmail.com>
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You have veered way out of your lane, unless you are interested in rents in Tel Aviv. Berkeley has enough issues to fix, Try starting there

Sincerely,
Joelle Steefel
1090 Chestnut
SF, CA 94109

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Harriet Wolf <hwolf123@sonic.net>
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Sincerely,
Harriet Wolf
1970 University Way
San Jose, CA 95126

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ran Mes <ranmes012@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Ran Mes
265 Cambridge Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ken Blady <kenbee13@live.com>
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Sincerely,
Ken Blady
1305 Evelyn Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Deborah Schneider <deborah.schneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:01 PM
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Sincerely,
Deborah Schneider
242 Ridgewood Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Esther Brass-Chorin <estherbrass@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:05 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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I find it disturbing that the BRSB is promoting a political agenda based on biased information and a simplistic viewpoint - not what we want in our city officials. I strongly urge you to vote no on resolution 21-12

Sincerely,
Esther Brass-Chorin
522 Colusa Ave
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Neil Tuch <neiltuch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:18 PM
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This is embarrassing. Ask yourselves - is your role to examine every world conflict and weigh in on one side or the other - without understanding the facts. Explain the treatment of women all through the Middle East and why you are not weighing in?

Sincerely,
Neil Tuch
1074 Eastwood Ct
Los Altos, CA 94024

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Lauren Grayson <laurengrayson@gmail.com>
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You are inflaming the already escalating hate against the Jewish community. This needs to stop.

Sincerely,
Lauren Grayson
634 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Andrew Shpall <shpall@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:24 PM
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Andrew Shpall
23330 Park Hacienda
Calabasas, CA 91302

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Debra Surkin <debrasurkinperloff@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:40 PM
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Debra Surkin
118 Wood St
San Francisco, CA 94118

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Judah Dardik <rabbidardik@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 12:32 AM
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Judah Dardik
3778 Park Blvd
Oakland, CA 94610

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Michelle Booth <ninashelbooth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:55 AM
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Michelle Booth
796 Niantic Dr
Foster City, CA 94404

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Leslie Kane <lkanesf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:51 AM
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Leslie Kane
35 Dolores St.
San Francisco, CA 94103

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Joel Zebrack <Joel.Zebrack@juno.com>
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Joel Zebrack
2121 Meridian Park Blvd., #5796
Concord, CA 94524

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Mindy Geminder <mindygem@gmail.com>
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I am a Berkeley public school teacher of 26 years. My dad is a Holocaust survivor. Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East where Jews can live. Israel is a very special place, and the n ee government will be helping to make positive change

Sincerely,
Mindy Geminder
5942 Chabolyn Terrace
Oakland, CA 94618

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Andrea Altschuler <andrea.altschuler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:52 AM
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Andrea Altschuler
1417 Virginia Street
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

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Sincerely,
Lionel Engelman
330 Ranelagh Rd
Hillsborough, CA 94010

Mueller, Aimee B.

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Katz
214 Los Ranchitos Rd
San Rafael, CA 94903

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Focus on what you were elected to do and get off your soapbox.

Sincerely,
Joan Levison
865 Chamberlain Court
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: david milgram <Dmilgram@gmail.com>
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This ill-conceived resolution stems from the actions of a few political activists who are attempting to hijack normal city activities for media attention to their specific political aims. This is an abuse of office. They should be reprimanded.

Sincerely,
david milgram
25440 CRESCENT LN
LOS ALTOS HLS, CA 94022

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Miriam Ferris <miriamferris@gmail.com>
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It's all lies.
Get some facts.

Sincerely,
Miriam Ferris
2942 Claremont Blvd
Berkeley, CA 94705

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Barbara Miller <bemiller249@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Barbara Miller
60 Carnoustie Hts
Novato, CA 94949

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rent Stabilization Board
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: FW: Preocupada por el antisemitismo

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I believe this is for the Board.

From: Yuridia García Berraquero <yuridiagarcia2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Rent Stabilization Board <rent@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: Preocupada por el antisemitismo

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Estimadas/os miembros de la Junta de Estabilización de Rentas de Berkeley. Mi nombre es Yuridia y soy una residente del área de la Bahía.

Les escribo esta carta, porque estoy preocupada por el auge que está tomando el antisemitismo en algunos lugares de nuestra comunidad desde hace poco más de un mes.

He tenido conocimiento de una resolución que ustedes han presentado. Expresando opiniones sesgadas que no se corresponden a la realidad, y presentándolas como hechos objetivos.

Soy una mujer de espíritu crítico y en ocasiones he criticado las políticas del gobierno israelí. Los judíos lo hacemos todo el tiempo, porque debatimos y tenemos opiniones distintas. Y lo hacemos porque creemos en la sociedad democrática.

En Israel hay diferentes partidos en la Kneset. En los países árabes las democracias brillan por su ausencia. De ahí el compromiso y la necesidad de apoyar a los refugiados de tantos países. Yo misma como mujer transgénero he participado en eventos con mujeres transgénero de Siria e Irak en un ambiente de paz y aprecio mutuo.

La reciente resolución que ustedes aprobaron va más allá de la legítima crítica democrática, y se convierte en antisemitismo y crimen de odio. Va más allá de una discusión política, porque implica una culpabilización, asociando al Estado Israel con la política del apartheid. Les recuerdo que en Israel hay una importante población árabe que goza de plenos derechos de ciudadanía. Y culpando a Israel de estar haciendo una limpieza étnica en los Territorios Palestinos, cuando es Hamás quien tiene aterrorizada a su propia población y secuestrada las instituciones de autogobierno que se crearon tras los acuerdos de paz.

Les recuerdo que la Junta de Estabilización de Rentas tiene un mandato popular, que es proteger a los inquilinos y enfrentar la crisis de la vivienda en la ciudad de Berkeley. Entrar en este tipo de debates sobre conflictos internacionales sin tener un conocimiento exacto de la realidad es muy peligroso.

Les invito a participar con la comunidad judía y la comunidad árabe a hacer cosas que ayuden a la paz y la convivencia pacífica. En nuestro entorno árabes y judíos vivimos en paz. Yo misma tengo una excelente relación con mis vecinos yemeníes. Este tipo de declaraciones no ayuda a la convivencia, y nos pone a los judíos en la diana de personas prejuiciosas que pueden atacarnos por motivos étnicos o religiosos.

Señalar a Israel con esa resolución no ayudará a traer la paz. Más bien traerá el conflicto a nuestra comunidad.

Yuridia García (Ella-She/Her)

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: L Stone <l.stone@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:37 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Rent Board,

Please vote AGAINST this resolution.

I'm a Jewish Berkeley resident and no fan of the current Israeli government. Please recognize that Israeli-Palestinian issues are very very difficult to understand and are not best served by loud pronouncements on either side. Best you stay out of this difficult issue that is not at all in your purview. I do not agree with the evictions mentioned in this declaration, but am also revolted by the description of Israel as an apartheid state. Please just stay out of global issues and do your job in Berkeley that we pay you for. Thank you.

Linda Stone
1326 Virginia St, Berkeley

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: irina shraye <irinashraye@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Rent Board Meeting

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Esteemed Board Members,

I urge you to rescind your resolution that uses one-sided propaganda to incite Anti-Semitism under the disguise of Anti-Zionism against the Jewish citizens of our community. This is a gross overstepping of your elected position and inappropriate use of worktime for political purposes. This has nothing to do with your elected position to ensure housing for all residents of the community, especially during these tough times when many families struggle.

Sincerely,
Irina Shraye

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Joan Tabb Waisbein <joantabb@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Joan Tabb Waisbein
410 stonecrest ct
Santa ross, CA 95404

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Olga Gilburd <olganyc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Cc: Masha Merkulova
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I urge BRSB to rescind the Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government. With it, you misuse the official City of Berkeley public website for propaganda. BRSB should not be weighing in on Congressional legislation, as it oversteps the mission of the BRSB. Such statement is an incitement to divisiveness in the community inside and beyond Berkeley. Finally, it demonstrates, that BRSB members are using their work time which is paid by BRSB fees for political purposes to support a political agenda that contains distortions, lies, and demonization of Israel. Please rescind this propaganda filled resolution immediately.

Respectfully,
Olga Gilburd

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Aliza Elias <acraimer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

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The Rent Stabilization Board's mandate is to protect tenants and control rental costs in Berkeley, not to weigh in on international affairs with an inaccurate and non-nuanced resolution. In addition to being off mission, this resolution does nothing to promote peace in the region, and is hurtful and divisive.

As an identifiable Jew, I fear that this resolution will exacerbate that antisemitic rhetoric and violence that has been directed at Jews since the Hamas-Israel conflict began. People are entitled to feel what they feel, but not to act with impunity, and the Jewish community has been targeted with increasing acts of violence. All hate and violence are unacceptable, and I hope you won't contribute to an atmosphere that puts Jews in Berkeley like me and my family at greater risk.

Please vote **NO** on Resolution 21-12, and stay focused on issues that directly impact Berkeley tenants and residents.

Sincerely,
Aliza Elias
1336 Hopkins St
BERKELEY, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Judith Massarano <jmassarano@gmail.com>
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To create a resolution that is SO outside the scope of the RSB strikes me as purely inflammatory. It alienates Jewish renters and is simply inaccurate. I will submit a public comment separately.

Sincerely,
Judith Massarano
1709 Sacramento St
Berkeley, CA 94702

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From: Etta Heber <ettaheber@gmail.com>
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Etta Heber
1801 Casterline Rd
Oakland, CA 94602

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You are betraying the moderate Muslims and Jews who are working to achieve peace: Your radicalism is undermining the forces for peace in Israel and in the Palestinian territories. We are working hard to move toward a peace agreement that recognizes the legitimate rights of both Israel and the Palestinian people, and you are tearing down by falsely vilifying one side.

...If Israel were an apartheid state, I would not have been appointed here, nor would I have chosen to take upon myself this duty. There are many Arabs, both within Israel and in the Palestinian territories who have taken great courage to walk the path of peace. You should stand with us, rather than against us."

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1709 Sacramento St
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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Katya Gerwein <kgerwein@gmail.com>
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Katya Gerwein
2238A Curtis St
Berkeley, CA 94702

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From: Amir Bar <amirb4r@gmail.com>
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Amir Bar
2020 Cedar St.
Berkeley, CA 94709

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These international issues are out of your purview and if you continue to entangle them in your business operations, we can only assume that you are anti Semitic. Remember the Martin Neimoller quote.."At first they came for the socialists...."

Sincerely,
Lisa Tabak
563 Walavista Ave
Oakland, CA 94610

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Kate Lipman <katlipman@comcast.net>
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I used to live in Berkeley and was a public school teacher for 30 years, and I firmly believe in equality. The facts don't back up this resolution.

Sincerely,
Kate Lipman
1859 Mar West St
Belvedere Tiburon, CA 94920

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jeff Lipsett <jeff.lipsett@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 12:53 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" yet you pick on Israel, specifically some owners who weren't getting rent on their Sheikh Jarrah apartments. We Know what singling out Jews is!

Sincerely,
Jeff Lipsett
563 WALAVISTA AVE
OAKLAND, CA 94610

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Malka Weitman <malkaw@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Rent Board Meeting PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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The resolution "Illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government " is factually inaccurate and violates the Rent Board's mission.

Some facts:

This is a private property dispute and not an action of the Israeli government.

There are no "settlers" involved. Rather, there are property owners with clear title dating back to 1875. Israeli courts uphold Palestinian ownership when *they* have clear title.

In an effort to avoid evictions, Israeli courts came up with a compromise: Palestinian tenants would pay rent to the Jewish owners and, in exchange, be considered "protected tenants" — protected from eviction in perpetuity. The present eviction threat could be avoided by adhering to this compromise.

There is no apartheid or ethnic cleansing in Israel, no matter how fashionable it is to throw these accusations around.

Finally, the Rent Board is not empowered to take positions on international matters. Focus on the mission we elected you for.

