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The leader of an Independent Socialist political group has hit out after a pro-**Palestine protest** was shut down.

The Local Democracy Reporting Service understands several protesters submitted a petition to Haringey Council but were -denied the right to speak- at a meeting at Tottenham Town Hall on March 14.

Independent Socialist councillor Lotte Collett - one of three to quit Haringey Labour last year and form the new political group - was present and said the protesters defended their right to speak before being -cleared out- by security staff on the orders of the mayor, who chairs council meetings.

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In footage, protesters are seen being ushered out by security, with some instances of resistance.

Cllr Lotte Collett. Photo: Haringey Council

Cllr Collett claimed some of the women were handled in an -aggressive manner- while the men were treated -more respectfully-.

In video uploaded to Twitter, a man is shown playing the sound of drones from a phone while he calls out: -This is the sound of drones that kids in Gaza have to listen to every single day.-

He also called for the council to divest from pension fund investments linked to illegal Israeli settlements and the supply of weapons to Israel, while demanding a ceasefire.

A woman also stood in the public gallery holding a Palestinian flag and said: -A rebel borough? When you have known since July 2022 that you invested in arms companies like Lockheed Martin and Elbit Systems.-

Earlier this month Haringey was awarded the -London Borough of Culture- for 2027 with a campaign dubbed -Rebel Borough-.

Cllr Peray Ahmet. Photo: Haringey Labour

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In response to the **protest**, council leader Cllr Peray Ahmet said she remains -focused on delivering for our residents- and that the council -does not have a remit over foreign policy-.

Cllr Collett quit the Labour Party last year over what she described as the -quite serious diktat coming from Labour HQ-. She said: -We-re silenced on things, certainly silenced on Gaza, that-s not to say it-s coming from any members within the local party, it-s coming from Labour HQ."

She also says that -unlike many others around the country- Haringey Council had taken a stance that no statement would be made that was pro-Gaza.

But Cllr Ahmet said the protesters at last week-s meeting had -overstepped the mark- by taking -direct action to actively disrupt" the meeting.

She said footage showed the council security's response was "not overly aggressive".

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## Void peace treaty with Israel: Moroccans join Jordanian protests

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Thousands of protesters have rallied in Jordan and Morocco in solidarity with the Palestinians, who have been subjected to a genocidal Israeli war for nearly six months, calling for severing ties with the occupying regime.

Protesters rallied near the Israeli embassy in the Jordanian capital Amman on Thursday for the fifth consecutive day, carrying Palestinian flags and placards reading "Amman-Gaza one destiny."

Chanting "No Zionist embassy on Jordanian land," the demonstrators called on their government to close the Israeli embassy and cancel the 1994 so-called peace treaty that normalized ties with Tel Aviv.

They also expressed their support for the Palestinian resistance and chanted slogans against Israel and the US.

The **protest** took place amid a high-security presence that was aimed at curbing the number of protesters.

Dozens of Jordanians were arrested in previous days, trying to reach the Israeli embassy as others were beaten.

While the embassy is currently without a diplomatic mission after Israel's ambassador left Amman in October and Jordan recalled its ambassador in November in **protest** at the war on Gaza, protesters have said that the embassy has partially resumed operations.

"Our demands include the complete closure of the Israeli embassy. We have heard that the embassy has partially resumed operations. Additionally, we call for the cessation of the land bridge," Mohammed al-Abssi told Middle East Eye.

He was referring to reports that the Persian Gulf Arab countries are trucking products to Israel via Jordan to avoid Yemen's pro-**Palestine** attacks that target Israeli-linked ships in the Red Sea.

Mohammed was one of thousands of Jordanians who have been surrounding the Israeli embassy in Amman for the past few days.

A member of the Ataharrak movement against normalization with Israel, he said the siege of the embassy is part of the angry **protests** that erupted after the onset of the war in October.

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"The siege of the embassy has intensified in response to the blockade of the Shifa complex and al-Aqsa Mosque," he added.

Israel has been attacking and laying siege to al-Shifa medical complex since March 18, and imposed tightened restrictions on Palestinian worshipers' access to al-Aqsa Mosque during the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

Jordanian protesters call on govt. to cancel peace treaty with Israel Jordanians have rallied near the Israeli embassy in Amman, calling on the government to cancel its peace treaty with Israel over the Gaza war.

Khaled al-Juhani, a member of the National Forum Supporting Resistance, said that even though the Israeli embassy was closed, "this movement still sees it as a symbol of normalization despite the ongoing genocide".

