



Letter from the Palestinian Community of Catalonia to the citizens of Barcelona

Barcelona, 4 November 2022

Dear citizens of Barcelona

As you may already know, 109 organizations in Barcelona and throughout Catalonia have been waging a [campaign for Barcelona City Council to break off relations with Israel and end its twinning arrangement with Tel Aviv](#). Over the past year the campaign has won the backing of a large number of major neighbourhood, trade union, youth and intercultural organizations. We have also seen our stance echoed by other highly respected organizations such as Amnesty International and the Catalan Parliament, which have recently accused the state of Israel of being an "apartheid system". All this has contributed to making the municipal government feel strong enough and able to rely on sufficient support for it to break off relations and terminate the twinning arrangement during this legislature, and it has recently told us so.

However, as you well know, in politics you can't count your chickens before they're hatched. We are closer than ever to achieving our goal, but, precisely because of this, we expect the pressure exerted by the lobby opposed to it will be stronger than ever. We therefore need to put all our energy and mobilising capacity into this final stage of the campaign. That is why we have just launched a *citizens' initiative*, which involves the collection of 3,750 signatures, that will allow us to present our demands to be voted on at the City Council's plenary session in December. We hope this process of collecting the signatures will help to activate all the inhabitants of Barcelona who are against war, racism, militarism and colonialism, making this citizen's initiative unstoppable. We are counting on you to help us win it. If you agree with the campaign, here are two things you can do:

- If you are **registered (*empadronado/a*) in Barcelona** and are over 16, [sign the initiative online](#). It takes just 5 minutes and a little patience. You don't need an ID card (*DNI* or *NIE*); a passport from any country will do.
- [Follow us on social networks](#) and pass this letter and the videos and news about the campaign we publish on to your friends.

Thank you very much for your help!

Cordially yours,

Board of the Palestinian Community of Catalonia