Malka Weitman

2534 Chilton Way

Berkeley 94704

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rent Stabilization Board
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: FW: Comment on Israel statement

From: Tracey Goldberg <tracey@golddirtdesign.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Rent Stabilization Board <rent@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: Comment on Israel statement

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I read, with some concern, that the Rent Stabilization Board is considering making a statement about Israel. While I agree that the conduct of the Israeli government in regards to the Palestinians has been abhorrent, it seems clear to me that this statement coming from the RSP would be totally inappropriate coming from this body and totally outside of the scope of the mission of the board. There are, to be sure, innumerable horrors being committed around the world - towards ethnic and religious groups, environmentally, economically and more. And many that need calling out and the world's attention. But, by singling out Israel in this strange way, unrelated to the work of the board, it risks sounding ways that are probably unintentional.

The housing crisis in Berkeley and the Bay Area is a HUGE problem. I would advocate that the RSB work on its mandated mission and those issues tangential and related to it but not make a statement about Israel. Anti-semitic acts are on the rise in the US and this could potentially fuel the flame.

Respectfully,
Tracey Goldberg
Berkeley, CA

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Genealogykid20 <genealogykid20@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:11 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Kesarwani, Rashi; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Taplin, Terry; Chang, James; Harrison, Kate; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Robinson, Rigel; Droste, Lori; Auditor
Subject: Resolution against Israel
Categories: BOARD-related

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Why is the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board singling out Israel?

Bunch of bigots!

I hope you get sued for discrimination.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Irene Rosen <irenerosen1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:41 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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For these reasons, I urge you to focus on the issues that directly impact Berkeley citizens and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

This antisemitic resolution has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with your jobs.
STOP!!!!

Sincerely,
Irene Rosen
1905 Parker ST
Berkeley, CA 94704

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rabbi Stephen Epstein <modernrabbishmuel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:51 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
Rabbi Stephen Epstein
11 Vista Toscana
Lake Elsinore, CA 92532

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jerry Berkman <jerry@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:30 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

Resolution 21-12 does not seem to have been subject to public scrutiny.
The resolution contains many claims with no documentation of facts.

The Sheikh Jarrah evictions were brought against a dozen residents who had stopped paying rent; those paying rent are not being evicted. There are significant legal issues in this case, which the Rent Stabilization Board does not have sufficient legal background to judge.

Councilmember Kriss Worthington wrote to the City Council on October 13, 2015:

"In previous years, the intensity of the controversies surrounding the debate of Israel and Palestine and divestiture has led to a significant increase in hate crimes, particularly immediately after these debates."

The number of antisemitic incidents has exploded recently.
Adding more false, undocumented claims will not help.

Please vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) at the Rent Stabilization Board.

- Jerry Berkman, Berkeley Resident

Sincerely,
Jerry Berkman
3136 Eton Avenue
berkeley, CA 94705

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jorge Ordaz <houstonproud2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:37 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
Jorge Ordaz
2261 Market St # 570
San Francisco, CA 94114

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Etta Heber <ettaheber@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:21 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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I urge the board to reject this dangerous, inciting, faulty, and counter-productive resolution and redirect its attention to the work for which it is responsible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Etta Heber
1801 Casterline Rd
Oakland, CA 94602

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Judith Bell <jbjebjb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:48 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Rent Board comment

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I write as a resident and voter in the City of Berkeley to oppose the resolution commenting on Israel's treatment of Palestinians. The rent board should be focused on the eviction and displacement crisis faced by renters across the City. While I am strongly opposed to Israel's actions, I want the rent board to focus on housing issues. Please focus on the issues we elected you to handle and let's leave international issues to the City Council and state and federal elected representatives.

Thank you,
Judith Bell

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: ANDREA CASSIDY <2berk2@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 8:35 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

As a 43 year resident of the City of Berkeley who elects the members of the Rent Board, I object to the Rent Board abusing their authority to speak out on behalf of the City of Berkeley on the issue of Israel and Palestinian affairs. Your funding is from my tax dollars and I urge you to rescind the inappropriate resolution outside of your role. You have no rightful authority to comment on Congressional legislation. There are sufficient issues pertaining to rent and housing to use your time for the benefit of Berkeley residents. Especially in this time of crisis due to a pandemic, your waste of time delving into world affairs is a slap in the face to Berkeley residents needing help in their housing. Please rescind the resolution and use your time to address Berkeley housing issues.

Andrea Cassidy

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Leora Sharg <pinkroses2804@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:06 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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Sincerely,
Leora Sharg
3143 Cadman Rd
Fremont, CA 94538

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Alon Amid <alonamid@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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This haphazard resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is not only factually inaccurate and lacking in nuance, but also far outside the Rent Stabilization Board's mandate to protect tenants and address rental costs in Berkeley.

This resolution is unprecedented and singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community. I do not like to throw around the term "anti-Semitism" lightly. However, the world has faced many challenges with eviction policies over the years. For example, just last year there was a widely publicized wave of evictions in Italy of Roma people (<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur30/0354/2019/en/>). Considering that the Rent Board did not choose to address those topics, and that this is the first resolution in the Rent Board's history the focuses on evictions in a foreign country, and considering that it singles out evictions in Israel - the only Jewish state in the world, I find it hard to reach any other conclusion that is not tainted with implicit anti-Semitic notions.

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The rent board faces so many more important challenges to deal with. I am a graduate student at UC Berkeley, living in a rent controlled apartment, but my rent control depends on my house-mate. If my house-mate leaves, rent control resets. Considering the UC Berkeley students are some of the lowest-income residents in Berkeley, and students are known to move often and change housemate, this would seem to me like a topic the rent board could address that would have a direct impact on its constituents and be able to exercise its jurisdiction, as opposed to alienating local constituents such as myself through declarative statements based on bias and misinformation. Even the discussion of this resolution gives me serious concerns and doubts regarding the commitment of the current rent board to the real issues facing low-income rent-controlled residents in Berkeley such as myself.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Alon Amid
1919 Dwight Way, Apt 311
Berkeley, CA 94704

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Barbara Schick <bschick2@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Cc: Berkeley Mayor's Office; RSBAIpert; Hahn, Sophie; Kesarwani, Rashi; Taplin, Terry; Bartlett, Ben; Bartlett, Ben; Wengraf, Susan; Robinson, Rigel; Droste, Lori
Subject: AGAINST Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

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As a Berkeley resident, I urge you to rescind the resolution concern the Sheik Jarrah evictions. You are overstepping BRSB's mission (to regulate rent and provide a fair return to property owners) by making foreign policy. I am appalled you didn't thoroughly investigate the history. Jewish owners were not compensated when Jordan took control of the dwellings in 1948 and as a conservator subsequently rented them to Arabs. Four of 28 Arab families in these dwelling are facing eviction due to non-payment of rent. BRSB accuses Israel of violence, oppression, and ethnic cleansing against Arabs when Jews and Israel have been the victims of violence, oppression, and ethnic cleansing by many Arab/Moslem countries. **Inaccurate statements and resolutions about Israel, can lead to hate, violence, and murder against Jews and other minorities.** FYI When Jews had to leave Arab/Moslem countries, most were never compensated for their property.

Dr. Barbara Schick

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Eve Cowen <evecowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:39 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Sincerely,
Eve Cowen
1903 MCGEE AVE
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Amy Idit Solomon <icousteau@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I implore you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting.

My understanding is that a rent stabilization board's responsibilities are to the community it serves in regards to tenants, landlords, rent, eviction and the like. The introduction of a resolution about a situation in a foreign country has no bearing on the mission of this board and is outside the bounds of its interest, domain and authority. I respectfully request that you do not bring forth this resolution, which represents a breach of responsibility to your mission and an egregious error of judgement about affairs in which your board has no qualification to make. If it is brought forth, I urge you to vote NO protect you from violating of your board's mandate and to prevent the consequences of fanning the flames of antisemitism in our community.

Please focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Amy Idit Solomon
584 The Alameda
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Carol Schneider <cahagros@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:47 AM
To: TheRentBoard
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Being anti-Jewish does not help in the real world of getting peace in the east. That is what your Resolution wants--- blame the Jews for anything. It is not clear how your organization and its mission are related to international affairs.

Sincerely,
Carol Schneider
1910 Barrymore Cmn Apt C
Fremont, CA 94538

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Denah S. Bookstein <denahsbookstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

[EXAMPLE LANGUAGE, PLEASE PERSONALIZE, 150 WORDS MAX]

I urge you, vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting.

You, the Berkeley Rent Board, were elected to serve the needs of Berkeley residents.

At this time of rising rents, threatened evictions, and income insecurity, your plate is full, and your time must be spent addressing the responsibilities for which you were elected. You have no sanctions in that role to spend time lobbying for any political groups.

Using your position to propagate inflammatory, inaccurate, and personal rhetoric towards your PERSONAL Agenda is not acceptable. It is divisive and does ZERO to further the housing needs of Berkeley residents.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Denah S. Bookstein
2430 Fifth St.
Berkeley, CA 94710

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Boris Weinfass <bobis444@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:00 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
Boris Weinfass
732 Liverpool Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rachel Berinsky <berinsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 1:28 PM
To: RSBSimon-Weisberg
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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Dear Chair Leah Simon-Weisberg,

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Sincerely,
Rachel Berinsky
1189 Sutter street
berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Audrey Gardner <m.audreygardner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:17 PM
To: RSBSimon-Weisberg
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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Dear Chair Leah Simon-Weisberg,

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during this week's Rent Stabilization Board, scheduled for June 17.

This haphazard resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is factually inaccurate, lacking in nuance and far outside the mission of the board, which is "to regulate residential rent increases in the City of Berkeley and to protect against unwarranted rent increases and evictions and to provide a fair return to property owners."

The people of Berkeley elected you to support tenant rights and address the ongoing housing crisis, NOT to waste taxpayer money commenting on complex international conflicts.

To my knowledge, the Rent Stabilization Board has never commented on an international conflict. Singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community.

According to a recent ADL survey, 77 percent of the American Jews said that they were much more or somewhat more concerned about antisemitism in America since the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. I fear that this resolution will only further inflame the already escalating hate against the Jewish community.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on the issues that directly impact Berkeley citizens and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

This has absolutely nothing to do with any issues concerning rent or tenants' rights.

Sincerely,
Audrey Gardner
2798 shasta rd
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: June Brott <junebrott@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:56 PM
To: RSBAIpert; Berkeley Mayor's Office
Subject: Jerusalem real estate question?

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Dear Mr. Alpert and Mr. Arreguin,

I have learned that the difficult situation in Sheik Jarra, Jerusalem, is basically a rest estate problem, according to my Jerusalem friend.

She says the issue clearly is not 'ethnic cleansing,' because the population of the ethnic group in question is getting larger not smaller. She believes the source of the problem is that some of the Arab tenants are continuing to refuse — for decades—to pay rent to the property owners, who have established legal ownership from Ottoman documents from 1895.

Are you familiar with such a claim?

If'm wondering what the Berkeley Rent Board recommends in a situation when a tenant refuses to pay rent. Would the tenant be asked to leave?

I would very much appreciate an answer. Some neighbors and I have been chatting about this disturbing story and would appreciate your comments.

Thanks,

June S. Brott

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: D Dorenz <ddorenz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:10 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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As a citizen of Berkeley who elected you to the BRSB, I urge you not to vote for this resolution that uses propaganda that incites divisiveness and hate against the Jewish residents in our community. Nor are you empowered as the rent Board to support congressional bills in the name of Berkeley residents. This is a clear misuse of your elected position as a board that is supposed to solely focus on Berkeley rent issues. We did not elect you to weigh in on a political conflict that has nothing to do with the work we elected you to do and the work we are paying you to do with rental fees. Your focus during this pandemic time should be on keeping Berkeley residents housed, not weighing in on a conflict that you know nothing about, and which is not in your job description. Please vote against this propaganda filled resolution immediately.

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Dorothea Dorenz
Berkeley, Ca.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Cadance Malone <cadancemalone@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2021 1:21 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: All Council
Subject: Re: June 17 Consent calendar item RSB 2021-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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I was very disappointed to see a foreign policy item on this weeks Berkeley Rent Board consent calendar, and I am deeply offended to see the words "ethnic cleansing" and apartheid inappropriately used to describe an eviction that is taking place because tenants refused to pay rent.

For more information on the complexities of this case which involved decades in court, see [Primer on Sheikh Jarrah Property Claims » ngomonitor \(ngo-monitor.org\)](#) , or [Sheikh Jarrah: A legal background \(jns.org\)](#).

