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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE ONGOING CONFLICT AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IMPACTING GAZA AND ISRAEL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Claremont is made up of diverse individuals whose collective cultures, religions, backgrounds, orientations, abilities and viewpoints join to form a highly pluralistic community which prides itself on being a place which welcomes persons and families of all walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, during the City Council meeting on February 13, 2024, several people requested that the City Council adopt a resolution calling for a ceasefire and immediate peaceful resolution to the on-going conflict and humanitarian crisis impacting Gaza and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East that escalated on October 7, 2023 has resulted in the tragic loss of many thousands of innocent civilian Israeli and Palestinian lives, and increasing reports of anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, anti-Jewish, and anti-Arab incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, our community members have suffered from an alarming rise in anti-Semitism and Islamophobia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Claremont stands firmly on the foundations of peace, unity, respect, understanding, and the universal value and preciousness of all lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby unequivocally and without prejudice, condemns terrorist acts; every form of avoidable, unnecessary, unlawful violence that results in the death, injury, displacement, or mortal endangerment of innocent civilians; intolerance, racism, and xenophobia, including anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, anti-Arab, and anti-Jewish sentiments, rhetoric, and attacks in our region, nation, and across the world.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council hereby supports Congressional Resolution H.R. 786, and joins other cities in calling on Congress and the Biden administration to demand: an immediate ceasefire; an immediate release of all hostages; urgent safe passage and delivery of substantial and sufficient humanitarian aid to Gaza; and a lasting political resolution that protects the lives, health, and security of all innocent civilians.

**SECTION 4.** The City Council requests that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the City's delegation of federal representatives and disseminated to any requesting interested parties.

**SECTION 5.** The Mayor shall sign this Resolution and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption thereof.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, City of Claremont

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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City Attorney, City of Claremont



## Legislation Text

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Resolution Denouncing Rising Hate and Discrimination in Ann Arbor and Calling for a Lasting Bilateral Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel

RESOLVED, The Ann Arbor City Council expresses its unwavering support for all Arab, Israeli, Palestinian, Jewish, Muslim, and all other members of the community who are impacted, each of whom has the right to learn, work, worship, gather, advocate, mourn, and celebrate free from intimidation, harassment, doxxing, and fear of violence;

RESOLVED, The Ann Arbor City Council condemns all forms of anti-Arab racism, anti-Palestinian racism, antisemitism, and Islamophobia,

RESOLVED, The Ann Arbor City Council requests that the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission engage with affected communities during this crisis, to uphold the enforcement of Chapter 112 of the Non-Discrimination Ordinance, and to educate residents on how to file complaints of discrimination or harassment in our city;

RESOLVED, The Ann Arbor City Council calls for an immediate lasting bilateral ceasefire, release of all hostages, and unrestricted humanitarian aid at the levels recommended by the United Nations for the Palestinian people;

RESOLVED, The Ann Arbor City Council appreciates and uplifts Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's November 29th, 2023, statement "Dingell Statement on Combating Rising Hate in U.S., Calling for Release of All Hostages and Bilateral Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel;" and

RESOLVED, The Ann Arbor City Council directs the City Administrator to send a copy of this resolution to Congresswoman Dingell, Senator Peters, and Senator Stabenow.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Ghazi Edwin, Briggs, Song, Akmon and Disch

***Resolution prepared by Councilmember Vazquez:***

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA  
AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE WORLDWIDE CALL FOR AN  
IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana believes that all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, and religion should be able to live in dignity, freedom, and equality without fear of destruction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana condemns the recent rise of Islamophobia, Antisemitism, racist, homophobic, and xenophobic attacks in our city and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana recognizes that a ceasefire, humanitarian aid and good faith diplomacy must occur in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana stands for justice for all oppressed peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED that the City of Santa Ana will identify and support local programs that combat Islamophobia, Antisemitism, racism, homophobia and xenophobia; and

RESOLVED that the City of Santa Ana joins other cities in calling on our congress members to demand: a permanent ceasefire; the release of all hostages and prisoners; the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; and respect for international law.

