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A coalition of groups representing over 1000 Durham voters wants to meet with you!

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Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 9:15 PM

To: "campaign@stevefordurham.com" <campaign@stevefordurham.com>, Steve Schewel <steveschewel@gmail.com>

Cc: Tom Stern <tomstern@durhamlawoffice.com>

Dear

Mr. Schewel/Steve:

I

am writing you as a Durham voter and member of the Demilitarize! From Durham2Palestine campaign. The Durham2Palestine campaign was formed by a coalition of 10 Durham-based community organizations, anchored by Jewish Voice for Peace - Triangle NC. We are very concerned about Durham's participation in a police exchange program with Israel which is described below. The member organizations of this local coalition are set out in the bottom of this email - collectively we have more than 1000 Durham voters as members.

In

recent public forums, nearly all the candidates expressed opposition to abusive tactics that could result from police exchanges between Durham and Israel. In addition, virtually all candidates signed a petition calling for an immediate end to "any partnerships that the Durham Police Department has or might enter into with the Israeli Defense Forces and/or the Israeli Police."

Our

coalition is very interested in meeting with you as one of the candidates in the Durham Mayor and Council races to discuss

your

position on police exchanges with Israel. Please let us know when we can set up a meeting with you at your earliest convenience.

Here's
some background information:

Our
Police Chief, Cerelyn Davis, while Atlanta Police Division Commander, organized a program that sent her officers
to Israel
to train with the Israel Police, the Israel Defense Forces, and agents from Israel's intelligence and security services. Former Durham Police Chief Jose Lopez also went on a similar trip in 2008. These trips facilitate the exchange of law enforcement worst practices, including increasing the use of military equipment and tactics in policing, framing protest movements as military threats, spying and surveillance, employing shoot to kill policies, and heightened racial profiling and targeting.

The
programs grew out of a post-9/11 trend to bring counter-terrorism logics, technology and tactics into policing and immigration policy in the U.S. This can be seen in the
increasing
criminalization
of everyday life in communities of color,
intrusive surveillance
particularly in Muslim communities,
violent
repression
of Indigenous-led
movements, the importation of military tactics, technologies and weapons from the
war on terror into domestic policing,
and unprecedented deportations fueled by the
intertwining
of immigration and counterterrorism
policies.
Law enforcement exchange programs under the banner of Israeli counterterrorism expertise contribute to these deadly trends by encouraging even deeper application of counterterror and counter-insurgency models into domestic policing, immigration, and surveillance
policies and practices.

Youth Project 100 - Durham Chapter
Durham
for All
Inside
Outside Alliance
Jewish
Voice for Peace - Triangle Chapter
Muslim
American Public Affairs Council
Muslims
for Social Justice
SpiritHouse
Students
for Justice in Palestine - Duke
Students
for Justice in Palestine - UNC-CH

In

addition, the Campaign has been endorsed by the following organizations:

Alerta

Migratoria

Balance

& Accuracy in Journalism

Black

Workers for Justice

Coalition

for Peace With Justice

Movement

to End Racism and Islamophobia (MERI)

NC

Piedmont Democratic Socialists of America

NC

Stop Torture Now

Salaam

Shalom group of Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill

Triangle

Chapter Resource Generation

Triangle

SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice)

Veterans

for Peace


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To: Steve Schewel <steveschewel@gmail.com>

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Oh sorry, just saw that you're in touch with them. Nevermind!

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