"According to a 1989 High Court decision, and re-affirmed repeatedly in subsequent cases, as in the case of any tenant living on someone else's property, residents living on the land owned by these organizations were required to pay rent to the organizations that owned the properties. Their failure to do so, along with instances of illegal building and illegally renting properties to others, resulted in the current legal proceedings against them, culminating in the District Court decision."

This article is also very appropriate, given the one-sided, inflammatory language in the Berkeley Rent Board's resolution. [Scandalous media lies about Sheikh Jarrah feed a false narrative \(jns.org\)](#)

"After Israel liberated these areas in the 1967 Six-Day War, the Jewish families who had had their homes and lands confiscated—and had the deeds to prove it—began proceedings to reclaim them. In 1972, these claims were accepted by the courts, and ownership was returned to the original owners. An agreement was reached, according to which the Arab families recognized the Jews' ownership and in return received the status of protected tenants. As part of the agreement, the families were afforded long-term rental rights and undertook to pay rent to the owners, as well as to maintain the apartments. In practice, despite agreeing to do so, no rent was paid. Like all tenants who refuse to pay their agreed rent and damage property, they were legally called to leave. Eviction notices were issued, but the tenants refused to leave, despite exhausting all legal avenues open to them. "

There have been 3 incidents of vandalism in Berkeley last month, directed towards Jewish institutions. The divisive and widely inappropriate language of your resolution will simply continue to fan the flames of anti-semitism in our community, demonizing Israeli-Americans and Jews in general. Please remove resolution RSB 2021-12 from the June 17 consent calendar.

Thank you.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Gabriela Kipnis <gabriela.kipnis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 1:32 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Droste, Lori
Subject: Strong Opposition to Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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To whom this may concern:

I write in strong opposition to the proposed Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government. It is one-sided and lacks necessary historical and legal context. Moreover, it is entirely outside of the scope of the mandate of this board. At a time when homeless is at an all time high, and our streets are covered in encampments, it is extremely disappointing to see our public officials spending their time on foreign policy issues entirely outside the scope of their mandate to serve.

Please focus on the work you have been tasked with and elected to do.

Gabriela

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: David Denney <denney.david@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 2:08 PM
To: TheRentBoard; Mueller, Aimee B.
Cc: Kesarwani, Rashi; Berkeley Mayor's Office; Taplin, Terry; Chang, James; Harrison, Kate; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Robinson, Rigel; Droste, Lori; Auditor
Subject: Resolution on Israeli Housing Issues
Categories: BOARD-related

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Re: e-mail comment to be read aloud during public comment

Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

WHY is a city rent stabilization board spending their time on a foreign country's internal affairs?!

This is absurd and performative virtue signaling at odds with reality. The legal owners of the property have attempted to collect rent for many decades to no avail. The current occupants have refused to pay rent as any tenant in any place in the world would be expected to pay. Therefore this property dispute in question is undergoing the legal process in the Israeli legal system. It should be allowed to play out without foreign interference as every other country in the world would expect.

Maybe this body should worry about making the most expensive college housing market in America more accessible and affordable instead of focusing on the world's only Jewish state while ignoring issues in every other country in the world.

Lastly to very erroneously claim Israel is an "apartheid" country is further detachment from reality and demonstrates a very disturbing level of ignorance of the facts. There are over 1 million Arab Israelis who have the exact same rights as every other Israeli and includes Arab Israelis on the country's Supreme Court, over a dozen Arab members of the parliament, and historically the current government includes numerous Arab members in significant positions of power. Every Arab citizen of Israel has full and equal rights to every other Israeli citizen regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. Please stop with this profound libel and slander.

Sincerely troubled,
David Denney
UC Berkeley 2007

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.timesofisrael.com/arab-israeli-raam-party-makes-history-by-joining-bennett-lapid-coalition/amp/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.jpost.com/israel-news/arab-justices-make-history-496784/amp>

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sanne DeWitt <skdewitt@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Re: Subject: ***ACTION NEEDED Berkeley: writing, speaking at the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board meeting

Dear Ms. Mueller,

You are correct: I checked your message with the regard to the link and I also do not see any text In the link. There must be a technical error.

Please let me refer to refer to the Rent Stabilizations' Board's announcement which disturbs me.

[https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Rent_Stabilization_Board/Level_3_-_General/CONSENT_Item%204.b._Condemning%20Illegal%20Evictions%20of%20Palestinians_FINAL\(1\).pdf](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Rent_Stabilization_Board/Level_3_-_General/CONSENT_Item%204.b._Condemning%20Illegal%20Evictions%20of%20Palestinians_FINAL(1).pdf)

I object to the inclusion of the language of the resolution which claims that there is a Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government. This is incorrect and should not be stated as a fact in the resolution. It is a falsehood.

In any case, the Berkeley Stabilization board should deal with issues in the Berkeley community and not delve in foreign policy.

Thank you very much for contacting me and making me aware of the error in the link.

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Thanks you for contacting me.

Susanne (Sanne) DeWitt

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From: "Mueller, Aimee B." <AMueller@cityofberkeley.info>
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 3:04 PM
To: Sanne DeWitt <skdewitt@comcast.net>
Cc: Sheree Roth <ssroth@pacbell.net>
Subject: Re: Subject: ***ACTION NEEDED Berkeley: writing, speaking at the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board meeting

Dear Sanne DeWitt,

I received your email today stating only, "Action needed" in the body; however, the email from Sheree Roth below it is not displaying any text. All I can see are the "From", "Date" and "To" lines.

So, I am asking for clarification on what action you are requesting in terms of writing and/or speaking at this week's Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board meeting.

I am out on sick leave this afternoon but would be happy to assist in the morning once I know what information you are requesting.

Thank you,

Aimee Mueller

Associate Management Analyst

City of Berkeley | [Rent Stabilization Board](#)

[510.981.4932](tel:510.981.4932)

From: Sanne DeWitt <skdewitt@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021, 2:27 PM

To: Mueller, Aimee B.

Cc: Sheree Roth; Faith Meltzer; Bea Lieberman; Susan Meyers; Art and Sheila Braufman; Jonathan Greenblatt - ADL CEO; Simon Wiesenthal Center

Subject: Subject: ***ACTION NEEDED Berkeley: writing, speaking at the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board meeting

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Action needed

From: Sheree Roth <ssroth@pacbell.net>

Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 9:40 AM

To: Sheree Roth <ssroth@pacbell.net>

Simon Wiesenthal

Subject: ***ACTION NEEDED Berkeley: writing, speaking at the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board meeting

the Berkeley Rent Stabilization elected board members have decided to issue a resolution in support of the Palestinian version of events around the war, using Hamas language and BDS language, and in support of McCollumb's bill that accuses Israel of abusing children, and that wants to make sure that US tax dollars do not go toward imprisoning "children". Here is their resolution:

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Here is what I am writing to them. It's 148 words. The maximum allowed is 150 words.

As a citizen of Berkeley who elected you to the BRSB, I urge you to rescind your resolution that uses propaganda that incites divisiveness and hate against the Jewish residents in our community. Nor are you empowered as the rent Board to support congressional bills in the name of Berkeley residents. This is a clear misuse of your elected position as a board that is supposed to solely focus on Berkeley rent issues. We did not elect you to weigh in on a political conflict that has nothing to do with the work we elected you to do and the work we are paying you to do with rental fees. Your focus during this pandemic time should be on keeping Berkeley residents housed, not weighing in on a conflict that you know nothing about, and which is not in your job description. Please rescind this propaganda filled resolution immediately.

I hope a lot of you will submit your emails in advance as indicated, and show up to speak at this board meeting. The resolution will be voted on at the June 17th meeting, at 7:00 zoom link below and email submission instructions.

Suggestion focuses for comments to the BRSB about their political statement: misuse of official City of Berkeley public website for propaganda; weighing in on Congressional legislation, overstepping their mission as the BRSB; incitement to divisiveness in our Berkeley Community; using their work time which is paid by BRSB fees for political purposes to support a political agenda that contains distortions, lies, and demonization of Israel. etc.

They accept email submissions prior to the meeting, which subsequently can be read at the meeting. Would you be interested in doing this? Let me know by sending me an email with the word, "Action done." It's a time sensitive issue since they meet on June 17th. You can also send an email without showing up, but I think it would make a bigger impact on them if we do attend the meeting.

To access this meeting remotely: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device by clicking on this URL: <https://zoom.us/j/93352509109?pwd=QUNOd2ovZUphWEYxL2xxRmhTM1FKdz09>. If you do not wish for your name to appear on the screen, then use the drop-down menu and click on "rename" to rename yourself to be anonymous. To request to speak, use the "Raise hand" icon by rolling over the bottom of the screen.

To join by phone: Dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter Meeting ID: 933 5250 9109 and Passcode: 650166. If you wish to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda, Press *9 and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

To submit an e-mail comment to be read aloud during public comment, email amueller@cityofberkeley.info with the Subject Line in this format: "RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM." Please observe a 150 word limit. Time limits on public comments will apply. Written comments will be entered into the public record. Email comments must be submitted to the email address above by **5:00 p.m.** on the day of the meeting in order to be included.

There is Strength in numbers! Thanks for working to stem the growth of antisemitism.

Dorit

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: joshua Polston <pacificmetro@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:49 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting.

This haphazard resolution about the ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict is not only factually inaccurate and lacking in nuance, but also far outside the Rent Stabilization Board's mandate to protect tenants and address rental costs in Berkeley.

This resolution is unprecedented and singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community.

According to a recent ADL survey, 77 percent of the American Jews said that they were more concerned about antisemitism in America since the recent violence in Israel and Gaza. I fear that this resolution will only further inflame the already escalating hate against the Jewish community.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
joshua Polston
1588 Henry St
Berkeley, CA 94709

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: marcyl seidscher <marcylzad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:51 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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For these reasons, I urge you to focus on the issues that directly impact Berkeley citizens and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Please stop stirring up Jew hatred.

Sincerely,
marcyl seidscher
58 N El Camino Real # NO.102
San Mateo, CA 94401

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Carl Nelson <cpanelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:53 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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Sincerely,
Carl Nelson
1303 Derby Street
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Norman Postone <npstone@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Norman Postone
758 contra costa ave
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ed Kaplan <edkaplan1@gmail.com>
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Why are you concerning yourselves with something so far out of your purview if not because you hate Jews.

Sincerely,
Ed Kaplan
1 Avalon Avenue (Apt 410)
San Francisco, CA 94112

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Lisa Berkelhammer <lisabwellness@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Lisa Berkelhammer
764 Arguello Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94118

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Omri Dahan <omrisdahan@gmail.com>
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Syrian civil war: 500K killed, including over 4K Palestinians murdered.

China: Millions killed and oppressed

Iran: worst violator of human rights on the planet

Hamas: routinely kill homosexuals for being gay

Yet you condemn Israel. Racist much?

Sincerely,
Omri Dahan
1119 Clarendon Cres
Oakland, CA 94610

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ken Saltzstine <SaltBach@att.net>
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I may not live in Berkeley however I worked and served there from 1976 to 1999. I know my customers who still live in Berkeley feel as I do. I am also Jewish and feel strongly about the above resolution and do urge a NO vote.

Sincerely,
Ken Saltzstine
5319 Ridgeview Cir. Unit 2
El Sobrante, CA 94803

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jan Maisel <janmaisel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:00 PM
To: TheRentBoard
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I'm waiting for you to include China and Myanmar (at a minimum) on your list - only then might you be taken seriously!

Sincerely,
Jan Maisel
150 Hacienda Drive
Tiburon, CA 94920

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Alana Weinstein <alanasweinstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:01 PM
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Sincerely,
Alana Weinstein
180 Dakota Ave Apt 35
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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From: Julia Reydel <julia@aardvarkengraving.com>
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Sincerely,
Julia Reydel
1617 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ilan Feuchtwang <ilan.feu@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Ilan Feuchtwang
118 Los Robles
Burlingame, CA 94010

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Madeline Weinstein <madelinejw3@gmail.com>
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Madeline Weinstein
515 Glenview Ave
Oakland, CA 94610

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From: Michele Skootsky <mskootsky56@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Michele Skootsky
111 Cresta Vista Drive
San Francisco, CA 94127

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Dorothy Heller <dorothy.heller@gmail.com>
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Dorothy Heller
1281 E Fremont Ter
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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From: Jory Stein <jory.stein@gmail.com>
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Jory Stein
752 Bounty Dr Apt 5206
Foster City, CA 94404

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Joseph Meresman <joemeresman@gmail.com>
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There is so much work to be done to make Berkeley a better place for all of its residents to live in. Shame on you if you unnecessarily take a divisive position that introduces unnecessary ethnic conflict into progressive Berkeley politics.

