

Mr. Gascon,

We are appalled by your failure to condemn the unthinkable acts of terror against Israeli citizens and international visitors, perpetrated by Hamas, a United States designated terror organization.

In the early morning of 7 October 2023, trained terrorists of Hamas invaded Israel in an unprecedented attack and committed the following atrocities:

- Raining thousands of missiles on civilian populations;
- Assassinating over twelve hundred people, including at least twelve American citizens;
- Murdering forty infants in one kibbutz, and severing many of their heads;
- Slaughtering two hundred and sixty young people at a peace concert;
- Murdering children in front of their parents, and parents in front of their children;
- Gang raping women, and in at least once instance, parading the naked body of their rape victim;
- Sending audio recordings of the women being raped to their families;
- Posting photos of the mangled bodies of their victims on family member social media pages (in some instances, the parents' DNA was required to identify the mutilated bodies);
- Carving the fetus out of a pregnant woman's uterus;
- Taking over one hundred and fifty hostages, including children, the elderly and handicapped, a Holocaust survivor, and American citizens;

If just one of these acts had occurred in Los Angeles County, we would be horrified and expect vigorous prosecution.

To put this heinous terrorist attack in perspective:

- The two hundred and sixty civilians killed at the Re'im music festival would be the largest mass shooting in U.S. history - more than four times that of the Las Vegas massacre;
- Proportionally, the more than twelve hundred massacred would be the equivalent of over thirty thousand US citizens;
- This is the largest loss of Jewish life in a single day since the Holocaust, almost all of whom were civilians;

Your Jewish attorneys and their colleagues are imploring you to explain why, since you comment publicly on virtually every newsworthy loss of life around the world, from an outbreak of war to the death of a beloved California senator, you have not seen fit to acknowledge, much less express condolences for the unimaginable terrorist actions of Hamas against civilians in Israel this past week. And why, when you repeatedly post on social media and train about the vicarious trauma we sustain while supporting victims of crime in Los Angeles, you have not offered the services of the Bureau of Victim Services (BVS) and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) counseling when so many of us have lost friends, relatives, friends of friends, or are simply reeling from generational trauma as the children and grandchildren of survivors of prior antisemitic mass murder? We are at a loss and await your response.

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