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To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Invitation for the PTS Commissioners
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:49:42 AM

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Good Morning,

I would like to invite each of the PTS Commissioners to drive by the two properties located at 2147 and 2149 Yale Street in the neighborhood of College Terrace, if they wish, to view the residential setting in person.

We have an agenda item scheduled for the next PTS meeting on February 22, 2023.

Thank you,

Kathryn Gelman and Firth Griffith

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Reduce anti-semitism by supporting the human rights of the Palestinian people. Stop the expansion of the settlements. Stop murdering unarmed Palestinian people. Israel must tell the United States we don't want your billions in annual financial aid. The billions in annual financial aid that goes to Israel instead must go to the Palestinian people to rebuilt their infrastructure, hospitals, schools and more. The state of Israel must end the practice of collective punishment. Israel must pay reparations to the Palestinian people for stealing their land and for multiple and ongoing human rights violations.

Aram James (proud of my Jewish Heritage)

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On Feb 15, 2023, at 10:00 AM, Jessica Blitchok, JCRC [REDACTED] wrote:



The phrase *kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh* (Talmud, *Shavuot 39a*), meaning all of Israel are responsible for each other, is the basis of the notion of communal responsibility in Jewish law.

Simply by virtue of being a Jew one is responsible for the well-being of other Jews.

As an organization grounded in Jewish values, one of the key pillars of our work is focused on the well being of the Jewish people here, in Israel, and around the world. The unprecedented protests in Israel, centered on the proposed overhaul of the judiciary, brings the attention of all of us to this moment.

For a broader overview of what is going on in Israel, **this recent New York Times** article is a good place to start. The poll by the Jewish People Policy Institute shows that 44% support, and 41% oppose the changes, deeply dividing the country. The supporters of the proposed changes believe there is a need for greater parity between elected lawmakers and an unelected judiciary. Those opposed to the changes believe that the proposals would remove essential checks and balances, give too much power to the government, and endanger minority rights.

At the beginning of this month, Matti Friedman, Yossi Klein-Halevi, and Daniel Gordis **issued an open letter** to North American Jews calling for engagement. Additional calls for engagement on the issue of Israel's proposed judiciary changes are coming from major denominations (Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist) and national Jewish institutions (e.g. National Council of Jewish Women, Israel Policy Forum, Shalom Hartman Institute). They have joined together to offer a webinar **this Thursday, February 16 at 11 am PT** on this consequential moment and the role of North American Jews in securing Israel's future.

In the South Bay, our Israeli family has been deeply engaged on this issue and is asking for American Jews to get informed and if so moved, to get engaged. Galit Lipsitz Goldenthal, an Israeli ex-pat involved in several local Jewish institutions, including the JCRC, says,

"I used to believe that those who do not live in Israel cannot truly understand it and should not express opinions on it, neither from the right nor from the left. As I see my homeland changing and drifting further away from basic democratic principles, I am afraid for it. We now find ourselves at a point where Israel is on the brink of passing laws that will nullify judicial independence thus losing its only check and balance against any government legislation and we are alone. This time let me be loud and clear: we need the support of anyone who embraces the right for a Jewish Democratic state to exist in the land of Israel. Please listen, learn and speak up for it. There is no other state of Israel."

Maya Tripp, Israeli and professional in the local Jewish community shares:

"Now, more than ever, I'd like to invite you to look at Israel through loving eyes. Many of you have a piece of you in Israel, and see it as a place with special meaning. Educate yourself, think about the future of Israel and what you can do now to continue to be proud of the place and its people in the future, and speak up. Don't be silent when Israel is going through an extreme change. Tomorrow might be too late."

Many of those active in the Israeli community in the Bay Area are working to organize a collective response through unxceptable.org.

In community,

Jessica Blitchok

Director, Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Silicon Valley

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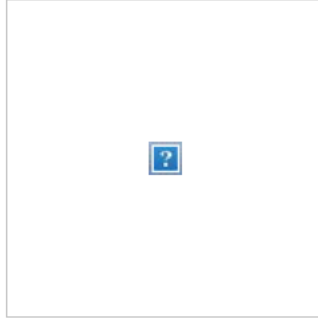
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