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Subject: Benjamin Netanyahu is directing Israel's cruel war. Congress gave him a standing ovation.
Date: Friday, July 26, 2024 12:22:18 AM

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Aram—

On Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stood in the well of the U.S. House of Representatives and received multiple standing ovations, despite a likely arrest warrant for war crimes at the International Criminal Court.

As Netanyahu basked in sustained bipartisan applause in Washington, D.C., children in Gaza were starving to death, gripped by a famine caused by Israel's ongoing blockade of food, water, and medical supplies.

And while members of Congress cheered for the Israeli premier, the Israel Defense Forces were implementing a new wave of ground attacks on Khan Younis, forcing 150,000 people to once again flee areas previously deemed “humanitarian safe zones.”

In the face of these ongoing atrocities backed by billions in U.S. military aid to Israel, The Intercept's hard-hitting reporting is needed now more than ever.

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More than 39,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023 — the majority women and children — and even those horrific numbers almost certainly underestimate the true death toll.

Yet the devastation of Gaza has mostly disappeared from the front page and cable news, and as the U.S. presidential election approaches this November, the war will receive less and less attention.

Meanwhile, the few U.S. journalists with the independence and expertise to challenge Israel have been largely sidelined — or in some cases, fired.

But while other U.S. news outlets lose interest in Israel's war on Gaza and uncritically pass along Israeli propaganda, we're doubling down, partnering with courageous reporters in the war zone to expose the truth, while hiring additional political reporters to help hold the Biden administration accountable for enabling the slaughter.

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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Re: (Henry) My stand on Israel
Date: Sunday, July 28, 2024 8:45:16 PM

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On Sun, Jul 28, 2024 at 7:36 PM Aram James <[REDACTED]> wrote:

7/27/2024

Hi Henry,

Thanks for reaching out on this issue. I favor putting Netanyahu and his cabinet on trial for war crimes/genocide as a starter. I believe Israel is a rogue nation and must return all stolen land from 1948 to the Palestinian people—a one-vote, one-person democracy is the only way to cure the sins of the Zionist colonizers. The Israelis must engage in massive reparations as well. Israel must give up its military, army, navy, air force, and nuclear weapons. The US must also pay reparations for our complicity in generations of genocide perpetrated on the Palestinian people. I look forward to discussing these issues in person as your campaign for a seat on the city council proceeds.

Best regards.

Aram James, aka Avram Finkelstein

From: [Roy Kornbluh](#)
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Subject: El Camino Park bicycle path safety issue
Date: Monday, August 5, 2024 9:07:25 PM
Attachments: [El Camino Park bike path access issue map.pdf](#)

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Dear Palo Alto Transportation Official,

I would like to bring a long-standing transportation and safety issue to your attention. The issue is the difficulty in accessing the northern end of the bicycle/pedestrian path through El Camino Park for bicyclists traveling from Menlo Park or down Palo Alto Avenue.

Specifically, the path cannot be legally or safely accessed without dismounting and then walking the bicycle through three or four pedestrian signals. Please see the attached slides that indicate the location and issue. The issue is of particular importance as it is a primary means of safely traveling across the two bicycle bridges that cross San Francisquito Creek from Menlo Park at El Palo Alto Park and Waverly Street.

While this access has been a problem for many years, it is worthy of particular attention now because Palo Alto is considering a redesign of transportation within El Camino Park. We are referring to the proposed Quarry Road extension to allow better access to the Palo Alto Transit Center. Solutions to that issue could also potentially benefit cyclists.

There are several possible solutions to the bicycle access issue. One is to provide a protected or marked crossing with a wider bidirectional path on Alma Street (which may extend onto the ample border of the park outside of the park fence). The purpose of this letter is not to definitively promote a single solution, but to start the process that will correct this safety issue.

We hope that, given the upcoming improvements associated with the El Camino Real bike lanes and proposed Quarry Road transit connection, this intersection will be added to the Bicycle and Pedestrian plan as a priority area for improvements. While we recognize that this area may be subject to significant changes as part of the grade separation for Caltrain, such changes could be years away. We should not wait years to address this current safety issue.


We look forward to learning about how this long-standing issue can be addressed to encourage safe cycling for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roy Kornbluh

Downtown North resident since 1994, Bicycle Commuter

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Subject: Addition of employee permits to Evergreen Park
Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 5:34:27 PM

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Dear Nathan,

Thank you for informing the residents of Evergreen Park of your decision to add 50 employee permits to the Evergreen Park residential neighborhood.

I must admit that I am very disappointed that you chose to come to this decision by talking only to the businesses and offices along ECR, and did not come to the residents to discuss this proposal and seek our opinion as to possible ways to ameliorate the poor consequences of such a proposal for the neighborhood. And, it appears that the City has plans to add even more permits to our neighborhood should the businesses simply request them in the future -- with no consideration given to the residents.

I am also disappointed that apparently the City did not follow through on its earlier assurances to us that College Terrace -- another neighborhood that borders on ECR -- would also be considered to participate in helping the local businesses along ECR. Once again, instead, Evergreen Park is being asked to assume almost all of the damage from the State's decision to eliminate parking along ECR, save for only 5 permits to be allocated to Southgate. Only ECR is being asked to once again become an overflow parking lot for the City.

It is disappointing that the Staff's report is deficient in presenting sufficient description of any data used to understand its accuracy as a representative picture of the neighborhood. And, it is disappointing that once again, a neighborhood is being evaluated along the lines of a commercial parking lot -- 85% parking coverage is fine for a parking lot, but not a residential community. Once again, we are back to the overflow parking definition -- but only for Evergreen Park.

I will be following up with a formal letter to the City Council prior to its meeting next Monday evening. I believe there are ways to mitigate the harm you are planning for my neighborhood. As we have in the past, we support the small businesses along ECR, but we feel it is important for the City to take every step it can to work within the current Comprehensive Plan for the City: to encourage and support businesses, but not at the expense of residential areas. There are some other solutions that could help.

When the State presented its proposal, the talk was all about no one needed parking because (1) we want to reduce cars, and (2) everyone would bike or walk. Apparently, that is not the case as the pressure to provide parking attests. And, apparently, we can't even ask that employees walk a few blocks for their low cost parking permits -- although I must admit I do not know if the City is still selling permits and, if so, at what price. There is plenty of parking available within a reasonable distance. Nor am I aware of any current enforcement efforts taking place in Evergreen Park.

I look forward to discussing our ideas with the Council and the Staff if we are given the opportunity to do so. We would respectfully ask that the residents be given their chance to weigh in on decisions the City seeks to make that will affect the quality of life in their neighborhood.

Carol Scott

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Carol Scott