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To: Clerkoftheboard
Subject: Item 18 - Quarterly Investment Review

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to request that the Yolo County Board divests its extensive holdings in Caterpillar, Inc. and various financial institutions (\$23 million worth - broken down below) that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) has found to be at risk of being complicit in genocide if they continue to help arm and fund the state of Israel.

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/06/states-and-companies-must-end-arms-transfers-israel-immediately-or-risk>

To protect our county and not be at risk of being complicit in a genocide divestment our investments in the following:

- \$8 million in JP Morgan Chase
- about \$7 million in Bank of America,
- \$3 million in Caterpillar Financial Services,
- \$3 million in State Street,
- \$1.5 million in Citigroup,
- \$1/2 million in BlackRock

The County acknowledges that it has a responsibility to uphold the Public Trust in choosing what to invest in. The Board should be risk averse in regard to any investments that aid the Israeli government's practices of apartheid and genocide, as amply documented by many human rights reports. With the International Court of Justice finding Israel guilty of apartheid against Palestinians and its military occupation and annexation of Palestinian territory to be illegal. If yolo county doesn't immediately end all forms of complicity with Israel's illegal military occupation, its ever more brutal genocide in Gaza, the county is complicit in the genocide.

Sincerely,

Sara Mitchell

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