"The Jordanian people categorically reject normalization and embrace resistance as an option," he said.

"Today, it is the duty of the Jordanian authorities to begin thinking and acting in a manner that aligns with the aspirations of its people and reconciles with their will."

In Morocco, people took to the streets of Casablanca, Meknes, and other cities on Thursday, waving Palestinian flags and decrying Israel's genocide against Palestinians.

They urged an immediate ceasefire as per the UN Security Council resolution adopted earlier this week, and reiterated the demand to cut ties with the Israeli regime.

Morocco, along with the UAE, Bahrain, and Sudan, signed US-brokered normalization agreements with the Israeli regime in 2020, drawing condemnations from Palestinians who slammed the deals as "a stab in the back of the Palestinian cause and the Palestinian people."

Tunisia also saw similar **protests** in solidarity with Palestinians, with hundreds marching in Sfax and calling for an end to the Israeli genocide in Gaza.

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## POLLACK | CML's Disruptive Protests Go Too Far

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In light of ongoing protests by the Coalition of Mutual Liberation - a group that has stated its intention to repeatedly disrupt the activities of the University - The Cornell Daily Sun has published several letters from our faculty colleagues that support the rights of these students, staff and faculty to violate expressive activity policies at Cornell, both the Interim Expressive Activity Policy and pre-existing policies, particularly rules preventing the disruption of classroom teaching, studying in the library and other university activities.

While we understand and respect the passion underlying this support, and deeply respect the faculty who have written, we feel compelled to publicly express a different position. By calling for the administration of Cornell to ignore disruptive protests and disregard enforcement of rules that govern expressive conduct, our colleagues neglect our collective responsibility to protect the rights of all community members to teach and learn in a non-disruptive environment. Protecting these rights is not just required by federal law: It is also our obligation, consistent with our core values, to foster a community that is welcoming and caring, "where students, faculty and staff with different perspectives, abilities, and experiences can learn, innovate, and work in an environment of respect." Disruptive protests by some trample on the rights of others to enjoy that environment of respectful learning and work.

We can and should have a robust campus discussion about what "disruptive" means: how much is tolerated in support of free expression and where the line is drawn. But the notion that some protestors can violate the rights of others because they "have disrupted business as usual to protest the University's conduct amid the horrifying, ongoing assault on Palestinian populations," or because "... the purpose of protest is precisely to disrupt" and "a non-disruptive protest is no protest at all," is one that privileges some in our community with more rights than others. We would ask our colleagues: If the rules governing expressive activity are not content-neutral, who makes the decision about which causes are sufficient to accept disruption of the rights of others? And in all cases, how much infringement on the rights of others is acceptable?

If we are to foster a community of belonging, we need to respect and balance everyone's rights. That is not always easy, and it does not mean that disruptive protests should be met with sanctions that are so severe that they chill free expression by subjecting protestors to draconian punishments. But it does mean that actions that infringe on the rights of others must have consequences. We have stated and are moving forward with our plan to convene a group of faculty, staff and students that includes members of our shared governance bodies, to consider how we can continue to evolve thoughtful principles of conduct that value and respect the rights of our community to freely and vigorously express their views, while also establishing the points at which that expressive activity infringes on the rights of others.

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The University Insider is The Daily's first faculty and staff-oriented newsletter. This weekly newsletter will give U-M faculty and staff the ability to see the most important issues on campus and in Ann Arbor - particularly those related to administrative decisions - from the perspective of an independent news organization. It will also provide a better understanding of student perspectives.

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More than 600 University of Michigan students and Ann Arbor community members rallied on the Diag Thursday afternoon, calling on the University to divest from companies profiting from the Israeli military campaign in Gaza. The **protest** - the largest pro-**Palestine protest** this past year - included a march down East University Avenue, through the Ross School of Business and through the Michigan Union before returning to the Diag.

During the rally, student representatives from each of the U-M student organizations that make up the TAHRIR Coalition, a coalition of more than 90 pro-**Palestine** U-M organizations, took the stage to demand divestment. Shortly after, the TAHRIR Coalition announced the voting results for the Divest! Don't Arrest People's Referendum. The referendum, which was organized by Students Allied for Freedom and Equality, outlines three action items: for the University to immediately divest from companies that profit from the Israeli military campaign, provide full disclosure of all University investments every fiscal quarter and drop all charges against student protesters.

According to voting results obtained by The Michigan Daily, there were 3,251 valid votes cast. Of these valid votes, 3,204 people voted yes, 39 voted no and 8 chose to abstain.

