

To the Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project:

I've been told about the prospect of Boulder, Colorado joining with Nablus, West Bank, Palestine in a Sister City relationship and that this issue will appear soon before the Boulder City Council. What a wonderful idea! Such a relationship - a direct relationship with the Palestinian people of that city - can only enhance the human connection between the two cities and help strengthen the prospects for peace. I am aware that the proposal has raised controversy in Boulder, but I urge the Boulder City Council to support the measure. Such a proposal is not 'anti-Semitic' as some opponents of the measure have claimed, nor is it even 'anti-Israel'. To the contrary, it is a simple but meaningful humanitarian gesture, a gesture of friendship.

I offer the Boulder-Nablus Sister City Project my support and wish it success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Casper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".