

An open letter to Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle L. Parker

Dear Mayor Parker,

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America writes to you again out of grave concern for the well-being of the local Jewish community, all Philadelphians and visitors to our city

You are about to legitimize a movement that has as its goal the destruction of the Jewish state of Israel, and you will validate a cause whose participants have murdered thousands of people – mostly Jews, and including scores of Americans. These will be the net effect of the “5th Annual Philadelphia Palestine Day” scheduled in the Mayor’s Reception Room in City Hall on Nov. 24 and by presenting organizers with a mayoral proclamation,

Mayor Parker: Please cancel this event, and please withdraw your proclamation. ...

Organizers have chosen that week for their event because of it’s proximity to Nov. 29, ... coinciding with the United Nations’ resolution in 1947 that led to the re-establishment of the Jewish state of Israel on the Jewish People’s historic and legal homeland. The Arabs rejected a state living in peace side-by-side with the Jewish state then, and they continue to reject it – preferring to eliminate the Jewish state and murder its Jewish citizens. You, Mayor Parker, will be tacitly endorsing this. ...

Today on Philadelphia’s streets we observe Palestinians and their supporters holding signs and wearing shirts and pendants depicting all of Israel as “Palestine” — including one of the organizers of the City Hall event. This is an indication they do not want to live in peace with Israel. Their chant, “From the river to the sea, ‘Palestine’ will be free,” is further proof of their deadly aims. This is not to paint all of those of “Palestinian” descent with a broad brush.

United States policy under Democrat and Republican administrations has never recognized “Palestine.” Meanwhile, the Jewish state of Israel is and has proven to be a valued friend and indispensable ally of the United States.

Mayor Parker, you are mayor of the City of Brotherly Love. We can tell you that due to the planned Nov. 24th event, as well as actions and activities by the School District of Philadelphia, the Free Library of Philadelphia and other agencies under your administration, our Jewish community does not feel loved – we feel threatened. Of course there will be some within the Jewish community who disagree with us. They are exceptions. ...

Mayor Parker you must speak out against this hatred and violence. ... Stop the Jew-Hatred BEFORE there is a calamity here! ...

Mayor Parker: Please reach out. We truly do want to help.

Already in Philadelphia!



Is this next? (artist’s rendering)



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