

Protect Your City

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Fighting Radical Sub-Nationalism

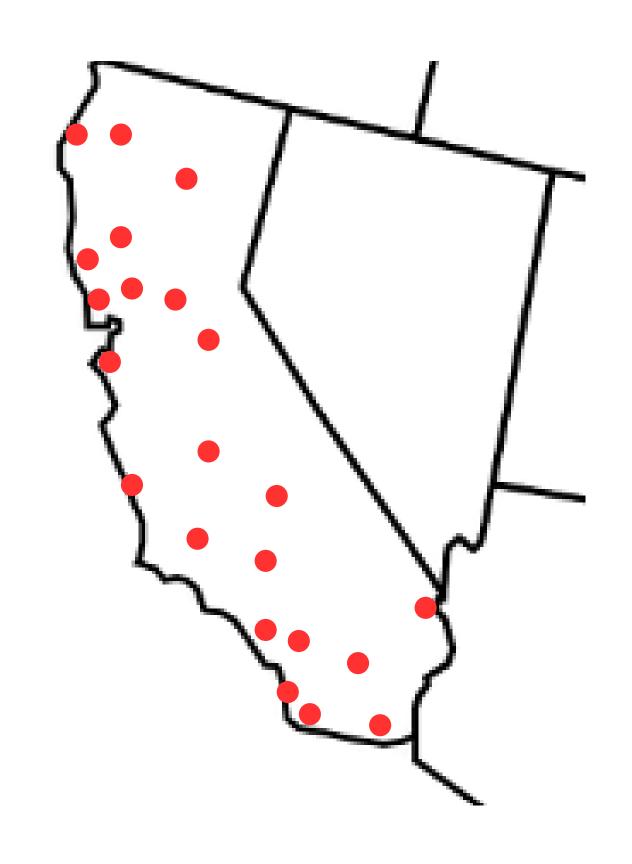


Imagine a city like San Diego, CA...