The emergency rally was announced after the University sent an email to the campus community Wednesday night asking for feedback on a draft policy that would prohibit U-M community members from engaging in any activities that disrupt University operations. The rally comes after University President Santa Ono sent an email Tuesday evening to the campus community denouncing the interruption at the University's 101st Honors Convocation.

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In an interview with The Daily, Rackham student Garima Singh said she found the draft policy to be hypocritical, given how the University praises past protests that created positive change.

"When universities say that they're proud of the history of protests, they don't understand it," Singh said. "If you go back in time, the protests were disruptive, every single protest on the campus has been disruptive. (The) University cannot take credit for protests that happened in the past, at the same time trying to finish any sort of possibility of protest on campus right now."

In an interview with The Daily during the rally, SAFE Education Director Zaynab Elkolaly said the University often celebrates change makers in history but does not acknowledge marginalized communities on campus.

"The University loves to highlight change makers and civil rights activists historically when they're distant enough to distance themselves from their role in the oppression and shut it down," Elkolaly said. "So to have an event highlighting people like (Cesar) Chavez and Dr. (Martin Luther) King is incredibly hypocritical. They're gonna look back in 50 years and be embarrassed because they were on the wrong side of history. We won't let them forget that."

On the benches behind the Diag, a small group of students held Israeli flags high in protest. One of these students was LSA junior Josh Brown, who said he hoped his actions would call attention to the platform of the SHUT IT DOWN party running in the Central Student Government election.

"I think people should listen to what they're saying and understand that their message is very clear," Brown said. "They want to shut down the student government and prevent any funding for any of the services that they provide and to any of the clubs that need it. I think people should understand that they're holding, they want to hold CSG hostage and so people should vote accordingly in the election."

In an interview with The Daily after the event, Alex Sepulveda, U-M chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace director of activism, said the protesters specifically chose to enter University buildings to draw attention to their cause.

"We marched into the Ross School of Business because it is imperative for us to interrupt at the highest function of the University operations," Sepulveda said. "Same for the Michigan Union."

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## 'Down with the USA:' Anti-Israel activists protest Biden NYC fundraiser

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Anti-Israel protesters chanted against US President Joe Biden, the United States of America, and Israel at the Democrat's star-studded fundraiser featuring former presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton at the New York City Radio City Music Hall on Thursday.

"Down with the USA," chanted protesters in a video taken by independent journalist Brendan Gutenschwager. "[Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu you will pay."

In the same video protesters chanted, "Al-Qassam are on their way," referring to Hamas's armed wing, the al-Qassam Brigades.

"Down with the USA!" chants at today's pro-**Palestine protest** in New York outside Biden's fundraiser at Radio City Music Hall [pic.twitter.com/l6u5XqAxLJ](https://pic.twitter.com/l6u5XqAxLJ)

— Brendan Gutenschwager (@BGOnTheScene) March 28, 2024

In another video posted by Gutenschwager, the massive crowd repeated that "Without US support, without Biden's support, we would've stopped Israel a long time ago." Protesters attacked US support for Israel in the ongoing Israel-Hamas War, in which they claimed that a genocide against Palestinians was unfolding. In videos posted by activists groups, they sang that "Israel bombs, USA pays."

Demonstrators repeatedly referred to the incumbent presidential candidate as "genocide Joe," and called on others not to vote for him in the upcoming US elections that he was fundraising for that night.

"Democrats you can't hide," protesters sang in a Within Our Lifetime video. "We charge you with genocide!" Many of the chants against Biden and the Democratic Party were led by the group's leader Nerdeen Kiswani.

People's Forum founder Manolo de los Santos said in a video that his group published on Thursday that they needed to call the former presidents that joined Biden for his Evening with the Presidents event "Genocide Obama," and "Genocide Clinton." He said that they were architects of the same supposed atrocities as Biden.

Accused of sponsoring genocide

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"We are here today because the politicians -- who have been sponsoring genocide not just since October 7 but for decades -- are here in New York City today," said los Santos. He explained that the funds fundraised at the event would be used to cement a system of violence against the people of the world.

Anti-Imperialist rhetoric was repeated by protesters, who in a Palestinian Youth Movement video called "Hands of the middle east, from the belly of the beast" and in another video tied **Palestine** to other conflicts, proclaiming "From Haiti to **Palestine**, occupation is a crime."