Sincerely,
Joseph Meresman
2736 Prince Street
Berkeley, CA 94705

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Carol Dorf <Landorf1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:36 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM.

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Dear City of Berkeley Public Comment,

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting.

The point of the Rent Stabilization Board is to protect tenants, and to improve access to housing. The Rent Board members were not elected to make international policy.

At this time of housing affordability crisis the rent board should focus preserving and creating affordable housing.

For these reasons, I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley and vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Carol Dorf
1400 Delaware Street
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Issy Kipnis <issy.kipnis@gmail.com>
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[EXAMPLE LANGUAGE, PLEASE PERSONALIZE, 150 WORDS MAX]

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This resolution is unprecedented and singling out Israel for false condemnation and using inflammatory language like "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing" sends the wrong message to our diverse community.

I urge you to focus on issues that directly impact Berkeley for which you were elected by the residents of Berkeley and stop wasting tax payer's dollars working on issues that you have no knowledge about and you are not qualified to opine as a public servant.

Vote NO on Resolution 21-12.

Sincerely,
Issy Kipnis
1153 Amador Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Estee Greif <eng94305@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:34 PM
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First please learn carefully the meaning of "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing." Don't use slogan that sounds pretty. Learn the history and current facts, before using slogans that are not applicable to Israel.

Sincerely,
Estee Greif
878 Allardice Way
Stanford, CA 94305

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Eric Horodas <erichorodas1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:29 PM
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At a time when we are still dealing with the effects of covid, when people have been unable to pay their rent, it is outrageous that the Rent Board wastes time and money on issues that have nothing to do with housing in Berkeley.

Sincerely,
Eric Horodas
6291 Ruthland Rd
Oakland, CA 94611

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Allen Mayer <mayer.aj@gmail.com>
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Allen Mayer
38 Arlington Ave
Kensington, CA 94707

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From: Craig Slayen <cslayen@gmail.com>
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Craig Slayen
51 Wellington Ave
Ross CA, CA 94957

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Sincerely,
Dror Stein
1205 Melville Sq
Richmond, CA 94804

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From: Desmid Lyon <desmid@gmail.com>
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I'm a first-generation American & believe people all have the same human rights. Singling out one country is morally wrong and will only result in more hatred and violence. Rent Board's fomenting antisemitism is beyond inappropriate: it's dangerous.

Sincerely,
Desmid Lyon
1808 Sacramento St
Berkeley, CA 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: David Denney <denney.david@gmail.com>
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David Denney
2728 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

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From: Karen Kronick <kkronick@gmail.com>
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I lived in Berkeley for 9 years as an undergraduate and graduate student, and I am shocked and saddened that the City of Berkeley would consider this biased resolution based on inaccurate information and, far outside the charge of this committee.

Sincerely,
Karen Kronick
1156 Forest Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Daniel Zilberman <danfrompiter@gmail.com>
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Especially given that there's a new coalition government in Israel that includes centrist and for the first time in Israel's history religious Muslim party! Please get the facts about the situation in Israel and learn to cooperate across diverse opin

Sincerely,
Daniel Zilberman
248 26th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94121

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jim Dalton <customluxurytravel@gmail.com>
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Focus on rent issues. There's too much ignorance on the L & R turning this country into a farce of absurdities. Where do you get the idea commenting on Israel & the Palestinians is your duty? All you do is threaten the lives & property of American Jews

Sincerely,
Jim Dalton
1824 Carleton St
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jamie Kendall <jkendall301@gmail.com>
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This behavior by the Rent Stabilization Board is outrageously inappropriate. As the name clearly describes, the duty of this board is to address rental issues, not foreign policy. Focus on your local mission, not anti semetic international affairs.

Sincerely,
Jamie Kendall
301 Ewing Ter
San Francisco, CA 94118

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Ellice Papp
13263 Simon Ln
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

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I am a former Berkeley resident and graduate of Cal.

Sincerely,
Dennis Linson
27 Rincon Way
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

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Sincerely,
Rena Greenfield
1215 Delaware street
Berkeley, CA 94702

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Adi Horn
501 Forest Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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Mily Ron
3405 Monte Vista Ave
Davis, CA 95618

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Hayley Charnaw <hayleycharnaw@gmail.com>
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Hayley Charnaw
15820 Bruce Court
Monte Sereno, CA 95030

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Carl Rosenzweig
1490 18th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

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From: Holly Trief <hbes3@yahoo.com>
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To the Rent Stabilization Board Members,

What an absolute disgrace you are to your community. Your JOB is to protect renters in the city of Berkeley. It is NOT to spread lies about the state of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East. Moreover, you are no better than the rot of a president that we just got rid of when you provoke anti-Semitism with your incendiary lies. To all the people of color on the board, shame on you for promoting the same hate that you cry foul about when it is directed at you.

Lie #1: Israel is an apartheid country

Fact #1: Israeli Arabs VOTE

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Fact #5: There are SIX Israeli Arabs in the Knesset as well as several women.

Stop spreading lies and promoting Anti-Semitism.

Holly Trief

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Brian Williams <russianhillsf@gmail.com>
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1132 Green St
San Francisco, CA 94109

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4224 Allott Ave
Sherman oaks, CA 91423

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Elaine Fellenbaum
167 Las Vegas Road
Orinda, CA 94563

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Sincerely,
Janis Rader
PO Box 155
Belvedere-Tiburon, CA 94920

Mueller, Aimee B.

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Sincerely,
Patricia Kipnis
1153 Amador Ave
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

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Christopher Reiger
4730 Annadel Heights Dr
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Mueller, Aimee B.

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Eileen Kopec
19 Hall Dr
Orinda, CA 94563

Mueller, Aimee B.

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We are strongly opposed to this resolution and extremely disappointed in our elected representatives.

Sincerely,
Gabriela Kipnis
3026 Hillegass Ave
Berkeley, CA 94705

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Eric Berson <eberson@gmail.com>
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Eric Berson
1226 Parker
Berkeley, CA 94702

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Claude Fischer
2964 Magnolia St.
Berkeley, CA 94705

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Paul Shkuratov <paulshkuratov41@gmail.com>
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We have to support Israel and condemn Hamas. Israel, doesn't bomb civilians. Israel, doesn't bomb schools, hospitals and houses. Israel bombs rockets from Hamas. Hamas, use the Palestinians as a humans shields while Israel protect everybody.

Sincerely,
Paul Shkuratov
120 Capp ST # 301
San Francisco, CA 94110

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From: Boris Mazniker <bmazniker@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Boris Mazniker
2612 Piedmont Ave
Berkeley, CA 94704

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Please stick to what is highlighted in your charter with regard to tenant rights and housing crisis. Israel has nothing to do with your mission. That said, if you were going to take a stance, please take one that indicates you are educated.

Sincerely,
Jason Friend
355 Hayes St
San Francisco, CA 94102

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: ethel herring <etiel640@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
ethel herring
714 Fairmount Av
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: DrMike <drmikeh49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:37 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: Comment on Rent Stabilization Board resolution

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I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board's June 17 meeting. You are now realizing how much of your time is being wasted by hijacking your meeting on a matter far, far outside its purview. This is not what you were elected to do for the City of Berkeley.

What's even worse, the proponents of this resolution vehemently oppose peace between Palestinians and Israelis. On the contrary, they demand that Palestinians continue the jihad against the very existence of a Jewish state. People who have a real interest in genuine peace will stay as far as possible from this extremism.

Michael Harris

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Alan Jacobson <alan.jacobson@live.com>
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Sincerely,
Alan Jacobson
1555 Botelho Drive
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jane Rubin <losthighway51@gmail.com>
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Jane Rubin
2829 1/2 Benvenue Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94705

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Alicia Lieberman <aliciafridmanlieberman@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Alicia Lieberman
305 Cape Court
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jill Cutler <jillcutler@gmail.com>
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Jill Cutler
15520 Valley Vista Boulevard
Encino, CA 91436

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I am a past Berkeley renter and full-time City employee I am now retired clergy, dedicated to helping people find peace-making solutions to conflicts. A NO vote will de-escalate hurtful tensions for both Jewish and Palestinian people and supporters

Sincerely,
Paul Watermulder
325 Barroilhet Ave.
San Mateo, CA 94402

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Antoinette Golbus <antoinettebgolbus@gmail.com>
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Antoinette Golbus
501 San Pedro
San Rafael, CA 94901

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: dorothea Dorenz <ddorenz@gmail.com>
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dorothea Dorenz
1200 Neilson St, apt. B
Berkeley, Ca., CA 94706

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Alan Fisher
147 Atherton Avenue
Atherton, CA 94027

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From: Keren Jakubovits <kerenj@berkeley.edu>
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Keren Jakubovits
360 church street
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Barbara Kraus
243 Pt. San Pedro Rd.
San Rafael, CA 94901

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Joanne Hanik <joannehanik@gmail.com>
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Joanne Hanik
1067 Redding Ave
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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Sincerely,
dianna dar
2210 Rose St
Berkeley, CA 94709

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Aaron Danzig <aaron.danzig@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:17 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Sincerely,
Aaron Danzig
1370 Florida St
San Francisco, CA 94110

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Linda Wulf <lindapwulf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:18 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote No on Anti-Israel Resolution 21-12

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This is not your job, not your role, not your area of expertise.

Sincerely,
Linda Wulf
1016 Cragmont Ave
Berkeley, CA 94708

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sanne DeWitt <skdewitt@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Berkeley Mayor's Office
Cc: RSBAIpert
Subject: Berkeley Rent Board to Vote on Resolution Accusing Israel of Ethnic Cleansing, by Gabriel Greschler

Importance: High

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Berkeley Rent Board to Vote on Resolution Accusing Israel of Ethnic Cleansing, by Gabriel Greschler

J Weekly, <gabriel@jweekly.com>. **June 15, 2021**

J. Weekly of Northern California, jweekly.com

Journalist Gabriel Greschler <gabriel@jweekly.com>

<https://www.jweekly.com/2021/06/15/berkeley-rent-board-to-vote-on-resolution-accusing-israel-of-ethnic-cleansing/>

Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board, an elected body that regulates the residential rental market, will vote Thursday on a resolution that describes Israel's treatment of Palestinians, including the threat of evictions in East Jerusalem, as amounting to "ethnic cleansing" and "apartheid."

The resolution calls the Israeli government's activities in the neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah "part of a pattern of violence, displacement, and dispossession by Israeli settlers." It also calls for U.S. tax dollars "to no longer fund apartheid in Israel."

The resolution's author is vice chair Soli Alpert, a Jewish member of the rent board's nine-person body since 2018. The largely symbolic resolution is something he felt obligated to write, he told J., because he opposes the Israeli government claiming to "speak for the entirety of the Jewish community" and does not want U.S. taxpayer money to support the "occupation in [the] West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem."

Sheikh Jarrah became a focal point of the wider conflict between Israel and Hamas in May that ended in a cease-fire. Critics claim that several Palestinian inhabitants of the neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem are being evicted to make way for right-wing settlers so the area can become more Jewish and less

Arab. Those in favor of the evictions say Jews have historical claims to the area going back to pre-state Israel.

Israel's Supreme Court is set to announce a ruling soon on a set of cases related to evictions in Sheikh Jarrah. In early June, Israel's government decided to not intervene in the cases, which experts say increases the likelihood of the Palestinian evictions.

Three others on the rent board, including chair Leah Simon-Weisberg, co-authored the resolution.

