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Dear San Jose community,

A very much of a congratulations, and a good luck, in the divestment items, that San Jose community advocacy, initially helped bring to the Rules & Public Safety committees, in August 2025. And that can now be better addressed, within the 2027 San Jose budget agenda item, at the SJ city council public meeting, March 10.

These are ideas in how to develop, a better principled, more ethical investment portfolio, for the future of San Jose. This will include, how San Jose can continue, to better divest from corporations, connected to questionable immigration rights practices. And to also begin, to better consider, how to divest from corporations, supporting Israel practices of war, instead of peace & dialogue. Current U.S. corporations, being questioned include - Alphabet, Microsoft, Amazon, and Caterpillar.

Since 2018, and the first Trump administration - California local govts, have already been developing, good divestment practices, that can well address, in how to better separate themselves, and to end their investments, in corporations supporting private detention centers, and the fossil fuel industry.

These divestment practices, have become very helpful, regular, good examples. And can have a political will & backing, that should make it fairly easy, to better develop a plan, and a good community consensus, at this time. To note, these for-profit prison/detention developers, can often have, other domestic & international connections. This can possibly help in updating, our current local divestment best practices, at this time. And can also be of help, with more difficult, new questions, of San Jose divestment, from corporations supplying war products, and its technical support, to Israel, at this time.

Since the shambolic, horrific events, of 9/11/01, we should be returning to a time, and to what used to be, a more regular way of diplomatic relations - that retaliation & defending ones country, through more war & violence, is not acceptable. And that, Israel should be smarter, than offering continual war &

bloodshed, upon the innocent people of Gaza. As most people of Gaza, were simply not a part of, the October 7, 2023, Hamas massacre.

And from this, the U.S. should be trying to return, to its pre 9/11, good standing in the world. And to work towards dialogue & negotiation, to resolve differences. And with less u.s. military armaments.

The people of San Jose, at this time, are trying to develop, this decent thinking, with better principled, local practices & local control. Thoughtful, coordinated, well principled practices, at the local level, such as divestment, along with more responsible, community tech accountability policies, can simply offer good examples & best practices, towards ideas of peace, open democracy, and better human reasoning. And that all levels of govt, and their local communities, should better reflect upon.

From this, as part of our good system, of checks and balances - local govt, simply should have the ability, to ask for, and to better define best practices, in concepts towards peace, better reasoning, and open democracy. And certainly before, the current federal concepts, of continual war, and its needs of secrecy, opacity, harm, and the prison military industrial complex, in its policy making.

To conclude this section - good beliefs in Judaism, should allow us, to work towards a future of Israel, that is based on ideas of peace, dialogue, and better reasoning, before war & bloodshed, as how to solve issues, in defending a nation. A good luck to ourselves, that future u.s. divestment, from the Israel war machine, can actually have the political will, to be considered practices, 'of the good fight'. And the ideas, of peace before war. And not as an attack, on Israel or Judaism itself.

Oakland City Council, has recently approved, a compromise plan, to end their ALPR vendor contract with Flock, in two years time. And in the next two years, look for a new ALPR vendor. Oakland city council, is now open to criticism, superstition, and innuendo, that they have been, a sellout or unethical, in their compromise deal. When in fact, Oakland city council, seems to be addressing larger questions, in how to invite, all parts of the Oakland community, to this process. And to address, both, Oakland neighborhood Public Safety, and better local control, of their surveillance data collection, within this current federal administration.

All of the Oakland community, is also trying to better understand important lessons, at this time, in how to end shipments, of war equipment to Israel, from its Oakland airports & seaports. All of this, can be important lessons, for current San Jose divestment questions.

Perhaps, focusing on the concepts, of how to leave war, the importance of dialogue, and to not supply war technologies to Israel, can be an important focus, for San Jose divestment, at this time.

I hope these two Oakland examples, and the work of Alameda County, and its local cities, at this time, can also be of help to San Jose, in their own decision making, on the difficult questions of divestment, in the current war practices of Israel. And in what should be, easier questions to answer, in divestment planning for San Jose, to move away from, corporations supporting ICE, and questionable immigration practices & policies, from the corporate level, at this time.