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING RISING HATE AND DISCRIMINATION IN WASHTENAW COUNTY AND CALLING FOR A LASTING BILATERAL CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND ISRAEL

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 17, 2024

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners expresses its unwavering support for all Arab, Israeli, Palestinian, Jewish, Muslim, and all other members of the community who are impacted, each of whom has the right to learn, work, worship, gather, advocate, mourn, and celebrate free from intimidation, harassment, doxxing, and fear of violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners condemns all forms of anti-Arab racism, anti-Palestinian racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and discrimination against any individual based on personal background whether Israeli or Palestinian;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners calls for an immediate lasting bilateral ceasefire, release of all hostages, and unrestricted humanitarian aid at the levels recommended by the United Nations for the Palestinian people;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners supports the Washtenaw County Sheriff and the Washtenaw County Prosecutors' commitment to investigate and prosecute hate crimes in Washtenaw County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners appreciates and uplifts Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's November 29th, 2023, statement "Dingell Statement on Combating Rising Hate in U.S., Calling for Release of All Hostages and Bilateral Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel;"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Congresswoman Dingell, Senator Peters, and Senator Stabenow.

**RESOLUTION #1371**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE ON THE WAR IN GAZA**

**WHEREAS**, all members of the State College community share a common humanity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State College Borough Council calls upon our Congressional Delegation, both in the Senate and House of Representatives to join us in:

1. Urging the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a ceasefire to urgently end the current violence in Gaza and to continue its work toward the release of all hostages; and
2. Calling upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance at the scale needed into Gaza; and
3. Supporting all of its residents and condemning all forms of racism, bigotry, and discrimination; and
4. Advocating for the dignity and safety of residents in every community; and
5. Affirming its commitment to combating antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, homophobia, xenophobia, and ethnic discrimination in all its forms; and
6. Recognizing the need to address the root causes of crises for a pathway to lasting peace and justice; and
7. Calling for continued open, honest, respectful, and tolerant conversation among our local community in support of our common humanity.

Now be it further resolved that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Senator Robert P. Casey, Senator John K. Fetterman, and Representative Glenn W. Thompson.

**RESOLVED** this 20th day of December of 2023.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE:

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Dianna Walter  
Assistant Borough Secretary

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Jesse Barlow  
President of Council



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## RESOLUTION 2023-164

### RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

**Whereas**, the recent and ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine has resulted in the tragic loss of thousands of innocent lives, including women, children, and the elderly; and

**Whereas**, the conflict has led to the displacement of thousands of individuals from their homes, either due to the absence of peace and security or as a consequence of the destruction of their residences; and

**Whereas**, millions of people are facing dire circumstances, lacking access to essential necessities such as shelter, clean water, food, electricity, and medical supplies; and

**Whereas**, there exists a substantial risk that this conflict may further destabilize the Middle East and potentially spill over into neighboring regions, posing a threat to global peace and security; and

**Whereas**, every individual residing in that part of the world deserves the right to live in an environment marked by peace, freedom, dignity, justice, and the same fundamental human rights enjoyed by people worldwide.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, call upon President Biden and all elected officials and policymakers in our government to employ their influence and authority to advocate for an immediate ceasefire. We also implore them to facilitate the unrestricted flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza, with the dual purpose of preserving innocent lives, reinstating peace and stability, and preventing the further proliferation of violence to neighboring regions.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.**

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Rana Faraj, City Clerk

## RESOLUTION FOR PEACE AND SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the events of October 7 and resulting conflict between Israel and Hamas has led to a humanitarian crisis affecting countless families with tremendous loss of Palestinian and Israeli life;

WHEREAS, we agree that all human life is precious, no matter what their faith or ethnicity; that the City of Greensboro has a diverse population including many with family, social and business ties to Israeli and Palestinian citizens here and abroad;

WHEREAS, many in our community have been deeply impacted by this conflict;

WHEREAS, this Council acknowledges the deep personal impact that this conflict has had on numerous members of our community and extends its sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones and extended family members in this conflict;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council recognizes the importance of peace, safety and the protection of all human life for individuals in our city, our state, our nation and our world;

WHEREAS, this Council urges our national leaders to do everything in their power to end this conflict and to begin the process for a peaceful, sustainable solution;

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge that harassment, discrimination and violence toward Muslims, Jews and other minorities are contradictory to the values which define the residents of Greensboro; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greensboro that Greensboro supports and cares for its residents who have been directly impacted by this conflict; and we condemn any form of harassment, hate speech, Jewish- hate or Islamophobia that may be directed toward anyone who resides in our community.