The board is tasked is tasked with regulating rent increases, protecting against "unwarranted" evictions and "providing a fair return to property owners." Alpert said that while the board routinely passes symbolic resolutions, during his tenure there has yet to be one mentioning the Israel-Palestinian conflict. As a city official with "power and privilege," he said, he feels "obligated to use those positions" to speak out about discrimination and injustice he sees.

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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Iman
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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Please find my comment to be read into the record below. Please **do not disclose** my email address and last name to the public.

Thanks,
Iman

My name is Iman, I am a Palestinian American and a UC Berkeley Alumnae. I urge you to support this resolution to condemn the illegal expulsions of Palestinians from their homes. Israeli authorities have ordered 1500 Palestinians in Silwan to demolish their homes themselves, or the authorities will do so and bill the residents for the demolition. Under international law Israel doesn't technically have authority over East Jerusalem, and these expulsions are part of a larger effort to establish a Jewish demographic majority in Jerusalem. I am grateful for Berkeley's history of standing for human rights and against apartheid and I urge you to vote to continue this legacy. As U.S. tax payers we must make clear that our taxes must not fund war crimes, violate basic human rights, be used towards the demolition of Palestinian homes or illegal annexation of Palestinian land.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Abid el miaari <yasir57abid@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:07 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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Hello,

I urge you all to vote in favor of the Palestine resolution. My family is originally from Palestine but we were kicked out in 1948. I personally have been victim to the Israeli bombardment, while visiting Lebanon in 2006, and witnessed it first hand. The worst thing is knowing my tax dollars went to military aid to Israel that was used against myself and other innocent civilians.

Thank you for your time

Abid El-Miaari

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Alfred Twu <firstcultural@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:37 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Please approve Resolution 21-12, Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Berkeley Rent Board Members

I am writing in support of the Rent Board approving Resolution 21-12, Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government.

Thank you,
Alfred Twu

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~*~*~*~*

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Annette Herskovits <mariocerf@lmi.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:06 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members; concerning Resolution 21-12
Categories: BOARD-related

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I want to express my full support for Resolution 21-12 condemning the evictions of Palestinians from their homes in East Jerusalem by Jewish settlers, with support from the Israeli state. Please vote YES. There is nothing anti-Semitic in condemning what is effectively ethnic cleansing, a cruel policy the state of Israel has pursued since its beginnings and which will continue unless hampered by strong international condemnation.

While systems of oppression of minorities exist in other countries, to no other country does the United States provide the massive military and diplomatic aid it has consistently given Israel throughout its history. Thus Israel is not being unjustly selected for criticism. Accusations of anti-Semitism on that account are inappropriate.

Let me add that I am a Holocaust survivor and the child of Holocaust victims.

Annette Herskovits, PhD

Berkeley 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Bryant Srioudom <bryantsrioudom@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:43 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: In Support of Item 4b: YES to Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Commissioners of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

My name is Bryant Srioudom and I am a student at UC Berkeley. On behalf of Cal Berkeley Democrats, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government. Israel's recent attacks on Sheikh Jarrah of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa mosque, and other religious sites and residential areas in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have displaced, injured, and murdered Palestinian people, and it is our city's responsibility to oppose them.

The state of Israel's continuous and devastating violence against Palestinians, with the full financial and moral support from the United States government, is indicative of its perpetuation of settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and state-sanctioned violence. The United States must acknowledge and unequivocally revoke its political, financial, and international role in Israeli imperialism and injustices. Therefore, the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, in solidarity with the oppressed people in Palestine and the Palestinian diaspora, should adopt Resolution 21-12 to condemn the Israeli occupation and US complacency, and support H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children & Families Act, to ensure that no US tax dollars fund Israeli human rights violations.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 on Thursday, June 17th, 2021 stand in solidarity with Palestinians and fight for Palestinian liberation.

Best,
Bryant Srioudom

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Cecilia Lunaparra <cecilialunaparra@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:18 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: In Support of Item 4b: YES to Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

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Dear Commissioners of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

My name is Cecilia Lunaparra and I am a student at UC Berkeley and Political Director of Cal Berkeley Democrats. On behalf of Cal Berkeley Democrats, I am writing to express my **strong support for the proposed Resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government**. Israel's recent attacks on Sheikh Jarrah of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa mosque, and other religious sites and residential areas in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have displaced, injured, and murdered Palestinian people, and it is our city's responsibility to oppose them.

I am a student of Mexican descent, with both indigenous and Spanish ancestors. While my indigenous ancestors were unable to escape Spanish colonization, brutality, and murder, I staunchly believe that we can, and should, fight against **current** colonization—or at least, stop our nation's financial and political support of it. Israel is a perpetrator of modern settler colonialism and ethnic cleansing, and our federal and state governments support it unequivocally. This is absolutely unacceptable, and it would be a disservice to my ancestors' fight to ignore it.

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In conclusion, I strongly urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 on Thursday, June 17th, 2021 stand in solidarity with Palestinians and fight for Palestinian liberation.

Best,
Cecilia Lunaparra

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Cecilia Lunaparra (she/her)
Undergraduate Student | Urban Studies & History
College of Environmental Design
University of California, Berkeley | Class of 2024

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Christopher Apple <christopher.j.apple@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:35 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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I am writing in support of the Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government.

What the Israeli government is doing in Palestine is sickening, and this is an opportunity for the Berkeley rent board to be on the right side of history. Politics and political actions go beyond city and national borders, it is time for our city to stand in solidarity with those illegally evicted in Palestine.

I urge you to pass this resolution.

Chris A

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: cynthia papermaster <cynthia_papermaster@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:02 PM
To: RSBAIpert
Subject: Support for Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

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Dear Berkeley Rent Board,

I am writing to express my support for the City of Berkeley Rent Board "Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government."

Thank you for crafting the Resolution.

With appreciation,

Cynthia Papermaster

Cynthia Papermaster, 510-365-1500

Coordinator, [Codepink Women for Peace, Golden Gate Chapter](#)

The war economy is killing us, the planet, and driving inequality. It is time to build a peace economy.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: David Mandel <dmandel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:27 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution to protect Palestinians in Jerusalem

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Leah, Soli and other board members:

Along with many others, I want to register my enthusiastic support for your proposed resolution. I hesitated to write, because I am not a Berkeley resident (though I was in the past). But I have been intensely involved with advocacy for Palestinian human rights and would like to make several important observations regarding the resolution. If there will be amendments considered, it could be strengthened:

1) It refers to the current small number of cases regarding homes in Sheikh Jarrah and also to the much broader "displacement of Palestinians across Palestine." In between are concrete and similar threats to hundreds of additional households in Sheikh Jarrah and in other East Jerusalem neighborhoods, in particular Silwan, where houses have already been demolished and others undermined by digging under them in the name of politically motivated and likely phony "archeology" undertaken by extremist settler organizations with government blessing.

2) In addition, thousands of Palestinian Jerusalem residents have been forced out of the city since it was occupied in 1967 through use of various other means, especially egregious enforcement of laws requiring them to maintain continuous residency, all part of a declared effort to retain a demographic majority of Jews. In sharp contrast, I, an American Jew who lived in Jerusalem for seven years in the 1970s and '80s, was allowed without question to take up residence in the city then and could return today if I wished, even after an absence of 36 years.

3) The resolution refers to "evictions," and I understand the desire to relate the procedures to the Rent Board's area of concern. But they don't comport with the usual meaning of the term -- eviction for failure to pay rent or due to some other clear violation of a rental contract. You do note that discriminatory laws are being used and that what's going on amounts to a campaign of ethnic cleansing, but in light of the above facts, it might be better to use a more accurate term instead of or in addition to "eviction", such as "expulsion," to better make the connection.

In any event, thanks for your work on this.

David L. Mandel, Sacramento

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Davina Srioudom <dsriou@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:53 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: In Support of Item 4B: YES to Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Commissioners of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

My name is **Davina Srioudom** and I am a student at UC Berkeley and President of Cal Berkeley Democrats. On behalf of Cal Berkeley Democrats, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government. Israel's recent attacks on Sheikh Jarrah of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa mosque, and other religious sites and residential areas in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have displaced, injured, and murdered Palestinian people, and it is our city's responsibility to oppose them.

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In conclusion, I strongly urge you to vote **YES on Resolution 21-12 on Thursday, June 17th, 2021** stand in solidarity with Palestinians and fight for Palestinian liberation.

Best,

Davina Srioudom

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Davina Srioudom
University of California, Berkeley
B.A., Political Science | Class of 2023
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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Diana <nicca@igc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:16 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Please vote to support the resolution fegarding Palestine

Categories: BOARD-related

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I agree with this resolution., Hope you will pass it.
Thank you.
Diana Bohn

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board condemns the illegal evictions of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah and the continued displacement of Palestinians across Palestine; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization board calls for the end of American funding of Israeli apartheid, starting with the passage of H.R. 2590, and calls on Congresswoman Barbara Lee to immediately cosponsor the legislation; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Senator Alex Padilla.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Dohee Kim <dohee_kim@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 12:46 AM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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COMMENT ON CONSENT ITEM: Recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-12 Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government (Vice Chair Alpert, Chair Simon-Weisberg, Commissioner Laverde and Commissioner Walker)

150-Word Limit Comment Right Below:

Dear Board,

We must acknowledge, learn, and address the continuing atrocities, traumatic events, and oppression against Palestinians. The Associated Press recently reported within this week that Israel's supreme court rejected a human rights group's request to declare it unlawful for soldiers to shoot at unarmed civilians. Israeli annexation of Palestinian lands has been considered to be a violation of international law by several countries, but this issue is beyond legality as human lives, families, are being impacted inter-generationally. Palestine has been under foreign military occupation – the military committing crimes such as ethnic cleansing, torture, land theft, and abuse of children. Palestine is not only an international human rights concern but also an ongoing anti-apartheid struggle. Self-determination is a right, not something to be withheld unjustly. These evictions play a role in broader injustices. Vote YES on this resolution.

In Solidarity,

Dohee Kim, Berkeley Resident, Cal Alum, and D7 ZAB Commissioner.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Dominick Williams <domiwill1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:21 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Support: Resolution Condemning Evictions of Sheikh Jarrah

Categories: BOARD-related

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Good evening,

How shameful is it that leaders in the City of Berkeley are skiddish to condemn genocide and the forced removal of people from their homes? As individuals who were elected to protect the vulnerable from being evicted from their homes, and regulate external forces to ensure people have roofs over their heads, it is quite ironic and unfortunate that members of the Berkeley Rent Board are not already behind such a resolution. I urge the Berkeley Rent Board to support a resolution condemning the evictions of Sheikh Jarrah. It's the right thing to do.

Best,

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Dominick Williams
(916)230-3283

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ellen Brotsky <ebrotsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:38 PM
To: RSBSelawsky
Subject: Hoping you will support RESOLUTION 21-12 on Palestinian evictions
Categories: BOARD-related

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Hi John,

I wanted to reach out since we have known each other since our kids were in elementary school!

I realize that Israel-advocacy organizations like the Jewish Community Relations Council of SF have been generating a lot of emails due to an alert they sent out.

I'm writing to ask that you support the majority of Jews in our Berkeley community who are critical of Israel's policies towards Palestinians. Our voice is often drowned out by these Israel-advocacy organizations because they have more money and political connections and can send these alerts. We don't have that ability.

I know from my own experience that there are many, many Jews in Berkeley who are tired of Israel claiming to act in our name when it pursues policies that deny Palestinians their human rights. We oppose the way in which Israel and their advocacy groups try to equate legitimate criticism of Israeli state policies with antisemitism. Criticizing Israel for egregious human rights violations does not increase antisemitism. What increases antisemitism is rising white nationalism in this country; the movement to support Palestinian demands for equality and justice and a right to live peacefully in their homes and on their land is not antisemitic. I say this as a Jewish peace activist who has been working on this issue for the last 7 years.

It has become clear that Israel will not change these policies on its own - pressure must be applied by countries around the world just as it was with South Africa.

Berkeley has a long, proud history of speaking out on international injustices. I hope that you won't let false charges of antisemitism keep you from voting for a resolution which holds Israel accountable for actions that are not defensible.

Thanks for listening!

