

# ATTACHMENT

For Item

# #31

Tuesday, December  
5, 2023

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**From:** [Kulis, Michael](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Iran Divestment - Letter to Supervisors  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 4:51:11 PM

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**From:** Meriam Zadfar <mzadfar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 4:44 PM  
**To:** Kulis, Michael <Michael.Kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Iran Divestment - Letter to Supervisors

Date: December 2, 2023

The Honorable Nora Vargas  
The Honorable Joel Anderson  
The Honorable Terra Lawson-Remer  
The Honorable Jim Desmond  
The Honorable Monica Montgomery Steppe

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Sincerely,

Afrooz M. Zadfar

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kulis, Michael](#)  
To: [RSG, Public Comment](#)  
Subject: Iran Divestment  
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:52:03 PM

From: Lara Stone <emallarastone@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:42 PM  
To: Kulis, Michael <Michael.Kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
Subject: [External] Iran Divestment

December 1, 2023

The Honorable Nora Vargas  
The Honorable Joel Anderson  
The Honorable Terra Lawson-Remer  
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Emailed To: [michael.kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:michael.kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov)

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Lara K. Stone

Signature: Lara K. Stone

City, State: Las Jolla, CA

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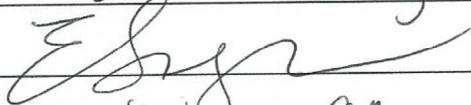
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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Elizabeth Siegler  
Signature:   
City, State: San Diego, CA

**From:** [Kulis, Michael](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Iran Divestment - Letter to Supervisors  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 5:05:06 PM

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**From:** Deborah Gruen <deborah.gruen@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 4:21 PM  
**To:** Kulis, Michael <Michael.Kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Iran Divestment - Letter to Supervisors

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Deborah Gruen

**From:** [Kulis, Michael](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 5:05:35 PM

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**From:** Patty Cohen <pcohen@lajollaresidential.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 4:17 PM  
**To:** Kulis, Michael <Michael.Kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
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858-414-4555

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Sincerely,

Printed Name: Douglas Lucas  
Signature:   
City, State: San Diego, CA

**From:** [Kulis, Michael](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Letter to Supervisors  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 5:06:50 PM

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**From:** JOSE ZYMAN <zymans@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 3:32 PM  
**To:** Kulis, Michael <Michael.Kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Letter to Supervisors

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> Date: December 2, 2023

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> Sincerely,

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> Jose Zyman

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**From:** [Angela](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] E Comment for Item 31 - 12/5/23 Board Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, December 4, 2023 9:53:28 PM

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Hello,

Someone is using people's names to submit multiple comments in opposition and in support of Item 31. Please consider this my official e-comment for Item 31 of the 12/5/23 board agenda:

Vote in opposition of item 31. I call for the County to remove this item altogether and instead introduce an item to divest from Israel for its genocide of Palestinians. Since 10/7/23, Israel has killed more than 20,000 Palestinians in Gaza, injuring at least 40,652, & killed at least 254, injuring more than 3,365 in the occupied West Bank. The majority of these victims are children and women.

**From:** [jelan mustafa](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Item 31  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:19:44 AM

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Dear County Board,

I call for the County to remove this item altogether and instead introduce an item to divest from Israel for its collective punishments resulting in the genocide of Palestinians and call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Signed,

Jelan Mustafa, MBA  
President, Sunridge Community HOA

**From:** [Tamm](#)  
**To:** [FGS, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Fraud and defamation of character  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 7:41:23 AM  
**Attachments:** [IMG\\_0037.PNG](#)

Last night I submitted a message in support of the resolution to divest from Iran. Immediately after submission someone used my name and submitted a response in opposition and added words that were not mine  
I noticed that this has happened to a lot of people in support many of whom I know  
This behavior should not be allowed and is fraud and defamation of character. I would like to see it addressed  
Tamara Litke

07:16 



 84 Public Comments



**Tamara Litke**

at December 04, 2023 at 6:04pm PST

Oppose

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**Tamara Litke**

at December 04, 2023 at 6:03pm PST

Support

No idea why we have county funds in Iran!  
Iran is anti America. Anti women. Anti  
LGBTQA+ Anti semitism and funds  
terrorism

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 [sdcounty.granicusideas.com](https://sdcounty.granicusideas.com)

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**From:** [Dan Danzig](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Dec 5 Item 31  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 7:38:45 AM

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Hello, there is a post using my name opposing item 31 on today's agenda. I voted to support the agenda item to divest from Iran. I did not write any of the text attributed to me. Please let me know asap what needs to be done to have this removed. Thank you,

Dan Danzig

248-561-1641

Sent from my iPhone

Please excuse any typos

**From:** [Bahar Davary](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Speaking against item 31  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:17:26 AM

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- I want this item to be removed. It's already in US federal law and is an abuse of taxpayer money discussing this item which is an intentional distraction from what we should be discussing, the genocide of Palestinians by the Israeli government. I want the County of San Diego to instead divest County funds to Israel & call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Since 10/7/23, Israel has killed more than 20,000 Palestinians, including at least 6,150 children & 4,000 women.

Bahar Davary

**From:** [D.B](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] public comment regarding item 31  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:52:45 PM

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Regarding item 31,

I want this item to be removed. It is already in US federal law and it is an abuse of taxpayer money on this item which is an intentional distraction from what we should be discussing, which is the genocide of Palestinians by the Israeli government. I want the County of San Diego to instead divest County funds to Israel & call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Since 10/7/23, Israel has killed more than 20,000 Palestinians, including at least 6,150 children & 4,000 women, & injured at least 40,652 Palestinians, at least 75% of them children & women. This is a genocide of Palestinians by Israel supported by the County of San Diego & the US. I want this item to be removed. I want the County of San Diego to instead divest County funds to Israel & call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kulis, Michael](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Divestment from the Islamic Republic of Iran  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:04:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [Anderson.Iranexpense.pdf](#)

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**From:** Rabbi Zalman Carlebach <[rabbi@chabaddowntown.com](mailto:rabbi@chabaddowntown.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:29 PM  
**To:** Kulis, Michael <[Michael.Kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Kulis@sdcounty.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Divestment from the Islamic Republic of Iran

Please see Letter attached

*Rabbi Zalman Carlebach*  
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S. Diego CA 92101  
619-289-8770  
[www.ChabadDowntown.com](http://www.ChabadDowntown.com)

Do a Mitzvah today for Israel <https://onemitzvah.org/israel>

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**Rabbi Zalman Carlebach**  
Director

December 1st 2023

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Sarah Sharaya](#)  
**To:** [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Item 31 removal  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6:58:47 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I want this item to be removed. It's already in US federal law and is an abuse of taxpayer money discussing this item which is an intentional distraction from what we should be discussing, the genocide of Palestinians by the Israeli government. I want the County of San Diego to instead divest County funds to Israel & call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Since 10/7/23, Israel has killed more than 20,000 Palestinians, including at least 6,150 children & 4,000 women.

Please take our pleas with utmost seriousness, we need this genocide to end.

Sincerely,

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