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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 22, 2024 City Council meeting on item 2024.MM18.16, Requesting the Province to Create Safety Zones Around Places of Worship, Faith-Based Schools and Vulnerable Community Social Infrastructure - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak

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Comments:

As Canadian Women Against Antisemitism, we find this petition critical in providing safe spaces in a time when antisemitism has skyrocketed.

Failure to provide safety and protection of the Jewish Canadians living in Ontario is a failure on behalf of our leadership to stand against hate, racism, intolerance and targeted violent rhetoric.

When Jewish children must hear chants such as "from the river to the sea" and "Intifada revolution", they are keenly aware that the true nature of these chants is the annihilation of all Jews, worldwide.

Had these protests and chants taken place outside a community centre with calls for all Black Canadians to go home, or all Chinese Canadians to experience Intifada, or the entire LGBQTA2S+ community screamed at for being non-cisgender, the province would be outraged.

You have failed us monstrously thus far. Do not fail us further.

Yours, CWAA