In this current, well-intentioned divestment process, by the San Jose community, I hope, the recent, well intentioned compromise plan, of the city of Oakland, to leave Flock, in 2 years time, can be acknowledged. As this Oakland compromise plan, can also be good examples, of how local communities, can now be able, to more clearly question & address, the future of surveillance & data collection tech practices & placement, in their local neighborhoods.

In San Jose , in working towards a future of peace & sustainability, please don't forget - San Jose is currently being sued, for SJPd overreach, in their use, of SJ neighborhood surveillance technology. And what simply has to be considered as, an over-abundance of surveillance tech, that has been placed, in local SJ neighborhoods, in the last decade.

The local community level, working towards peace, and open participatory democracy, can create local good standards, and a good reasoning, that can begin to ask - perhaps collectively, with other local communities - Can we all be allowed, to more openly address, the current practices of the federal level, and the prison military industrial complex, of this country. These are questions, that can be larger, than current partisan issues. And bigger than the questionable practices, of the current federal administration. And from this, it can be easier, for all of us, to question together.

This letter, and the current efforts, of both, San Jose & Oakland, are the ideas, of our better human reasoning, open community participatory democracy, and ideas of peace, that allows for, better local control & local autonomy. These new San Jose divestment questions, can be a part of, new, interesting, collective efforts, at the local level, at this time. And in asking, larger questions, in how to end, the continual use of war & harm, by our federal government & the u.s prison military industrial complex.

Again, a congratulations to the San Jose community, and to good luck, in our combined efforts.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

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Dear San Jose, community,

My previous, Letter to the Public, on Item 3.3, was written before, the recent events, of the surprise U.S/ Israel air strikes. To note, there was a respected & constructive, nuclear negotiation process, that was taking place, between the U.S. & Iran, mediated by Oman - making the current US air strikes, all the more surprising. It may be an important reminder, in how often the U.S., can break agreements of dialogue, negotiation & trust, at the international level.

The organization, clarity, and safety, in the process of, continual dialogue and negotiation, in how to reach consensus decision making, for all sides - must simply be noted & respected, at this time. And in comparison to, these current u.s. swings, of violence, war, chaos, and the deaths of many innocent people, as how to create, current dialogue & understandings, between nation states, all of its people, and its entities.

From this, the sorrowful events of 9/11, and it's ideas of continual war, towards a new world order, is simply being better questioned, by local US communities, at this time. As more open conversation , dialogue, and best practices, are being better developed, at the local community level. And to not overly affect, the day to day practices, of the local community level. In this current, possibly new time of war, it is simply again the time, San Jose city govt & community, has to better consider, how open dialogue & best practices, are simply helpful good ways, to keep local neighborhoods, safe, peaceful, & harmonious. And that this thinking, can actual be ideas, 'of the good fight ', within our current u.s. society.

Current San Jose community asks, of SJ divestment from Israel, and within agenda item 3.3, may be difficult, to better negotiate, at this time. But divestment, can also be long term goals. And simply a part of, many current practices, of peace & better reasoning, that can be very helpful, needed, and available, at the local community level, at this time. And as, a part of good examples, overall, that the national level, can rely less on war, and its harm. And instead, learn how to better work towards, negotiation, dialogue, pesce, and to not harm innocent people, in how to solve issues, in future poliicies & decision making.

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RE: Council Meeting 3/24, Item #3.3 Investments

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Date Tue 3/17/2026 12:41 PM

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With great sincere disappointment,

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Sincerely,

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FW: Social Responsibility Investment Policy 3/24 Agenda Item

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While it should not be difficult to find further information re: Council Meeting 3/24, Item #3.3 Investments, as to why Israel, Russia, and the UAE should be subject to boycott, divestment, and sanctions, here is a start.

UAE: "It is clear that the UAE is responsible for the commission and continued support of a genocide, prompting Sudan to take the case to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in March of 2025. Specifically, Sudan claims that the UAE is in breach of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Genocide Convention) of 1948.", European Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, <https://www.ecdhr.org/the-role-of-the-united-arab-emirates-in-the-genocide-in-sudan/>

Russia: "Russia continued its war of aggression against Ukraine. The rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association remained severely restricted. Dissenters faced arbitrary prosecutions, unfair trials, heavy fines and lengthy prison terms under a plethora of laws that failed to meet international human rights standards." Amnesty International, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/europe-and-central-asia/eastern-europe-and-central-asia/russia/report-russia/>

Israel: The United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner finds, "Israel has committed genocide in the Gaza Strip" <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/09/israel-has-committed-genocide-gaza-strip-un-commission-finds>

Israel's ethnic cleansing also continues in the West Bank, Lebanon, and Syria but books have been written on the subject. The act of genocide in Gaza should be sufficient for the City of San Jose to

choose divestment.

The problem is anti-Semitism is real and it is made worse by media and politicians who have mischaracterized anti-Zionism, often portraying it as anti-Semitism with headlines, "Biden and Democratic Leaders Condemn Protest Outside L.A. Synagogue as Antisemitic" and statements like "'Intimidating Jewish congregants is dangerous, unconscionable, antisemitic, and un-American," Mr. Biden said in a statement" when in reality "In this case, demonstrators were protesting a real estate fair at Adas Torah synagogue, where attendees were invited to meet "representatives of housing projects in all the best Anglo neighborhoods in Israel" on Sunday afternoon."

NYTimes, <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/05/us/usc-pro-palestinian-encampment.html>. Many argue that these are illegal land sales of land taken one way or another from Palestinians.

Months of peaceful protests by pro-Palestinian rights activists on hundreds of college campuses were vilified with headlines like, "Violence erupts at UCLA as protests over Israel's war in Gaza escalate across the U.S." Capradio, <https://www.capradio.org/news/npr/story?storyid=1248433624> Yet, in reality the major outbreak of violence was committed by counter protesters and police. "On April 30th, counter-protesters at the University of California, Los Angeles conducted what can only be described as a full-frontal assault on their university's student encampment. Wielding physical and chemical weapons, a pro-Israel mob attempted to dismantle the walls of the UCLA encampment. A video investigation by The New York Times found that much of the violence was instigated by the counter-protesters, who threw lit fireworks into groups of students and violently attacked everyone from individual protesters to student journalists. Attempting to defend their encampment, pro-Palestine students were seen repairing the walls where possible and shouting at others to not engage." Michigan Daily, <https://www.michigandaily.com/statement/the-anatomy-of-an-encampment/>

Attached is a brief history of the Israel/Palestine conflict.

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For nearly a century, the Jewish community in what is now Israel and Palestinian Arabs have battled over a 10,000-square-mile territory between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Both claim historic and religious ties to the land, so the conflict has become a geopolitical war with far-reaching implications. Throughout the years of fighting, Israel's share of the land has grown from about 3 percent in 1917 to 87 percent today.

1917

Palestine before the creation of Israel.



1947

Proposed borders under the U.N. Partition Plan.



1948

Israel is formed.



1967

After the Six-Day War.



PRESENT



A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOW THE BORDERS CAME TO BE

1897

The World Zionist Organization is created to advocate for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

1917

The Balfour Declaration: British Foreign Secretary James Balfour approves the creation of a national homeland for Jews in Palestine.



1947

U.N. Partition Plan: The U.N. successfully passes a plan to separate western Palestine into two states. Jewish leaders accept the proposal while Palestinian Arab leaders reject it, prompting riots.



1948-1949

Arab-Israeli War: The Jewish community declares itself independent in the new state of Israel. War breaks out between Israelis and forces from nearby Arab nations.



February-July 1949

Israel and the Arab states agree to an armistice that results in Israel controlling 78 percent of Palestine. The U.N. estimates that more than 700,000 Palestinian Arabs become refugees during this period.

1967

Six-Day War: Using air, sea, and ground combat, Israel captures the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt and Golan Heights from Syria. Although the Israeli Army does not annex the West Bank of Jordan, it begins to occupy the region.



1982

Israel returns Sinai to Egypt and the two countries sign a peace treaty, making Egypt the first Arab nation to officially recognize Israel as a state.

