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Dear Birzeitis,

Greetings to all,

We, Birzeit Society Board of Directors, meeting at the 14th National Convention, were extremely disturbed to hear about the issues with the Municipality Council, the resignation of most members, and the dismissal and removal of the Council. We must express our disappointment in the way the interrelationship among the Council Members evolved, and for the lack of wisdom in letting false pride and petty issues rule the day. We hope and expect our people in Birzeit to think strategically, work together to lift the town on many fronts, and put aside any personal grudges or family prejudices. We all love Birzeit and want it to be the ideal place to live and raise families.

To that end, we met and came up with the following recommendations that reflect our feelings in the diaspora. We like to:

1. Remind all Birzeitis that Birzeit is for all Birzeitis regardless of religion, family or political affiliation.
2. Reaffirm our insistence that issues among Birzeitis must be resolved through open, friendly and brotherly means without ever resorting to violence, threats or confrontation.
3. Note that following the democratic process for the selection of the Municipality Council, based on qualifications and not party or family loyalties, is a must.
4. Urge all Birzeitis and Birzeit Institutions to Place the interest of the city and population above any personal or special interest.

We thank you, and we are certain that our people have the wisdom and the love for Birzeit to do the right thing.

With Our Love and Respect,
For Birzeit Society Board of Directors,

George Khoury,
National President
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