

33 Communications were received from October 11, 2023 8:28 am to October 11, 2023 at 11:09 am with the following text:

Dear City of Toronto Council Members

I write to you in regard to the frivolous administrative inquiry that is scheduled for city council on October 11 in regard to The Pink Floyd Exhibition that was held at the Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place over the last few months.

Councilor Pasternak who has a consistent record of attempting to silence support for Palestine, has failed to provide information in his request for your consideration.

He fails to note that in fact the German court case he references was won by Roger Waters.

In regard to the film, Pasternak references, Waters has provided the following response:

“People need to know about the CAA (Campaign Against Antisemitism), the organisation that made this film. Following complaints to the Charity Commission the CAA is facing scrutiny. Its core purpose is waging partisan political campaigns against critics of the state of Israel.

The CAA film manipulates footage and quotations to serve its agenda and is seriously misleading in many respects. What it says about my latest tour, This Is Not A Drill, repeats a series of falsehoods that have already been debunked, many times, not just by me, but in the German courts, after attempts were made to have my show banned there. The offensive words I referenced in quotes in an email 13 years ago, were my brainstorming ideas on how to make the evils and horrors of fascism and extremism apparent and shocking to a generation that may not fully appreciate the ever-present threat. They are not the manifestation of any underlying bigotry as the film suggests. Quite the opposite. I have been trying to expose the evils of fascism ever since learning of my father’s death fighting fascists in World War II.

In summary, the film is a flimsy, unapologetic piece of propaganda that indiscriminately mixes things I’m alleged to have said or done at different times and in different contexts, in an effort to portray me as an antisemite, without any foundation in fact.”

I invite you to review Roger Water’s statement:

<https://rogerwaters.com/roger-waters-answers-the-campaign-against-antisemitism/>

Suggesting Toronto’s anti-discrimination policy precludes support for the rights of Palestinians is anti-Palestinian racism.

I trust you will let Councilor Pasternak know that you do not accept his attempts to silence the voice of those who support Palestinian rights.

Sincerely,

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