**CITY OF BEACON  
CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2024**

**CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE, PERMANENT, AND NEGOTIATED MULTILATERAL  
CEASEFIRE AND UNITING FOR PEACE**

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beacon aspires to be a safe and welcoming community, and is committed to promoting peace, unity and respect for all of its residents and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7th, 2023, 1,200 Israeli citizens were killed and 240 taken hostage, and since then more than 30,000 Palestinian citizens have been killed and more than 1.5 million are at risk of starvation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beacon expresses its unwavering support and empathy for all members of the Beacon community who have been impacted by the violence happening in Palestine and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beacon acknowledges the deep personal impact that the violence in Palestine and Israel has had on numerous members of our community, and extends its sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones and extended family members in this conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beacon encourages all residents and community members to treat one another with empathy, compassion, and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Beacon condemns all forms of racism, discrimination, and violence (and support thereof) which target Arab, Palestinian, Muslim, Jewish, Israeli, or other communities, as well as any other form of intimidation, “doxxing,” harassment, public shaming, and hate speech, whether online or in-person; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States holds immense diplomatic power to facilitate an effective peace process; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Beacon urges the Biden Administration to:

1. Call for and facilitate an immediate and permanent negotiated multilateral ceasefire, towards a formal regional peace process, as well as normalized regional relations; and
2. Call for the release of all hostages and those unjustly imprisoned, both Israeli and Palestinian; and
3. Call for the immediate increased flow of humanitarian aid into all of Gaza, facilitated by mutually-trusted third parties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Beacon:

1. Calls for continued open, honest, respectful, and tolerant conversation among our local community in support of our common humanity; and
2. Recognizes the importance of addressing the root causes of crises to the development of a pathway to lasting peace and justice, and to educating the public on the interconnectedness of climate change, global conflicts, and fostering awareness and dialogues within the community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon passage, a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of U.S. President Joe Biden, the Office of U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, the Office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the Office of U.S. Representative Pat Ryan, the Office of Governor Kathy Hochul, the Office of State Senator Rob Rolison, and the Office of State Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson.

Resolution No. 30 of 2024		Date: March 4, 2024					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments		<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required					
<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call		<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required					
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
x		Paloma Wake	x				
		Amber Grant	x				
	x	Molly Rhodes	x				
		Jeffrey Domanski			x		
		Pam Wetherbee	x				
		Dan Aymar-Blair	x				
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou			x		
		Motion Carried	x				



State Parties

Local Parties

Cities

Counties

Other groups

DEMOCRATS WANT A CEASEFIRE

**The Borough of Haledon, New Jersey passed a CEASEFIRE resolution on December 21, 2023**

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL AND WORLDWIDE CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Haledon recognizes and embraces the unified and beautiful diversity throughout our Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine is a complex and deeply rooted issue that has resulted in immense suffering and thousands of innocent lives lost on on both sides; and

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of innocent civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaza is in a dire humanitarian crisis that is getting worse with each passing day, with the only remaining hospitals running out of fuel and medical supplies, and over 1.5 million Palestinians facing displacement, homelessness, and starvation; and

**WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for International Development (USAID, the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for a ceasefire to prevent the further loss o f life o f civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty six percent of American voters support a ceasefire, according to an October 20th, 2023, Data for Progress poll, and want to see the U.S. leverage its diplomatic relationships "to prevent further violence and civilian deaths"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Haledon stands in solidarity with all those affected by this conflict and urge the international community to play a constructive role in facilitating dialogue and promoting a peaceful resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** The Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to end this conflict peacefully and save innocent lives; and we call upon the Biden Administration and our Federal Delegation to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a ceasefire to urgently end the current violence; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Borough of Haledon supports U.S. Congress Resolution H.R.786 and joins other cities across the nation in calling on our Congress Members to demand: an immediate ceasefire; release of all hostages, the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; and the respect for international law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all innocent civilians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Borough of Haledon expresses its heartfelt condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones and our sincere hope for a future where peace, justice and coexistence prevail. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to our Federal Representatives by the Municipal Clerk.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FIFE**

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**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING OAKLAND'S LOVE LIFE COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL AND WORLDWIDE CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA**