Ellen Brotsky
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Berkeley
(510) 517-9201

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Heather La Mastro <heatherlamastro@berkeley.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:59 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

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My name is Heather. I'm a BUSD teacher who is humbled to work in a city with a history steeped in principles of justice and equality. Inspired by this history I connected my students with children living in Gaza. For months, they exchanged letters, photos and videos, learning about each other's talents, passions, dreams, and goals. I'm humbled to have traveled to Gaza to meet the children, bring messages from their friends in Berkeley and be a witness to the life. The warmth, kindness, love and hospitality of Palestinians AND their resilience in facing insurmountable challenges, oppression, and aggression from Israeli occupation was again HUMBLING. Tonight, I bring a message from the children of Gaza. "We live our lives under constant siege, constant bombings from the sky." I urge you to stand in solidarity with the children of Palestine. Pass this resolution so that one day soon they can live and flourish in safety.

[submitted by Heather La Mastro]

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Janet Kobren <kobrenj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 7:25 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: eddiefair1@att.net; mark.dias27@gmail.com
Subject: Oakland Tenants Union endorses RESOLUTION 21-12 on Palestine

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board members,

I am writing on behalf of the Oakland Tenants Union which endorses the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board resolution on Palestine (CONDEMNING THE ILLEGAL EVICTIONS OF PALESTINIANS BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, RESOLUTION 21-12). This resolution is in the interest of human rights for everyone, including the Palestinian people, many of whom Israel has been illegally evicting (actually violently displacing) from their homes and land since 1948 for no reason other than that they are Palestinians. Over the decades, Israel has bulldozed a multitude of Palestinian homes through its illegal occupation of Palestinian land and wreaked havoc and destroyed housing, businesses and infrastructure with its numerous bombing campaigns on Gaza, including the renewed bombing there since Israel's new administration has come to power, leaving death, injuries, rubble, and tens of thousands of Palestinians homeless. All Gazans are trapped with nowhere to flee because of Israel's military control of land crossings and sea and air access.

OTU encourages board members to vote YES on this resolution during agenda item 4.b. at the Thursday, June 17, 2021 Rent Board meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janet Kobren
Eddie Ytuarte, OTU co-Chair
Mark Dias, OTU co-Chair



Oakland Tenants Union

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www.oaklandtenantsunion.org

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Joshua Smith <norcalcert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:56 PM
To: Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM (Agenda: RSB 2021 June 17)

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"I am a Berkeley resident who has slept on the streets of Sheik Jarrah with Palestinians forcibly evicted from their homes by Israeli settlers. In the middle of the night, as we slept, drunken Israeli settlers would stroll into our encampment yelling, throwing rocks and starting fights – Israeli Police backed them up with immediate presence. One settler, holding a rock, told me he was from New York. I witnessed every variable involved in this seemingly eternal injustice: discrimination, violence, oppression, violation of human rights, and most importantly apartheid. It is apartheid. Disgustingly, the United States of America supports & funds war crimes of Israeli occupation. Every possible measure must be brought forth to end this racist illegal dispossession. As we are aware of the genocide of indigenous Americans, so it happens to the people of Palestine via ethnic cleansing. Zionism fuels hatred, and must be held accountable. Pass the resolution."

[150 words submitted by Joshua Smith]

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Khawla Abu-Izza <kabuizza@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:20 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Rent Stabilization Board members,

I am a Berkeley resident and I'm writing to you to express my strongest support for the resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah. This is a basic human rights issue that we should all stand for.

Thank you!

Khawla Abu-Izza
974 Santa Barbara Rd
Berkeley, CA 94707

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Love <note2love@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:31 PM
To: RSBAIpert
Subject: Support Resolution 21-12

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I support the Rent Board Resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government.

Thank you.

Marti Love

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Maritessa Bravo Ares <maritessa.bravo.ares@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:12 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: In support of Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Rent Board Commissioners,

I am writing to you all today in support of Resolution 21-12 that condemns the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government which will be reviewed during the rent board meeting today. I thank VC Alpert, Chair Simon-Weisberg and Commissioner Laverde and Commissioner Walker for their leadership and support of this resolution.

Warmly,

Maritessa Bravo Ares

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Maritessa Bravo Ares | *she, her, hers*
Mobile: (916) 952-2471

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Maureen Wesolowski <mswesolowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 3:49 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: please condemn Israeli government's illegal expulsions of Palestinians.

Categories: BOARD-related

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I am a Berkeley resident and am outraged by the continued oppression of Palestinians by the Israeli government. Please support the resolution that will be put forward at tomorrow's meeting of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board.

Thank you,
Maureen Wesolowski

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Nathan Mizell <nmizell@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:08 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: In Support of Item 4b: YES to Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Commissioners of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

My name is Nathan Mizell and I am a student at UC Berkeley and Chair of the City's Reimagining Public Safety Task Force. I write here inky as a CalDems member. On behalf of Cal Berkeley Democrats, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government. Israel's recent attacks on Sheikh Jarrah of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa mosque, and other religious sites and residential areas in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have displaced, injured, and murdered Palestinian people, and it is our city's responsibility to oppose them.

The state of Israel's continuous and devastating violence against Palestinians, with the full financial and moral support from the United States government, is indicative of its perpetuation of settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and state-sanctioned violence. The United States must acknowledge and unequivocally revoke its political, financial, and international role in Israeli imperialism and injustices. Therefore, the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, in solidarity with the oppressed people in Palestine and the Palestinian diaspora, should adopt Resolution 21-12 to condemn the Israeli occupation and US complacency, and support H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children & Families Act, to ensure that no US tax dollars fund Israeli human rights violations.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 on Thursday, June 17th, 2021 stand in solidarity with Palestinians and fight for Palestinian liberation.

Respectfully,
Nathan Mizell

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Nikki Salde-Azzam <nikkisalde@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:09 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolutoin 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Good afternoon,

I am emailing the rent board as a resident of West Berkeley and active member of the community. I see on tonight's agenda that you will be discussing whether or not to adopt resolution 21-12 regarding the illegal evictions in occupied Palestine.

I wanted to share my support of this resolution. I have met community members from Wadi Foquin in the occupied West Bank, Palestine, and heard their stories of struggle under Israeli occupation. It is heartbreaking to hear about the heightened attacks and evictions of Palestinians from their homes. I strongly urge the board to condemn the evictions and call for an end to US support of Israeli apartheid. We in Berkeley are battling our own issues of Gentrification and should make the connections to what is happening in Palestine. People should have the basic right of housing!

Please do not give into the pressure of Israeli lobbying. This is about Human Rights!

Thank you,

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Nikki Salde-Azzam
nikkisalde@gmail.com
Cell: (510) 334-1614

Resident of West Berkeley

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Omar Kayal <okayal@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:33 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: In Support of Item 4b: YES to Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Commissioners of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

My name is Omar Kayal and I am a student at UC Berkeley. On behalf of Cal Berkeley Democrats, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government. Israel's recent attacks on Sheikh Jarrah of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa mosque, and other religious sites and residential areas in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have displaced, injured, and murdered Palestinian people, and it is our city's responsibility to oppose them.

Growing up in Saudi Arabia, I had many Palestinian friends who can't go back to live in their country. What Israel and its allies are doing to the Palestinian people will be shamed someday in our history books. Nobody is saying that Israel does not have the right to exist or that Hamas should not be condemned. We are simply asking you to recognize the right for the Palestinian people to exist without terrorizing, massacring, and displacing them, let alone the constant harassment, lack of clean water and basic infrastructure, and excessive discrimination that they experience.

The state of Israel's continuous and devastating violence against Palestinians, with the full financial and moral support from the United States government, is indicative of its perpetuation of settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and state-sanctioned violence. The United States must acknowledge and unequivocally revoke its political, financial, and international role in Israeli imperialism and injustices. Therefore, the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, in solidarity with the oppressed people in Palestine and the Palestinian diaspora, should adopt Resolution 21-12 to condemn the Israeli occupation and US complacency, and support H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children & Families Act, to ensure that no US tax dollars fund Israeli human rights violations.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 on Thursday, June 17th, 2021 stand in solidarity with Palestinians and fight for Palestinian liberation.

Best,
Omar Kayal

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rami Asia <rami.t.asia@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:19 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Rent Stabilization Board
Subject: Supporting Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Hello,

I hope this finds you well. I'm reaching out in support of resolution 21-12. It is vital that we recognize that what is happening is forced displacement and a very clear form of ethnic cleansing, as it has been exclusively targeting Palestinians. The continued violation of human rights perpetrated by the Israeli government has been recognized by numerous reputable human rights groups and NGOs, and can no longer be ignored by the rest of the international community. Supporting this resolution makes it clear the Rent Stabilization Board is a proponent of true stabilization, equity and human rights. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Rami Asia

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Rami Asia

Mobile Software Engineer

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Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Rivka Polatnick <rivkapol@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7:59 PM
To: TheRentBoard; Mueller, Aimee B.
Subject: RENT BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM

Categories: BOARD-related

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[Re Resolution 21-12, currently item 4.b. on Consent calendar, but may be moved to Action]

As a Berkeley resident and a descendant of Eastern European Jews murdered by the Nazis and a few who escaped to Israel or the U.S., I urge the Rent Board to adopt Resolution 21-12 Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government. There never will be peace or justice in that region until those who believe strongly in human rights for all, step up to oppose oppressive treatment of Palestinians by the Israeli authorities. The evictions are a travesty and a tragedy and must be called out by the world community.

Yours truly,
M. Rivka Polatnick

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Sanobar Baig <sanobarbaig@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:20 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Support resolution

Categories: BOARD-related

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Eviction of Palestinians is illegal

Thx

S Baig

Sent from my iPhone

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Talat Khan <drtalatkhan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:21 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Eviction of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah by Israeli Government.

Categories: BOARD-related

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I am a delegate for the California Democratic Party. I am also a Family Physician.

I am writing in support of the Resolution condemning the eviction of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah, Ghaza area, by the Israeli Government. These people have been living there for many many years.

I would also like to support HR2590 and to put an end to our tax dollars which have been given to use extensive military strikes in Palestinian homes.

Thank you.

Talat Khan. M.D.

Sent from my iPhone

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: vivian zelaya <zelaya9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:55 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: resolution condemning illegal expulsions of Palestinians by the Israeli government.

Categories: BOARD-related

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Congratulations and thanks to members of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board who put forward a resolution condemning illegal expulsions of Palestinians by the Israeli government.

We are proud to live in a city that has a Rent Stabilization Board with a conscience, principles and the courage to pass such a resolution. You will have pushback but stay strong! It is always the right time to do the right thing!

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INTEGRITY AND COURAGE!

Mario and Vivian Zelaya
district 4, Berkeley!

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“A pandemic has been declared, but not for the 24,600 who die every day from unnecessary starvation, and not for 3,000 children who die every day from preventable malaria, and not for the 10,000 people who die every day because they are denied publicly-funded healthcare, and not for the hundreds of Venezuelans and Iranians who die every day because America's blockade denies them life-saving medicines, and not for the hundreds of mostly children bombed or starved to death every day in Yemen, in a war supplied and kept going, profitably, by America and Britain. Before you panic, consider them.” ---John Pilger, Journalist

“The warrior is not someone who fights, because no one has the right to take another life. The warrior, for us, is one who sacrifices himself for the good of others. His task is to take care of the elderly, the defenseless, those who can not provide for themselves, and above all, the children, the future of humanity.” Chief Sitting Bull

The first casualty of war is the truth, most of the rest are civilians.

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children....This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron. Dwight D. Eisenhower farewell speech to the American people.

"In time of universal deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act." George Orwell

"There is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people." Howard Zinn

Peace comes within the souls of people when they realize...at the center of the universe dwells the Great Mystery, and the center is everywhere, it is within each of us. Black Elk

If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in the struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and your chief legacy will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos - Martin Luther King

STAY HUMAN. Vittorio Arigoni WATER IS LIFE.

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Wedad Schlotte <wedad.schlotte@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:48 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Wedad Schlotte
Subject: Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government
Categories: BOARD-related

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Honorable Members of the Rent Stabilization Board.

Recommendation:

That the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board adopt the attached resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government.

Background:

Ongoing efforts by Israeli settlers to evict Palestinian residents of the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah have sparked violence throughout Israel and Palestine. These evictions are a part of a pattern of violence, displacement, and dispossession by Israeli settlers and the Israeli government against Palestinians which amount to ethnic cleansing and apartheid.

