

Memo

Date: 5/16/18

To: Peter Reitzes
From: Diana Schreiber, City Clerk
Subject: PR #4104536

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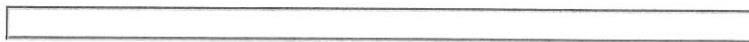
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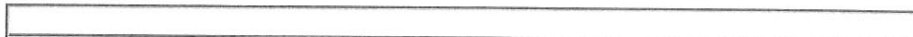
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Dear Mayor Schewel and Members of the Durham City Council:

We are writing to express the support of the Durham People's Alliance for the campaign led by Triangle Jewish Voice for Peace to preclude any collaboration between the Durham Police Department (DPD) and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). We strongly support the message in Mayor Schewel's statement that

"The council opposes international exchanges with any country in which Durham officers receive military-style training since such exchanges do not support the kind of policing we want here in the City of Durham."

We ask the City Council to act on that message and pass a resolution that clearly expresses the City's commitment to pursue community safety without resort to the kind of military tactics used by Israeli police against Palestinians.

Policing in the U.S. has a long history of violence against Black and Brown communities. While the Durham Police Department, under Chief C.J. Davis, has begun to make progress in reducing the incidence of targeting and violence against Black and Brown communities, including immigrant communities, we want to see continued progress and more demilitarization, not less.

The Demilitarize! Durham2Palestine campaign is based on the finding that police exchanges between the U.S. and Israel promote militarized policing—at home and overseas. And we have seen, under the Trump administration, the language of security and counterterrorism being used to enable racist scapegoating and justify violent and discriminatory practices against targeted communities. Now, more than ever, we need to challenge the idea that our security comes from militaries, police, prisons, and border walls and work towards a safer world for all people based on community, equality, and justice.



The People's Alliance believes that Durham can best promote public safety by moving ahead on the vision laid out by the Mayor in his State of the City address, investing resources in affordable housing, health care, education, and a livable wage for all workers.

Over the years, the Durham City Council has enacted resolutions on many civil and human rights issues, such as support for the Equal Rights Amendment and same-sex marriage, and opposition to the death penalty. We are proud of the leadership you have provided in the past, and ask you to build on this legacy and advance the vision of the city you have put forward by passing a resolution that makes clear your opposition to such exchange partnerships.

Sincerely,

Durham People's Alliance Board and Race Equity Team