**WHEREAS**, all life is precious and the City of Oakland's official motto "Love Life" calls on elected officials and residents alike to protect life and stand united against violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland condemns the recent rise of Antisemitic, Islamophobic, racist, homophobic, and xenophobic attacks in our city and across the nation, including the doxxing of elected officials, students, professors, journalists, and others speaking truth to power; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland advocates for the safety, dignity, freedom, and equality of all people, regardless of religion, race, or nationality; and

**WHEREAS**, over one thousand people in Israel and more than eleven thousand Palestinians in Gaza have been killed in a matter of weeks, of whom over five thousand are children; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland recognizes that the current crisis takes place within a long history and affirms that, for a pathway to lasting peace and justice to be developed, the root causes of the crisis need to be addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaza is in a dire humanitarian crisis that is getting worse with each passing day, with the only remaining hospitals running out of fuel and medical supplies, and over 1.5 million Palestinians facing displacement, homelessness, and starvation; and



**WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for a ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty six percent of American voters support a ceasefire, according to an October 20th, 2023 Data For Progress poll<sup>1</sup>, and want to see the U.S. leverage its diplomatic relationships “to prevent further violence and civilian deaths”; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the City of Oakland supports U.S. Congress Resolution H.R.786 and joins other cities in calling on our Congress Members to demand: an immediate ceasefire; release of all hostages, the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; and the respect for international law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all innocent civilians; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to city councils in the San Francisco Bay Area, the offices of Assemblymember Mia Bonta, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senator Nancy Skinner, Governor of California Gavin Newsom, U.S. Representative Barbara Lee, U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, U.S. President Joe Biden, and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end violence.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ASHA REED

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California

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<sup>1</sup> Data for Progress. “Voters Agree the U.S. Should Call For A Ceasefire and De-escalation of Violence in Gaza to Prevent Civilian Deaths” <https://www.dataforprogress.org/blog/2023/10/19/voters-agree-the-us-should-call-for-a-ceasefire-and-de-escalation-of-violence-in-gaza> Oct 20, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-006**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND,  
WASHINGTON, CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port Townsend is comprised of “thoughtful and committed” residents who can, in Margaret Mead’s words, “change the world,” and we have seen effects from the violence in the Middle East even in our small city; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges the complex history of the Middle East conflicts that do not lend themselves to easy solutions, its limited foreign policy expertise, and its role as a local government is not to dictate foreign policy; and

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, violence begets violence, and without a plan for peace, innocent people in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank will continue to be injured and killed; and

**WHEREAS**, between October 7, 2023, and today, armed violence has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of civilians, including children, and tens of thousands more have been wounded; and

**WHEREAS**, without immediate restoration of basic necessities, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid without delay, hundreds of thousands of lives, especially of vulnerable children, are at imminent risk due to multiple public health crises; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend that we condemn violations of international law, including both the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israeli civilians and the Israeli military’s response affecting the 2.3 million Palestinian civilians (nearly half of whom are children) living in Gaza since then.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Port Townsend City Council affirms its commitment to combat Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, and anti-Israeli bigotry, its support for the people of both Israel and Palestine to live in peace and security, and the right of all people to live, learn, work, play, pray, travel, and engage in peaceful protest, all without threats, intimidation, or death.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Port Townsend City Council will remit a copy of this resolution to the federal government urging Congress and the President to work toward an immediate ceasefire for all parties, a lasting peace, and an end of violence supported by American dollars and to urge the U.S. government to immediately stop sending arms to the warring parties and to instead send vitally necessary supplies to create the basic conditions that might make a ceasefire sustainable.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend at a special meeting

thereof, held this 22nd day of January 2024.



David J. Faber  
Mayor

**Attest:**



Alyssa Rodrigues  
City Clerk

**Approved as to form:**



Heidi Greenwood  
City Attorney

SUBSTITUTE  
RESOLUTION

*Resolution in support of “uniting for peace”*

WHEREAS, Chapter I of the United Nations Charter states that the purpose of the United Nations is “to maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;” and

WHEREAS, Chapter I of the United Nations Charter further states that the purpose of the United Nations is “to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace;” and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly shall act if the Security Council, "because of lack of unanimity of the permanent members, fails to exercise its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security in any case where there appears to be a threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression;” and

WHEREAS, the UN General Assembly convened an emergency meeting in which 153 out of 186 member nations voted in favor of adopting a resolution demanding “immediate humanitarian ceasefire” in Gaza, the “immediate and unconditional release of all hostages;” and “ensuring humanitarian access;” and

