

**The Honorable Ada Colau Ballano
Mayor of the City of Barcelona**

Plaça de Sant Jaume
09002 Barcelona, Spain

January 23rd, 2023

Dear Mayor Colau,

On behalf of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM), a global coalition engaging more than 650 partner organizations and nearly two million people in the fight against all forms of modern-day Jew-hatred, and the organizations signed below, we are writing to express our deep concern regarding the campaign to sever the twin city alliance between Barcelona and Tel Aviv.

Barcelona and Tel Aviv are both international cities widely recognized for their thriving high-tech, start-up, and tourism sectors. They share similar values of inclusivity and mutual respect, which is reflected in the diversity of their resident communities.

We urge you to reject pressure to cut Barcelona's ties with Tel Aviv, as this would be detrimental to the principles of understanding and cooperation.

True peace is built through discourse and engagement, not boycotts and isolation, and shunning relations with Tel Aviv would only bolster the rejectionists who oppose a mutually-agreed upon resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The twin city agreement between Barcelona and Tel Aviv promotes tolerance and harmony across nationalities and faiths, and this is something that must be defended and promoted, rather than undermined and destroyed.

Sincerely,

The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM)