

concern regarding petition

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To: Schewel, Steve

Dear Mayor Schewel,

On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Durham Chapel Hill, I wanted to reach out regarding the petition that is being circulated to boycott the partnership between the Durham Police and the Israeli Defense Forces. I am deeply concerned that the rhetoric in the petition, and in the recent article in the Indy, portray an anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic sentiment. Both provide, what many would argue, are inaccurate facts that are one sided, from an organization that supports boycotting Israel. This is a deeply complicated issue that stirs many strong emotions. I would hope those evaluating such a partnership would make a decision, not based on the simplified portrayal of a complex political situation that is Israel, but rather based on what benefits such a partnership may bring to Durham. I would be happy to speak further with you regarding this if you would like.

Thank you,
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