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DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 03, 1991

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MICHAEL MENDEZ

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED
OPPOSING A \$10 BILLION GUARANTEED LOAN
REQUEST BY ISRAEL FOR REBUILDING OF ITS
INFRASTRUCTURE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 5, 1991

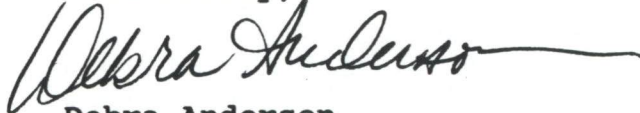
Dear Mayor Mendez:

It was very good of you to send President Bush a copy of the City of Norwalk's resolution concerning housing loan guarantees to Israel. I appreciate your taking the time to send a duplicate to the Administration.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter, as well as the resolution, to the appropriate officials at the Department of State and here at the White House, for their further review and information. Please be assured that they will give your thoughts the utmost consideration.

With the President's best wishes to you and the City Council,

Sincerely,



Debra Anderson
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Mike Mendez
Mayor
City of Norwalk
Post Office Box 1030
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August 28, 1991

Honorable George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

The Norwalk City Council adopted Resolution No. 4145 on August 20, 1991, which is enclosed, opposing a ten billion dollar guaranteed loan request by the government of Israel for the rebuilding of its infrastructure. On behalf of my colleagues, and in the interest of American taxpayers, I urge you to oppose the borrowing program when it is requested on or after September 1, 1991.

The City of Norwalk is faced with seeking funding sources to address its own severe infrastructure needs in the area of water, sewage and streets. Currently, there is no funding assistance available from the federal government to municipalities to rebuild decaying infrastructures in the United States.

The City of Norwalk is just one of many cities in this country with serious infrastructure needs. The domestic problems facing the United States should be addressed before attempting to finance the repair of infrastructures in other countries.

Thank you for your fiscally responsible representation of the American people.

Sincerely,

Mike Mendez

Mike Mendez
Mayor

enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 4145

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORWALK CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK OPPOSING A TEN BILLION DOLLAR GUARANTEED LOAN REQUEST FOR THE REBUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, IN THE INTEREST OF AMERICAN TAXPAYERS, TO OPPOSE THE BORROWING PROGRAM WHEN IT IS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1991.

Whereas, economic conditions and budgetary constraints facing the U.S. government as well as state and local governments throughout the nation require fiscal discipline at every level; and

Whereas, America's local and state governments are facing increased costs in borrowing funds to finance basic services; and

Whereas, as with other cities, the City of Norwalk is currently faced with having to seek funding and address its own severe and costly infrastructure needs in the areas of water, sewage and streets with no funding assistance from the United States government; and

Whereas, the United States government has been asked by the government of Israel to place the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, namely the equivalent of an AAA bond rating, behind the borrowing in this country of ten billion dollars to provide roads, utilities, houses, jobs, and such other construction and services in Israel as that government may determine necessary; and

Whereas, due to Israel's credit rating and estimates by economists related to its ability to pay its foreign debt, the likelihood is great of U.S. taxpayers being asked to cover the cost of defaults by Israel or the threat of defaults and other charges in this borrowing program; and

Whereas, the City of Norwalk, in light of its tremendous infrastructure needs and the similar needs of other cities throughout the country, believes the United States government should seek to address its own greatly needed domestic infrastructure problems in cities and states throughout the United States before seeking to facilitate the resolution of infrastructure problems in other countries:

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Norwalk City Council hereby opposes this ten billion dollar guaranteed loan request and further, strongly urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress, in the interest of American taxpayers, to oppose this borrowing program when Israel officially communicates the request to our government on or after September 1, 1991.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST, 1991.

/s/ MICHAEL MENDEZ, MAYOR
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

/s/ MARY K. PAXON, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF NORWALK) ss.
CITY COUNCIL)

I, Mary K. Paxon, City Clerk of the City of Norwalk, California,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution
No. 4145, has been duly signed by the Mayor, and attested by the
City Clerk, all at a Regular Meeting of the Norwalk City Council,
held August 20, 1991 that same was approved and adopted by the
following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ARTHUR, NAPOLITANO, VERNOLA, WHITE, MENDEZ

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated this 20th day of August, 1991.



MARY K. PAXON, CITY CLERK
of the CITY OF NORWALK