"As New Yorkers, it is our responsibility to confront the greatest purveyor of violence in our lifetimes and the leader of this Empire, who is coming to our city," WOL wrote on X on Thursday. While they warned activists that police could set up obstacles, "The important thing is that we cover the area, besiege the besiegers, and do not let the enemies of humanity slip in or out unnoticed."

While many of the protesters called Biden to push for an immediate ceasefire, they also called for violence against Israel.

"There is only one solution, intifada revolution," demonstrators chanted. "When people are occupied, resistance is justified."

The people's forum called for a "liberated **Palestine** from the river to the sea!" on its video of activists disrupting the event within the hall.

"Shame on you Joe Biden!" an activist said, interrupting the president. Several protesters were removed from the venue.

"A continuous stream of disruptions from the orchestra through the mezzanine brought the event to a halt, making it nearly impossible for President Biden to speak during his much-heralded appearance," Jewish Voice for Peace claimed on Friday.

Gutenschwager documented activists berating Biden supporters and donors leaving the hall once the event had finished, accusing them of supporting genocide.

WOL said that **protests** continued outside the intercontinental New York Barclay that Biden reportedly slept at that night, "to ensure that if we don't get no justice then he won't get no sleep! No rest for warmongers and genocide supporters! Genocide Joe has got to go!"

In addition to the former presidents, according to Reuters, the event featured comedian Stephen Colbert, Queen Latifah, Lizzo, Ben Platt, Cynthia Erivo and Lea Michele.

Jerusalem Post Staff contributed to this report.

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## “Blood Is on Your Hands”: Cease-Fire Protests Disrupt Biden Fundraiser

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Pro-Palestinian protesters disrupted Joe Biden's exclusive multimillion-dollar fundraiser on Thursday, repeatedly interrupting the bougie event to criticize Biden's stance on Israel's war in Gaza .

More than 32,600 Palestinians have been killed and more than 75,000 wounded in Israel's constant bombardment of Gaza since October 7. The majority of the victims have been women and children. Biden's repeated refusal to call for a permanent cease-fire has become a major sticking point with Democratic voters, particularly younger people.

Protesters were able to get into Radio City Music Hall in New York City on Thursday night and repeatedly interrupted Biden as he spoke onstage with former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton. They shouted, “Shame on you!” and accused Biden of having “blood on your hands.”

Anti-War protestors disrupt President Biden's fundraiser at Radio City Music Hall in NYC.

Former Presidents Obama and Clinton were also on stage. [pic.twitter.com/kGGpAJdMDi](https://pic.twitter.com/kGGpAJdMDi)

— Yashar Ali (@yashar)

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Demonstrators also stood outside the venue and shouted things including, “Genocide supporter” and “Cease-fire now” as event attendees came and left.

Biden supporters berated by pro-Palestine protesters after leaving tonight's fundraiser in New York [pic.twitter.com/MifGYn98NM](https://pic.twitter.com/MifGYn98NM)

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The protests were organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, the Palestinian Youth Movement, and several other advocacy groups.

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“We refused to be silenced,” Jay Saper of JVP said Thursday. “We will continue to raise our voices of dissent until Palestinians are free.”

The three presidents pushed back on protesters, trying to keep the focus on the dangers of a second Donald Trump term. Clinton argued that Biden cares about Palestinian self-determination and establishing two states in the region. Obama said Biden had the moral clarity to lead the United States during the war.

He also chastised the protesters, saying , “You can’t just talk and not listen. That’s what the other side does.”

Biden called to stop “the effort that is resulting in significant deaths of innocent civilians” in Gaza, although he still stopped short of calling for a cease-fire. He said he is working with Arab nations to find a solution to the crisis.

The protests somehow did not seem to dent the glitzy event, where entry fees started at \$225 and the crowd was studded with celebrities. Biden raised about \$26 million overall.

New York Representative Gregory Meeks, who attended the event, said the protests were “minor” and that he “didn’t think that marred [the event] at all.”

“It’s part of what our democracy is about,” he added.

Pro-Palestinian protesters have frequently interrupted Biden’s recent campaign events, which has reportedly prompted his aides to try to shield the president from the demonstrations. Their strategies include decreasing the number of attendees, avoiding college campuses, and withholding event locations from the media until Biden has arrived.

This has led to a proliferation of campaigns in multiple states urging people to vote “uncommitted” during the primaries to protest Biden’s policy on Israel. And while the pressure seems to have slowly started making an impact on the White House, Biden is still deeply unpopular among young voters as a result of his refusal to budge.

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