The attached resolution condemns these actions and call for American tax dollars to no longer fund apartheid in Israel.

Financial Impact: none.

Thank you
AD78 Democratic Delegate
Wedad Schlotte

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: XiLin Choi <xilinchoi@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:41 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Yes to Item 4b: Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Commissioners of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board,

My name is XiLin and I am a student at UC Berkeley. On behalf of Cal Berkeley Democrats, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government. Israel's recent attacks on Sheikh Jarrah of Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa mosque, and other religious sites and residential areas in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have displaced, injured, and murdered Palestinian people, and it is our city's responsibility to oppose them.

The state of Israel's continuous and devastating violence against Palestinians, with the full financial and moral support from the United States government, is indicative of its perpetuation of settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and state-sanctioned violence. The United States must acknowledge and unequivocally revoke its political, financial, and international role in Israeli imperialism and injustices. Therefore, the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, in solidarity with the oppressed people in Palestine and the Palestinian diaspora, should adopt Resolution 21-12 to condemn the Israeli occupation and US complacency, and support H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children & Families Act, to ensure that no US tax dollars fund Israeli human rights violations.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 on Thursday, June 17th, 2021 stand in solidarity with Palestinians and fight for Palestinian liberation.

Best,
XiLin Choi

Envoyé de mon iPhone

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Yassar Dahbour <yassardahbour@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 4:46 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Re: Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Honorable Members of the Rent Stabilization Board,

I am Yassar Dahbour, Chair of the Arab American Caucus of the California Democratic Party, writing to urge for your support for "Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government". While Palestinians have not recovered from the latest savage Israeli assault, the Israeli government proceeds with its policies of ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. While the events of Sheikh Jarrah were luckily publicized by young Palestinian men and women on social media, these oppressive measures are not isolated events and have been taking place for the past 73 years mostly undetected by international media. Therefore, your support for this resolution will bring more lights to the plight of the Palestinians who have been dying to be heard!

Regards,
Yassar Dahbour

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ysh Schwartz <alysha.schwartz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 3:16 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Jews Say Vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b)

Categories: BOARD-related

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Hello,

I urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board meeting this week. As a Jewish American, I strongly condemn the Israeli government's pretense that they act on my behalf in violating human rights, and I am offended by their use of my tax money to commit crimes against humanity. The apartheid Israeli regime, which denies civil rights to Palestinians based on their race and approves evictions to perpetuate colonialist expansion, does not speak for me. As a Berkeley resident/tenant/landlord, I hope my Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Thank you,
Ysh Schwartz
Resident in District 2

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Zach Weinstein <zachweinstein91@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:36 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: RSBAIpert
Subject: Public Comment: Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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To the Rent Board and Vice Chair Soli Alpert,

I commend the authors of resolution 21-12, "Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government," and implore every member of the rent board to support it. I'm a member of the East Bay Democratic Socialists of America, and as a Jewish socialist I'm proud that DSA is an organization that supports the rights of Palestinians. As the resolution clearly lays out, the Israeli government's treatment of the Palestinian people constitutes apartheid, and must be opposed by justice-loving people everywhere.

I was constantly bombarded with Zionist, pro-Israel propaganda growing up- in my synagogue and in the news. The US and Israeli governments both spend a great deal of time and effort trying to convince Americans and American Jews that Palestinians are the oppressor rather than the oppressed, and to paper over the ongoing displacement of and violence perpetrated by the State of Israel against Palestinians since 1948.

As a result of that propaganda and misinformation, I am sure the supporters of this resolution on the rent board have been getting relentless pressure to withdraw the resolution, and those who haven't announced a position are surely being hounded by people around the country and across the world to oppose it. The new Bennet cabinet has wasted no times in continuing the apartheid crimes of the Netanyahu government, reminding us that these crimes go deeper than any single politician or administration, and must be unequivocally denounced.

I implore you all to stand strong, to believe the evidence before your eyes, and to condemn the actions of the Israeli government by supporting this resolution. The Palestinian people deserve freedom and self-determination, and Jewish people around the world deserve so much more than a hollow, apartheid state with rights for Jews and brutal oppression for Palestinians. It will take action across the world to make that a reality. Please vote yes on this resolution!

Zach Weinstein
Member, East Bay DSA

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Zahwa Amad <zamad@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:10 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Cc: Zahwa Amad
Subject: Fwd: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Berkeley rent board members

I am writing in support of Resolution 21 this week. I urge you to vote YES on this Resolution. I salute the rent board members who authored it for their moral standing with human rights for Palestinians. As a Berkeley resident for the last 40 years, I hope my rent board will speak for me in condemning illegal expulsion of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah, East Jerusalem by Israel. Criticism of Israel's human rights and international law is not anti Semitic. It is on the contrary pro democracy and anti colonialism. I believe Berkeley rent board with its reputable commitment to housing justice and racial equity has a responsibility to speak out against expulsions that facilitate illegal settlement expansion and pose an obstacle to the pursuit of a just peace.

Zahwa Amad, Berkeley; CA
Sent from my iPad

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Cindy Shamban <cshamban@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:48 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: I support Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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To the members of the Berkeley Rent Board:

As a Jewish American, I am strongly in support of 21-12. It is consistent with the mission of the Rent Board to protect renters in Berkeley from unjust eviction among other responsibilities.

In Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, and throughout the West Bank, the Israeli government is evicting Palestinians from their homes. Many of which are owned by the families, some of which have owned the homes for several generations. The homes are being given to Israeli settlers who are a part of a campaign of ethnic cleansing. Sometimes the government orders Palestinian home owners to demolish their own houses. If they don't by a certain date, they are told if they don't than it will be demolished by the Israeli soldiers and the owner will be charged for the demolition.

This is all being done with the support and military aid given to Israel.

I am against these practices and more.

These actions are NOT being done in my name.

These actions do not make Israeli Jews or Jews around the world safer.

Respectively,
Cindy Shamban
District 4
94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Laura Saunders <tolsaunders@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7:52 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Support for resolution condemning evictions of Palestinians by Israeli government

Categories: BOARD-related

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I support the resolution condemning evictions and the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in occupied East Jerusalem and the West Bank and throughout Israel.

As a Jewish American and Bay Area resident it is important to me to stop American financial support for this occupation, annexation and ethnic cleansing via displacement.

Best regards,
Laura Saunders
94107

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Dave Lippman <davelippman@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:45 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution of opposition to evictions, everywhere

Categories: BOARD-related

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As the coordinator of the (winning) campaign for the tenant slate in the Rent Control Board election of 1994, I applaud the resolution to oppose Israel's ethnic cleansing evictions in East Jerusalem and other occupied areas, and the parallel ethnic gentrification evictions in Oakland. We are all one people, and since national and state governments will not act to defend people from the destruction of their communities, it is up to little ol' Berkeley to go big. As always, congrats on your efforts on behalf of the little gal/guy/people!

From New York
Dave Lippman



<http://davelippman.com>

LIFTING EACH OTHER UP: THE BEST FORM OF EXERCISE

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Chris Yatooma <cyatooma7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:13 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution 21-12 Israel/Palestine

Categories: BOARD-related

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Thank you for considering resolution 21-12. Please mark me down as a supported of this resolution. I encourage you to adopt it at your next meeting and support human rights and land rights for Palestinians.

Thank you. Chris Yatooma, 916-346-8352

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: normaha@pacbell.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 12:08 AM
To: RSBAIpert; Berkeley Citizens Action; TheRentBoard
Subject: condemn Israel's illegal actions

Categories: BOARD-related

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board condemns the illegal evictions of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah and the continued displacement of Palestinians across Palestine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization board calls for the end of American funding of Israeli apartheid, starting with the passage of H.R. 2590, and calls on Congresswoman Barbara Lee to immediately cosponsor the legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Senator Alex Padilla.

Norma J F Harrison normaha@pacbell.net 1312 Cornell Ave., Berkeley, Ca. 510 526
3968 www.peaceandfreedom.org

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Lorraine Lerman <lzlerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:34 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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Thanks you for your support of palestinian ham rights. As a Jewish American, I appreciate the resolution. Along with similar resolutions from labor unions, civic organizations, university faculty and staff, and others, this resolution adds to growing expression of public sentiment in support of Palestinian rights.

Lorraine Lerman
Berkeley

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Eleanor Gottesman <eleanorg216@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:01 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Supporting Resolution condemning illegal evictions in East Jerusalem
Categories: BOARD-related

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Criticism of Israel's violations of human rights and international law is not anti-Semitic. On the contrary, it is anti-colonialist and pro-democracy. Because I am Jewish, I feel a responsibility to speak out against injustice, especially when it is carried out in my name. Similarly, I believe your board, with its commitment to housing justice, has a responsibility to speak out against evictions that facilitate illegal settlement expansion and that are an impediment to the pursuit of peace in the region. While I live in Oakland, I hope the Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Thank you.

Eleanor Gottesman, MD
34 Tate Ter.
Oakland, Ca 94605

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Kitt Saginor <ksaginor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:32 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: June 17, 2021 - Item 4 b. Condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government

Categories: BOARD-related

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Rent Board Members,

I am very glad to see that your consent calendar this week includes the Recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-12 Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government.

I am writing to urge you to adopt it. The Israeli government continues to impose institutionalized discrimination against Palestinians, including the displacement of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah and across Palestine through home demolitions and other coercive measures. We must not be silent in the face of this injustice.

Thank you,

Kitt Saginor
District 3 resident
ksaginor@gmail.com
415-860-4173

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Elliot Helman <muzungu_x@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 8:01 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b)

Categories: BOARD-related

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I urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board meeting this week. As a Jewish American, I strongly condemn the Israeli government's pretense that they act on my behalf in violating human rights, and I am offended by their use of my tax money to commit crimes against humanity. The apartheid Israeli regime, which denies civil rights to Palestinians based on their race and approves evictions to perpetuate colonialist expansion, does not speak for me. As a Berkeley resident/tenant/landlord, I hope my Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

elliot helman
2337 parker St #10
Berkeley 94704

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: dina ezzeddine <dzayour@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:54 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Support of Palestinian on their lands

Categories: BOARD-related

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Hello

My name is Dina Ezzeddine

I live on 821 Indian rock Ave

Berkeley 94707

I think the support from our rent board to the Palestinian people in Sheikh Jarrar is an honourable step in the history of liberal Berkeley. If criticism of Israel is anti-Semitic then criticism of Saudi Arabia is Islamophobia, which is not. Countries are not people as much as corporations are not people. Thank you for standing for the indigenous Dina

Sent from my iPhone

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Mahmoud Ateyeh <can.do@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:43 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Palestine ps

Categories: BOARD-related

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Greetings to you all,

Your efforts in support for Palestine, will never go unnoticed. Thank you for standing with the people, you are 100% right in the fact that the more the IDF and the illegal settlers keep on doing the unlawful actions in Sheikh Jarrah and all over Palestine as they have been doing since 1948! That will only lead to more violence in the whole world and it would end up with more bloodshed! All the way from Daly City & Berkeley To Palestine! To China! We as people are all behind such kind acts. We are all behind you.

The "Israeli Government" once again has shown the world that it's an apartheid and occupation. And at this point I don't know who could be the judge or the Attorney to their crimes. They are illegal and they commit war crimes but who's to question their authority. We The People! They can keep attempting to control the whole world, however I personally believe in a higher being One whom created the universe!

And What's so known as Karma in the west, I hope the fires they started, catch on to them!

From the Palestinian/Jordanian river to the Mediterranean Sea! Palestine will be freed!

From the Zionist and their I'll will towards the indigenous people of the Land!

Thank you,

me and my people are all behind you!

And I hope one day we can have food together in a free Palestine for the Palestinians.

We are behind your committee, and we need you to keep the good work and maybe one day even take office in Daly City, Ca. As your second/first Base!

Stay positive and keep the hate/objections away from your sight as we already deal with so much hate! We are for truth!

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Penina eilberg-schwartz <peninates@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:24 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: In Favor: Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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To whom it may concern,

I am an Oakland resident (with family & friends in Berkeley), writing in favor of the Resolution Condemning the Illegal Evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli Government.