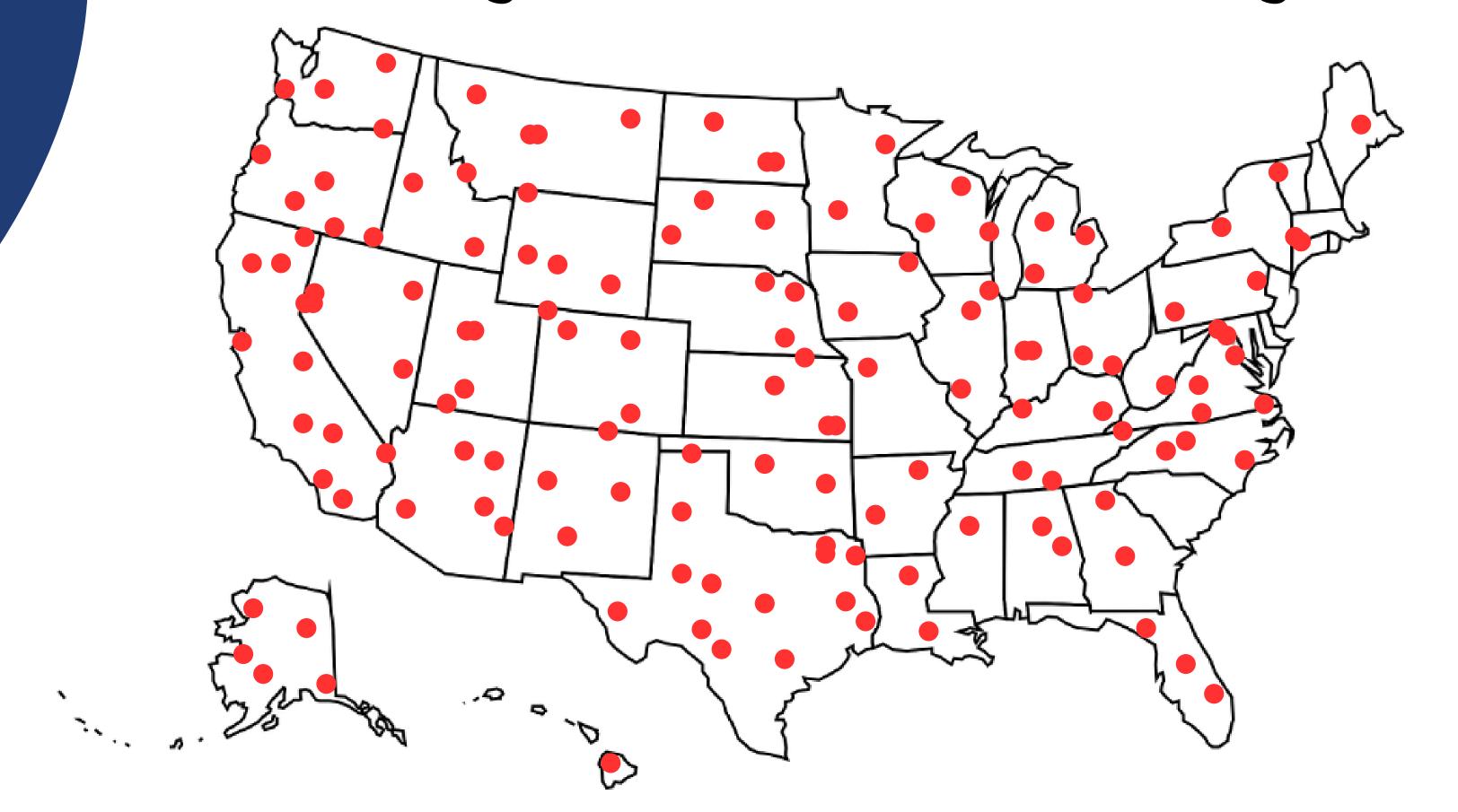


- Severing ties with Israeli sister cities
- Twinning with Gaza
- Divesting \$ Millions from Israeli companies
- Breaking ties with companies & institutions recognizing Israel
- Creating "Apartheid Free Zones"

Now Imagine most of California cities doing this



Now Imagine most of US cities doing this



Now Imagine many of the cities in the west doing this



So this is what we're facing...

The "Backdoor Strategy" of the BDS shadow network

When they can't win in national politics, they go local — infiltrating city halls and targeting mayors and councilors.

They pressure local leaders into passing international declarations and binding policies — many times without real resistance — turning cities into pawns in global conflicts and sidestepping the democratic national process entirely.



Since the early 2000s, this shadow netwrok has launched an aggressive, city-by-city campaign, one municipal vote at a time. Their goal: Launder legitimacy for extremist groups, bypass national law, funnel symbolic and real resources, and radicalize city politics from the bottom up.





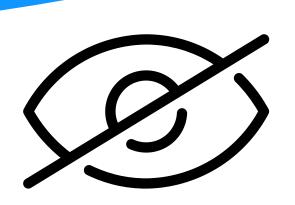
Organized to Agitate

These groups are highly coordinated, armed with mobile apps, scripted speeches, traveling operatives, and precise instructions on how to bird-dog and harass politicians, how to avoid arrest, and what to do if they are arrested.



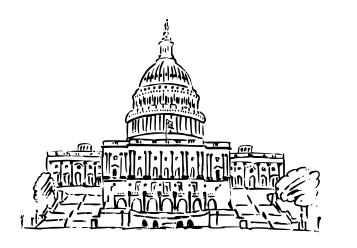
This shadow network works in two main ways:





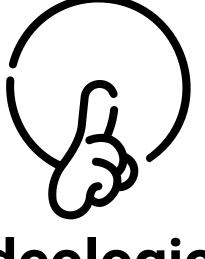
Hidden Agendas

Sneaky framing as culture/aid/humanitarian partnerships, but their actual function is to grant legitimacy, access, municipal budgets, and global platforms to radical and terror-linked actors.



Bypassing National Policy

These agreements often circumvent national foreign policy and accountability, making the city's resources, reputation, and even public funds a tool in the broader campaign.



Ideological Infiltration

Once adopted, these partnerships can push city-sponsored events, funding, school exchanges, and city branding—all filtered through the ideological screen of bad actors.

