



November 30, 2008

Mayor-Elect Nir Barkat
4 Safra Square
Jerusalem 91007

Dear Mayor-Elect Barkat:

On behalf of the American Israeli Action Coalition (AIAC), we would like to congratulate you on your recent election to the position of Mayor of the united city of Jerusalem.

AIAC is a non-political, non-partisan issue oriented NGO which was formed to represent the united voice of the more than 250,000 American Jews living in Israel, on issues of significance to Israel and Jews the world over.

Among AIAC's recent activities were (i) hosting a press conference in which it declared its support for an undivided Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel, (ii) calling for a "time out" in peace negotiations until a new Prime Minister is selected, (iii) being one of the first to call for new Knesset elections and the formation of an interim government of national unity until a new administration is elected and formed, and (iv) the sponsorship and implementation of a U.S.-style Presidential Debate in Jerusalem between senior representatives of the U.S. Presidential nominees.

AIAC is committed to:

- Securing the recognition of a united and undivided Jerusalem as the current and eternal capital of the State of Israel.
- Furthering the continued development of democracy and democratic ideals in the State of Israel.
- Advancing the message that the State of Israel is a Jewish state .
- Encouraging and promoting the complete integrity of all members of Israel's Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government.
- Cultivating cooperation between the peoples and governments of the United States and Israel.
- Furthering the non-discriminatory application of human and civil rights in the State of Israel to all members of her citizens.
- Promoting efforts for a true, effective and final peace between the State of Israel and the neighboring states based on safety and security.
- Cultivating the unity of all members of the Jewish faith in Israel.

As you, AIAC's membership is vitally interested in the economic development of Jerusalem and improving the lives of its residents. AIAC stands ready to work with you and looks forward to launching a unified effort to achieve these goals.

Respectfully yours,


Harvey Schwartz
Chairman


Aaron S. Tirschwell
Director