1987-1993

First Intifada: Palestinians begin a mass uprising in Gaza. Civil disobedience and riots soon spread to the West Bank.



1993-1995

The Oslo Accords: Palestine and Israel sign the Declaration of Principles, in which both nations seek recognition as autonomous governing bodies. The West Bank is split into three zones: One fully controlled by Palestinian Authority; one that's joint-controlled; and one that stays in Israeli hands.

2000

Camp David Summit: The Israeli Army withdraws from Lebanon. The Camp David Summit aims to help the two sides finally agree on a settlement; the talks eventually fail and the violence leads to The Second Intifada (2000-05).

April 2003

Road Map for Peace: The European Union, U.N., U.S., and Russia release a road map, which outlines a clear timetable toward a Palestinian state.



2005

Gaza Expulsion Plan: Israel's defense forces leave the Gaza Strip and four settlements in the northern West Bank as part of a unilateral disengagement plan.



September 2011

Palestine submits a bid to the U.N. for statehood and membership.

SOURCES: BBC.CO.UK, CNN.COM, ALJAZEERA.NET, ISRAELIPALESTINIAN.PROCON.ORG, LONDONTIMES.COM, NYTIMES.COM, WSJ.COM, UNITED NATIONS

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Palestinian and Israeli massacres

In the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the term "massacre" is used by both sides to describe acts of violence resulting in a large number of deaths, often against civilians, which are seen as grave breaches of international humanitarian law

Massacres attributed to Israeli forces/Zionist militias

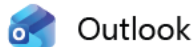
- Deir Yassin (1948): Zionist paramilitary groups Irgun and Lehi attacked the village, leading to the deaths of between 107 and 140 Palestinian civilians, including women and children, according to a BADIL Resource Center report. The event is considered a pivotal moment in the 1948 Palestinian exodus, known as the Nakba.
- Al-Dawayima (1948): Israeli forces killed between 80 and 300 Palestinian civilians, including women and children, during and after the village's capture.
- Tantura (1948): During the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, Israeli forces attacked the coastal village after its surrender, killing nearly 200 Palestinians.
- Kafr Qasim (1956): During the Suez Crisis, Israeli Border Police enforced a curfew, killing 49 Palestinian villagers returning home from work, including children, according to Al Jazeera.
- Khan Yunis (1956): Israeli forces killed approximately 275 to 400 Palestinians during house-to-house searches in Khan Yunis refugee camp, [notes the Middle East Eye](#).
- Sabra and Shatila (1982): During the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Israeli forces allowed the Phalangist militia to enter the Palestinian refugee camps, where the militia massacred between 460 and 3,500 Palestinian and Lebanese civilians.
- Ibrahimi Mosque (1994): Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli extremist, opened fire on Palestinian Muslims praying at the Ibrahimi Mosque, killing 29 and injuring 125.
- Gaza War (2008-09): The UN Fact-Finding Mission found that Israel's military assault on Gaza during this period was a "deliberately disproportionate attack designed to punish, humiliate, and terrorize a civilian population," resulting in the deaths of approximately 1,166 to 1,417 Palestinians.
- Gaza War (2023-present): A UN document describes over 42,000 Palestinians, including children, women, and men, having been killed by Israeli forces in Gaza in the first year alone. [Doctors Without Borders notes](#) that attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure have led to recurrent mass casualty events in Gaza's Middle Area.

Massacres attributed to Palestinian groups

- Hadassah medical convoy (1948): Arab forces attacked a Jewish medical convoy, killing 79 Jewish doctors, nurses, Haganah members, and scientists, and 1 British soldier.
- Kfar Etzion (1948): Arab forces killed 157 Jewish residents and Haganah soldiers in Kfar Etzion.
- Ma'alot (1974): The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine attacked a school, killing 29 people, mostly children, and injuring 68.
- Coastal Road Massacre (1978): The Palestine Liberation Organization killed 38 people, including 13 children, on a bus near Tel Aviv.
- **October 7 Attacks (2023): Hamas-led militants killed 1,163 Israelis** and foreign nationals, two thirds of whom were civilians, during a surprise attack on communities, a music festival, and military bases in southern Israel.