YEAR	CITY	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	PALISTENIAN Partner	TYPE OF AGREEMENT	CURRENT STATUS
1996	Dunkirk	France	Europe	Gaza	Official	Suspended/inac- tive during conflict
1998	Barcelona	Spain	Europe	Gaza	Official	Active
1999	Turin	Italy	Europe	Gaza	Official	Active
2000	Cascais	Portugal	Europe	Gaza	Official	Active
2001	Tromsø	Norway	Europe	Gaza	Official	Active
2004	Alessandria	Italy	Europe	Jericho	Official	Active
2010	Cáceres	Spain	Europe	Gaza	Official	Active
2011	Muscatine	USA	North America	Ramallah	Official	Active
2013	Tabriz	Iran	Asia	Gaza	Official	Active
2016	Boulder	USA	North America	Nablus	Official	Active
2019	Oxford	UK	Europe	Ramallah	Official	Active
2023	Dublin	Ireland	Europe	Ramallah	Friendship agreement	Active
2024	Izmir	Türkiye	Asia/Europe	Gaza	City Council de- clared intent	In process/not finalized
2024	Irvine	USA	North America	Gaza	Mayor declared intent	Not implemented
2024	Arcata	USA	North America	Gaza	Activist-led pro- posal	In process
2025	Marseille	France	Europe	Palestinian city (undecided)	Mayor declared intent	In process



The repercussions of twinning:

1. Transfer of funds (directly to the ruling entity)

2. Transfer of people (Hamas headed your way)

3. Transfer of resources

A letter from the mayor of Gaza city (a Hamas elected official!) to a Mayor of a US city asking the two cities to be twinned:



Civic Center Plaza P.O. Box 19575 Irvine, California 92623-957 USA

Dear Honorable Mayor: Farrah Khan

Subject: Proposal for City Twinning Between Gaza City and Irvine

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you on behalf of the citizens and the Municipality of Gaza to express our sincere interest in establishing a twinning relationship with the distinguished city of Irvine. We believe that a formal partnership between our two cities would foster mutual understanding, cultural exchange, and economic collaboration, enhancing the well-being and prosperity of both communities.

Gaza city is located in Gaza Strip - Palestine. Our city is renowned for its historic and vibrant urban center with a rich cultural heritage dating back thousands of years. As the largest city in the Palestine in terms of the number of residents, it serves as a crucial economic, political, and cultural hub for the region. Despite facing significant challenges, including political conflict and economic hardship, Gaza City is renowned for its resilient and resourceful population, its bustling markets, and its deep-rooted traditions in arts, cuisine, and craftsmanship. We envision that a twinning agreement with Irvine would open avenues for collaboration in areas such as:

- Cultural Exchange: Promoting artistic and cultural programs, events, and festivals that highlight the rich traditions and contemporary arts of our respective cities.
- Educational Collaboration: Facilitating student and academic exchanges, joint research projects, and educational initiatives that benefit our young generations and academic institutions.
- 3. Economic Development: Encouraging business partnerships, trade missions, and investment opportunities that support economic growth and innovation in both cities.
- Tourism Promotion: Developing joint tourism campaigns that showcase the unique attractions and experiences our cities have to offer to a global audience.
- Sustainable Development: Sharing best practices and collaborating on initiatives aimed at urban sustainability, environmental conservation, and smart city solutions.





Targeted Divestment

Divestment motions:
Calls to withdraw city
funds or pension
investments from any
company that does
business with Israel.



Public Condemnations

"Solidarity"
declarations: Official
statements denouncing
"Israeli policy," designed
to isolate and
delegitimize Israel in the
public sphere.



Boycott by Culture

Cultural, educational, and symbolic boycotts:
Denials of cooperation with Israeli artists, academics, and civil society organizations.



So how does it look like?

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They disguise themselves with soft language — "anti-war," "environmentally conscious," "pro-peace." But behind the words lies a coordinated strategy to pressure and overwhelm politicians into compliance.

They show up as different NGOs with fluffy names. It looks ethical. It sounds peaceful. But it's nothing more than a tactical mask for the same agenda.



Public comment has been broadly and consistently focused on israel's genocide in Palestine since Oct 2023

Questions about CalPERS investments have been posed by the public since at least December 2024.

Councilmembers Shaeffer and White have expressed a desire to their fellow council members that they discuss ivestment from weapons of war and genócide.

