

# Claim

Claim: "



This image shows a traffic sign in Montreal in July 2024 which displays a 'Free Palestine. Escalate now' message and was authorized by Montreal's Mayor Valérie Plante."

## Actions

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geolocate(![image 13] (media/15.jpg))  
web_search("Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante Free Palestine")  
image_search("Free Palestine sign Montreal")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **geolocate**

The most likely countries where the image was taken are: {'Palestine': 0.85, 'Canada': 0.07, 'Germany': 0.02, 'Austria': 0.01, 'Israel': 0.01, 'Poland': 0.01, 'Slovenia': 0.01, 'South Korea': 0.01, 'Albania': 0.0, 'Andorra': 0.0}

### Evidence from **web\_search**

The Suburban published an article about Mayor Valérie Plante being served by bailiff regarding pro-Palestinian electronic signs that displayed messages like "Free Palestine.



Escalate now" ( ). The signs were criticized for conveying anti-Israel messages and were brought to the attention of the authorities by Hampstead Mayor Jeremy Levi. The Maple reported on the City of Montreal's removal of pro-Palestine signs, and that the city is facing legal action. The article also mentions that Jeremy Levi called on Montreal Mayor Valerie Plante to "take a stand and restore order in our city" regarding the signs (



). CTV News reported that Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante held a news conference to comment on pro-Palestinian protests (





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Sources:

- [https://www.thesuburban.com/news/city\\_news/plante-served-over-pro-palestinian-electronic-signs/article\\_e0143fdc-d532-5ecf-9a66-095ad0ee8ab9.html](https://www.thesuburban.com/news/city_news/plante-served-over-pro-palestinian-electronic-signs/article_e0143fdc-d532-5ecf-9a66-095ad0ee8ab9.html)
- <https://www.ctvnews.ca/montreal/article/montreal-mayor-says-friday-pro-palestinian-protests-were-taken-over-by-professional-vandals/>
- <https://www.readthemaple.com/city-of-montreal-illegally-seized-pro-palestine-signs-activists-allege/>

### **Evidence from image\_search**

The Globe and Mail reported on a traffic sign in Montreal displaying "Free Palestine. Escalate now" (



). Another source shows a building in Montreal with a Palestine flag and the slogan "Palestine Libre" painted on the brick walls (