It is important to note that accounts and interpretations of these events can differ depending on the source and perspective.¹

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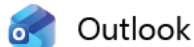
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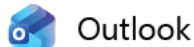
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My name is Mani Bekele. I am a high school student from Downtown, a climate advocate, and from a family of refugees and immigrants from Ethiopia and Mexico. I watch the illegal and oppressive behavior of ICE, along with the brutal and destabilizing military actions of the current Israeli and US governments with fear and outrage.

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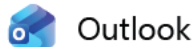
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

As a registered voter in District 3 and a retired City of San José employee (also a Jewish American), I urge you to support an Ethical Investment policy that will divest the \$115 million the City has invested in companies that support ICE, Israel's relentless attack on the Palestinian people and land, surveillance and tracking both here and abroad, and the development of military drones and equipment. These companies include Amazon, Alphabet, Caterpillar, Microsoft and Honeywell. I know that the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee requested a financial analysis of disinvesting and suspect that it would not not significantly impact the city's investment portfolio. Regardless, I believe it is more important to stand for human dignity, equality, and peace throughout the world and not promote family

separation, racial stereotypes, or bias (as many other City policies affirm) or environmental degradation.

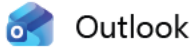
Please vote in support of an Ethical Investment Policy.

Thank you,
Lisa Feldberg



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Dear Members of the City Council,

Regarding: The proposed expansion of corporations subject to the 'social responsibility' clause within the city's investment policy [agenda item 3.3 March 24 City Council Meeting council agenda 24 March].

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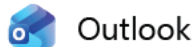
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I also support the long respected city resolution REJECTING any action on foreign policy, which divides the community and lies outside the city's scope and jurisdiction.

Thank you.

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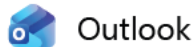
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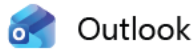
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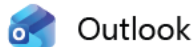
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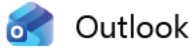
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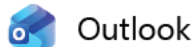
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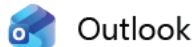
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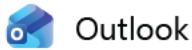
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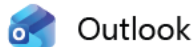
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I urge you to support the [Memorandum from Councilmembers Ortiz & Kamei](#) to restrict new investments in companies that provide services to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This is a reasonable and important step toward the City of San Jose more fully divesting from corporations that do business with ICE.

Updating the City's Investment Policy and practices in this way is important to Kids in Common, as it is critical for the youth and families of Santa Clara County, where **over 60% of students belong to immigrant families**. These families face systemic barriers to **basic needs, health care, and education, challenges that have intensified** due to increased federal immigration enforcement and

recent cuts to programs like Medi-Cal and CalFresh. Aggressive enforcement tactics have led to heightened fear, trauma, family separation, and even wrongful detentions of U.S. citizens, creating instability that undermines the well-being of immigrant youth across the state of California and the nation. Immigrant families are vital to our community and economy, contributing to technology, education, and other sectors while enriching our region with diverse cultures and languages; protecting immigrant youth is essential to ensuring they can thrive. We urge the city to invest in the safety and well-being of our people, not companies that support an agency that causes extreme harm in our community and country by terrorizing communities with threats and violence, tearing families apart, and violating Constitutional and human rights.

San Jose City Council has been a leader in establishing policies and practices - "No Staging Zones", "No masking", De-escalation Plan, etc. - that provide both concrete protections and demonstrate the City's values for our community.

As Councilmembers Peter Ortiz and Rosemary Kamei state in their memo:

"This item represents a natural next step in aligning the City's investment practices with those values by providing direction to limit future exposure to companies with identified ties to ICE. In doing so, the City reinforces its commitment to ensuring that public funds are managed in a manner that reflects both its fiduciary responsibilities and the priorities of the community it serves."

We hope we can count on your continued support and strong leadership to respond to community concerns and protect the safety and well-being of all. This will add to the City of San Jose's model policies and practices that are being replicated by others across Santa Clara County and beyond.

Thank you,



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