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ACTION

#NoPrideInApartheid Toolkit

uscpr.org/NoPrideInApartheid #StopPinkwashing #ProtectTransKids #FreePalestine

As Palestinians of all gender & sexual identities are resisting Israel's ongoing genocide, and trans people around the world are under attack from right-wing institutions and politicians, we must join together to build safety and justice for all.

From the U.S. to Palestine, queer and trans people have resisted oppression for decades. In Palestine, queer and trans Palestinians face parallel struggles against apartheid Israel's violent oppression, and against restrictive norms within their own society, the product of past British and ongoing Israeli colonialism. In the U.S., queer liberation has also meant fighting racism, patriarchy, and police violence directed at those on the margins, from the 1960s Compton's Cafeteria riot & Stonewall Uprising to supporting Black trans sex workers and trans youth seeking affirming care today.

Join us in taking action with <u>LGBTQIA2S+</u> people this Pride Month. We'll challenge the fascist right and take on pinkwashing: when a government, organization, or company appeals to LGBTQIA2S+ people in order to deflect attention from its harmful practices (Decolonizing Palestine).

In this toolkit:

1. Print Posters for Pride

3. Show Your Solidarity

2. Challenge Pinkwashing on Social Media

4. Explore & share political education resources:

UPDATE: USCPR and MASGD have launched a new action toolkit. Check out the new No Pride in Genocide toolkit.

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KITSPLAI VADEMECUM PER GLI ADERENTI

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Il presente documento, contiene le risposte a domande frequenti.

È pensato per dare supporto a chi sceglie di aderire alla campagna e viene aggiornato periodicamente.



City Council Toolkit: Divest!

A guide on organizing for local resolutions to divest from genocide #StopArmingIsrael Share this public guide: bit.ly/CityCouncilToolkit

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TOP RESOURCES

- 1. Your Toolbox (scroll down to second section): NotMyTaxDollars.org/resources
- 2. BNC's Toolkit with example campaigns
- **BNC's Your City Can Join the BDS Movement**
- USCPR's BDS page: Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions
- AFSC's Divestment Guide including divestment list and BDS office hours
- USCPR's Stop Gaza Genocide toolkit
- Sample local campaign toolkits:
 - a. Sample In-Depth Educational & Action Toolkit: St. Louis
 - b. Sample City Council Toolkit for Individual Calling, Emailing: New Haven CT
- 8. Priority Campaign Targets:
 - a. Chevron: Stop Fueling Genocide, Apartheid, and Climate Disaster
 - i. uscpr.org/ChevronToolkit
 - b. Maersk: Cut Ties with Genocide
 - c. Break Israel Bonds



And this is happening worldwide!

Background

What is the National General Assembly (NGA)?

The 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government will be held from 2 - 4 July in Canberra.

The NGA is an official gathering of local councils, which aims to create a united voice on core issues that affect local communities. Several hundred delegates from local councils across Australia attend in person or online, to move and debate resolutions.

Critically, this is a forum where local councils can influence and exert pressure on the Federal Government on key issues, with each motion passed on to the relevant Federal Minister.

The Australian Government continues to neglect to take action that would help end the ongoing genocide in Gaza, so we plan to use the NGA as an opportunity to put pressure on Federal Government via our local councils, many of whom have already passed motions calling for a ceasefire and an end to the occupation.



From "Cute" to Critical

Most people see the Twin Cities Alliance as harmless — with zero awareness that it's part of a bigger plan threatening our Western way of life.

It's time to treat City Hall as a battlefield.

They've moved through the city halls with little resistance — until now. We must speak up at every opportunity, wake the sleepers, and rally the awakened to stop them in their tracks

Our Joint Mission: Stop Subnationalism at the Roots



Expose their strategy

Local moves rarely make the news, so we first must expose this startegy.



Inform the public

Reach city residents and inform them of what's happening inside their council.



Keep city halls local

Ensure decisions serve the community, not outside agendas.

How does a win look like?

As a city councilwoman (who is also running for Mayor), said:

"We have the responsibility to address issues that directly impact the lives of our constituents, and by diverting our attention to international conflicts, we risk neglecting the pressing needs of all of those residents who have entrusted me as a representative."

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