

From: Hieftje, John

Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 3:05 PM

To: 'Mozhgan Savabieasfahani'

Cc: Kailasapathy, Sumi; Briere, Sabra; Lumm, Jane; Petersen, Sally; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Eaton, Jack; Teall, Margie; Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike; ryanstanton@mlive.com; news@michigandaily.com; Ali Harb

Subject: RE: Third try (47 signatures): We request a public hearing on a City Council resolution to Boycott Israel

Hello:

Mister Postema informed me of your group's visit that occurred while I was attending the swearing in ceremony for new police officers. Please note that my assistant does not work on Friday afternoons so if I am elsewhere the office is closed.

Mr. Postema was correct in saying you can write to members of City Council and you can address the Council during the times provided for Public Comment at the meetings.

Please understand that beyond that, members of Council are not obligated by the City Charter to respond to your request for a meeting.

Residents who would like to meet with me should note that I hold Open Office Hours most Fridays between 11:00 and 1:00. Many residents take advantage of these times by simply calling my office in advance to schedule a time slot.

However, because we have found that almost no one requests a meeting with the mayor during open office hours in the month of August, we do not schedule them.

But this does not mean I cannot find a time to meet with the group in if after reading this email, members believe a meeting would be productive.

The Mayor and Council Members are charged with protecting and advancing the welfare of the city and its residents. There are members of our community who are passionate on both sides of this issue. I do not see how it could possibly benefit the residents of Ann Arbor to bring the conflict between Hamas and Israel; to Ann Arbor. Holding a public hearing as you desire, would do just that. The same goes for imposing a boycott.

While I respect the position of activists on all sides of this issue and have great sympathy for the people of Gaza, Palestine and Israel in this ongoing conflict; I will not be voting in favor of a boycott nor will I vote to hold a public hearing.

Please understand that I will not be debating who's right or wrong in this conflict in the Middle East. My concern is with the welfare of our city and its residents. Knowing this, if members of the group still wish to meet; they should respond to the times below via email.

I have a fairly flexible schedule on Tuesday August 5 and could meet at 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM or 1:00 PM. I could also meet at noon or 1:00 PM on Wednesday August 6.

None of my interactions with Mozhgan Savabieasfahani or Blaine Coleman have been positive or conducive to a civil conversation so if a meeting is to be scheduled, other spokespersons will need to contact my office and also speak for the group at the meeting.

John Hieftje

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