As a Jew, and the daughter of two Rabbis, as well as a long-time East Bay resident, I'm hoping you'll do the right thing and vote in favor of this resolution. Our tax dollars currently help fund a 3.8 billion dollar blank check to Israel, which goes to support countless forms of violence against the Palestinian people: home demolitions, forced displacement, imprisonment of children, killings of civilians, mass arrests, and so much more.

I am proud of Berkeley's ongoing commitment to social justice, and hope you'll honor that commitment by voting yes on this resolution. We need all of us in this work to support Palestinians as they organize for their liberation.

And as a Jew, I feel my community's heart & soul requires us to choose the right side, so that in the end, both Palestinians and Israelis can live in freedom & dignity.

Thank you,
Penina Eilberg-Schwartz
Writer, Oakland resident & member of IfNotNow

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Henry Norr <henrynorr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:22 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: YES on Resolution 21-12!

Categories: BOARD-related

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As someone who was born Jewish and educated in a Conservative shnagogue, who has been visiting Israel since 1961, but who has also spent a total of nine months volunteering in various capacities in the West Bank and Gaza in recent years, I am writing to urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board meeting this week.

I have personally witnessed the brutality of the Israeli occupation. It is indisputably apartheid - not that it is identical to South Africa, but in the simple, clear sense defined in international law (and recently explained by Human Rights Watch): it is a regime that subjects different ethnic groups to different systems of law, privileging all Jews while discriminating against Palestinian citizens within Israel's pre-1967 boundaries, imposing harsh military occupation and continuing ethnic cleansing on East Jerusalem and the West Bank, and subjecting my friends in Gaza to a brutal blockade and repeated assaults by a US-funded high-tech military machine.

Criticizing actions like the planned evictions of Palestinian families from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah is not anti-semitism - it is simply standing up for justice and decency. I hope you will have the courage and integrity to pass this resolution.

Thanks.

Henry Norr
homeowner
1701 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94703

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Hussam Ayloush <ayloush@usa.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:49 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Thank you for standing for human rights

Categories: BOARD-related

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Thank you for your resolution condemning Israel's ethnic cleansing of non-Jewish residents of Jerusalem.

No person should be denied the right to live in a place on the basis of their race or religion.

Thank you.

Hussam Ayloush

Excuse typos. Message sent via mobile phone

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Anna T. <atseselsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:44 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Vote YES on Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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Hello,

I am writing as a Jewish Berkeley resident to urge you to support the resolution condemning illegal evictions in East Jerusalem and to not to bend to pressure from those that falsely assert that criticism of Israel's widely recognized violations of human rights and international law is antisemitic. On the contrary, opposing Israeli apartheid and occupation is an affirmation of humanity. Because I am Jewish, I feel a responsibility to speak out against injustice, especially when it is carried out in my name. Similarly, I believe your board, with its commitment to housing justice, has a responsibility to speak out against evictions that facilitate illegal settlement expansion and that are an impediment to the pursuit of peace in the region. I hope my Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Thank you!
Anna Tseselsky

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Clyde Leland <clydeleland@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:42 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution re East Jerusalem evictions

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Rent Board:

I urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board meeting this week.

As a Jewish American, I strongly condemn the Israeli government's pretense that they act on my behalf in violating human rights, and I am offended by their use of my tax money to commit crimes against humanity. The apartheid Israeli regime, which denies civil rights to Palestinians based on their race and approves evictions to perpetuate colonialist expansion, does not speak for me.

As a Berkeley homeowner and landlord, I hope my Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Peace,
Clyde Leland
1416 Milvia Street
94709

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Pathma Venasithamby <pathma@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:27 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Sheikh Jarrah

Categories: BOARD-related

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I urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board meeting this week. As an American, I strongly condemn the Israeli government violating human rights of Palestinians.

I am offended by their use of my tax money to commit crimes against humanity. The apartheid Israeli regime, which denies civil rights to Palestinians based on their race and approves evictions to perpetuate colonialist expansion, does not speak for me.

As a University of California Berkeley employee I hope the Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Pathma Venasithamby, EECS IDSG
pathma@berkeley.edu / 323 Soda Hall / 642-7938

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: carol sanders <carolsanders999@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:25 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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As a Jewish resident of Berkeley, I urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b), condemning Israel's policies of evicting Palestinian residents of Sheikh Jarrah from their homes in order to "judeaize" East Jerusalem, as well as condemning Israel's other crimes against the Palestinian people.

Our elected officials should also be made aware of the moral and fiscal costs of remaining silent on this issue. Each year, more than 3.8 billion dollars of US tax money is given over to Israel's military in order to perpetuate its apartheid regime. That translates into a drain of well over \$12 million from District 13's annual revenues. See <https://uscpr.org/militaryfunding>. Congressional Representative Barbara Lee should sign on to HB 2590 and take other steps to ensure that our tax dollars are allocated to creating affordable housing in our communities, rather than to destroying Palestinian communities in Israel-Palestine.

Sincerely,
Carol Sanders
Berkeley 94702

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Amna Zuberi <amnazuberi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:12 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Rent control for Palestinians

Categories: BOARD-related

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is Amna Zuberi and I am an Adem for district 77. I condemn the illegal eviction of Palestinians, by Israeli's. I fully support the rent control board of the city of Berkeley.

Thank you,
Amna Zuberi

Sent from my iPhone

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Maggie Coulter <mcoulter@dcn.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:10 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Support resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government

Categories: BOARD-related

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As a former resident of Berkeley, I urge you to support the resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli Government.

It is important that we make the connections between injustices in the United States and ones in other countries, particularly when those injustices abroad are aided and abetted by our government using our tax dollars.

Thank you.

Maggie Coulter

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Heba El-Haddad <heba.elhaddad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 5:07 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Rent Board Members,

Please support the Rent Stabilization Board resolution condemning illegal evictions in East Jerusalem. Criticism of Israel's violations of human rights and international law is not anti-Semitic. On the contrary, it is anti-colonialist and pro-democracy. Because I am Jewish, I feel a responsibility to speak out against injustice, especially when it is carried out in my name. Similarly, I believe your board, with its commitment to housing justice, has a responsibility to speak out against evictions that facilitate illegal settlement expansion and that are an impediment to the pursuit of peace in the region. I hope my Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Thank you,
Heba

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O people who take pleasure in a life that will vanish, falling in love with a fading shadow is sheer stupidity- Ibn al-Qayyim

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: MUSA AL-HINDI <malhindi65@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 4:13 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Reolution on Palestine/Israel

Categories: BOARD-related

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I am writing to express my strong support for the resolution condemning the illegal evictions of Palestinians By the Israeli government.

Musa Al-Hindi

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Ellen Brotsky <ebrotsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:51 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Please vote YES on Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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It has come to my attention that the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco (JCRC) has issued an action alert to its members, designed to pressure the Berkeley Rent Board into voting no on Resolution 21-12. As a long-time Berkeley resident and Jewish American peace activist, I urge you not to give into this pressure and to continue a proud Berkeley tradition of supporting struggles for freedom and human rights outside of Berkeley.

Criticism of Israel's violations of human rights and international law is not anti-Semitic. On the contrary, it is anti-colonialist and pro-democracy. Both Human Rights Watch and the leading Israeli human rights organization, Bet Tselem, have published reports documenting that Israel is an apartheid state with policies designed to dispossess Palestinians of their homes and land.

Because I am Jewish, I feel a special responsibility to speak out against injustice, especially when it is carried out in my name, however all of us have that responsibility. Similarly, I believe your board, with its commitment to housing justice in Berkeley, has a responsibility to speak out against housing injustice in Israel/Palestine - these Jerusalem area evictions that facilitate illegal settlement expansion and that are an impediment to the pursuit of peace in the region.

The City of Berkeley has a long and proud history of its commissions passing resolutions to support human rights and freedom struggles. I hope my Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Ellen Brotsky
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(510) 517-9201

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Marge Sussman <margesussman@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 2:34 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: For All Berkeley Rent Board Members

Categories: BOARD-related

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I urge you to vote YES on Resolution 21-12 (agenda item 4b) during the Rent Stabilization Board meeting this week. As a Jewish American, I strongly condemn the Israeli government's pretense that they act on my behalf in violating human rights, and I am offended by their use of my US tax money to commit crimes against humanity. The apartheid Israeli regime, which denies civil rights to Palestinians and approves evictions to perpetuate colonialist expansion, does not speak for me! As a long-time Berkeley resident, I hope my Rent Board will speak for me in condemning the evictions in Sheikh Jarrah.

Marge Sussman
1621 Bancroft Way

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Noura <nmkhour@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 12:42 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Rent Board Resolution on Palestine

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Berkeley Rent Board,

Thank you to the Rent Board for considering this resolution condemning the expulsions in Sheikh Jarrah. These expulsions are illegal under international law and immoral and unjust on every level.

As those who want our much needed US tax dollars to stay here and address our homelessness and other issues facing our communities, please make a statement that you support people's right to housing and human rights by voting YES on the resolution tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you for your support!

Noura Khouri
(510) 915-8178

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Lenore Sheridan <lenores93@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 11:49 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution on evictions in Israel

Categories: BOARD-related

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As a Berkeley resident and renter, I support the resolution by the rent board condemning the eviction of Palestinians from their homes in Israel. An illegal eviction anywhere is a threat to all of us.

Thank you

Lenore Sheridan

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Glen Curry <glencurry5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:50 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Thursday's call for solidarity with Palestinians being forced from Jerusalem
Categories: BOARD-related

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are proud supporters and request your support for Palestinians being forced from their homes in East Jerusalem.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Curry

Sent from my iPad

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Gene St.Onge <genesto@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:10 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution condemning evictions of Palestinians

Categories: BOARD-related

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To Whom it May Concern:

If Berkeley is TRULY a bastion of progressivism, it absolutely MUST vote for this resolution!

A PEP (Progressive Except for Palestine), whether it's a person or organized group, is not a progressive at all. It's nothing more than a hypocrite!

- Gene St.Onge

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Jack Kurzweil <jack.kurzweil@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:00 AM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution on the Eviction of Palestinians from their Homes
Attachments: Rent Board Resolution.pdf

Categories: BOARD-related

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Dear Rent Board Members,

I'm writing to urge you to support the Resolution (attached) on the Eviction of Palestinians from their Homes.

Although Jerusalem is on the other side of the world, the issue of forcible eviction is very close to Berkeley. Moreover, whether we like it or not, what happens in Israel/Palestine is very much an issue in the politics of the United States.

So, once again, let's make Berkeley's voice heard on a burning issue of international importance.

Jack Kurzweil
1737 Allston Way
Berkeley, CA 94703

510-292-8757

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Nader Khouri <nkhour@naderkhouri.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:32 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Resolution Condemning Expulsions

Categories: BOARD-related

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Thank you to the Board for drafting this resolution condemning the expulsions in Sheikh Jarrah. These expulsions are illegal under international law. If we want to claim that we in this country follow the law it's up to us to fight for people's rights to their homes even in other countries.

Nader Khouri
415-769-1395

Mueller, Aimee B.

From: Felix T <flxthomson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:07 PM
To: TheRentBoard
Subject: Support for Resolution 21-12

Categories: BOARD-related

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I am very excited to see the proposed resolution 21-12, condemning illegal evictions of Palestinians by the Israeli government, which will be discussed in this week's Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board meeting.

This resolution is inseparably linked with the work and mission of Berkeley Rent Board, and recognizes that housing is a human right, and displacement, eviction, violence and discrimination causes irreparable harms that we must fight against, both here in the Bay Area, and across borders. We recognize that Berkeley welcomes people who have connections and history all over the world, and that likewise the actions and expenditures of the US Government have a far reaching impact around the world, and given that, our commitment here in the Bay Area to justice is essential for justice everywhere.

I will add in conclusion, as a Jewish person, I feel a special obligation to actively oppose the violence being inflicted against Palestinians, disingenuously in the name of my culture, and I actively oppose that weaponization of my identity. As a Jew and as a human being, I oppose the evictions of Palestinians, and trust every member of the Rent Stabilization Board will join me to oppose the Israeli evictions of Palestinians - and to work for housing justice here and everywhere, by voting to support Resolution 21-12.

Thank you,

F. Thomson
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