



LA JEWS FOR PEACE

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Dear President Bush:

LA Jews for Peace represents mainstream Jews in Los Angeles who monitor the actions of Israel with respect to the Occupation of the Palestinian Territories. We, along with thousands of other world citizens are horrified at the over-reactive retaliation of the Israeli government and military on the inhabitants of Gaza. We view this as against all international law, and as acts of terrorism. We abhor all the violence. Such vengeful acts can only fortify enmity and create new enemies.

The disproportionate deaths of thirteen Israelis (some due to “friendly fire”) compared to seven-hundred and- fifty-eight Palestinians - thirty-four per cent of whom were women and children – are no less than crimes against humanity. Reports indicate that three thousand, one hundred are wounded. A million-and-a-half refugees in their own land without citizenship are being bombarded by a nation state’s modern army of high tech weapons committed to territorial expansion - the taking of land that does not belong to them. The people of Gaza have been trapped by air, land and sea and have no way out.

This situation is heinous and deplorable! The world is screaming for it to stop. While not offering any excuse for Hamas, we have reliable reports that Israel broke the Truce by not opening Gaza’s borders in exchange for the soldier, Shallit. Starving and trapping the inhabitant of Gaza in an open air prison with no travel to jobs, no access to food, clean water, fuel and medicine has led to desperation by these people whose only crime is that they are Palestinians.

President Bush, you must transcend politics in the name of humanity. In the eyes of the world, our nation is losing respect and credibility. Our world is closer to a Middle East nightmare that could drag over nations into dangerous warfare. For the sake of our children, those in Gaza, and all over the world, you must use the power of the United States to bring an end to the violence.

Sincerely,

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