WHEREAS, more than 26,700 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza in over 100 days since October 7, 2023, including over 10,000 children, and more than 65,600 Palestinians have been injured in the same period; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023 over 1,200 Israelis have been killed and 240 Israeli hostages were taken by Hamas; and

WHEREAS, more than 85% of the population in Gaza, nearly 1.9 million people, have been displaced since the Israeli bombardments began on early October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, entire neighborhoods, infrastructure, hospitals, schools, and places of worship have been destroyed contributing to the erasure of Palestinian communities and culture; and

WHEREAS, a poll released by Data for Progress on December 5, 2023 states that 61% of all likely voters in the United States, and 76% of Democratic voters support a permanent ceasefire and de-escalation of violence in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, cities across the United States, including San Francisco, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Seattle, Washington; St Louis, Missouri; Detroit, Michigan; Atlanta, Georgia; Akron, Ohio; Wilmington, Delaware; Providence, Rhode Island; and Richmond, California have passed resolutions calling for ceasefire; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Sun Times Editorial Board released a publication on December 13, 2023 titled “A cease-fire in Israel-Hamas war is a next step to ending the bloodshed,” which elaborates public favor for ceasefire and calls for our local elected officials to support ceasefire in line with public demands; and

WHEREAS, a lasting ceasefire is critical to the release of all hostages and building a foundation for a lasting peace; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of violence are particularly felt by our Palestinian and Jewish communities as the Chicagoland area is home to the largest Palestinian population in all of the United States and the 5th largest Jewish population in the world; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Chicago City Council, support the United Nations implementation of "Uniting for Peace," which called an emergency session of the General Assembly which voted in favor of "immediate humanitarian ceasefire" in Gaza; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Chicago City Council, do hereby call for a permanent ceasefire to end the ongoing violence in Gaza; call for humanitarian assistance including medicine, food, and water, to be sent into the impacted region; and the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Chicago City Council, call for the creation of plans to protect civilian populations in the region, in particular to support the needs of women, children, persons with disabilities, and the elderly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be sent to President Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and the Illinois Congressional delegation.

**Resolution #2024-027**

By the Committee on Equity Diversity and Inclusion  
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lansing

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing stands committed to the notion that all human life is precious in all communities and nations of the world regardless of national, ethnic, political, or religious affiliations; and

WHEREAS, the recent and ongoing armed violence has resulted in the tragic loss of life of thousands of Palestinians and Israelis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing recognizes itself as a globally connected community, enriched by a racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse community that continually stands on the side of human rights, peace, and justice and has historically welcomed those fleeing violence and war; and

WHEREAS, Islamophobia, antisemitism, anti-Palestinian and anti-Israeli bigotry have risen considerably across the U.S. and the world, with direct impacts on our culturally diverse community in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Gaza has the right to independence as the nation of Palestine, and Israel has the right to exist as a nation, and both nations should have all the rights and responsibilities of an independent nation, including the right to defend themselves and the responsibilities to ensure that their governments do not attack other nations without risking war; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Government holds great diplomatic power that could save Palestinian and Israeli lives and the City of Lansing urges officials to prioritize the preservation of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lansing, that the capital city of Lansing, Michigan joins the calls from the growing number of cities across the World, for an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza and Israel, and the safe return of all innocent hostages and detainees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lansing condemns all forms of discrimination, including Islamophobia, antisemitism, and anti-Palestinian and anti-Israeli bigotry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this Resolution will be sent to the Office of U.S. President, the Office of the U.S. Representatives and Senators.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Lansing expresses its immense sorrow over the loss of innocent lives and the suffering endured by civilians in Gaza, Israel, and the broader region and extends deepest sympathies to Lansing and Michigan residents who

have been directly impacted by the ongoing violence in any way, including the loss of loved ones.



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL AND WORLDWIDE CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND THE RELEASE OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ypsilanti advocates for the dignity and safety of all residents in every community, regardless of religion, race, or nationality; and,

**WHEREAS**, local community members have expressed fear due to rises in anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism against Palestinians, and repression of opposition, along with suffering from mental and emotional health issues due to a feeling of helplessness while witnessing a war and humanitarian crisis unfold, and we believe that these tensions will be subdued with a permanent ceasefire; and,

**WHEREAS**, we condemn the loss of innocent lives in Israel and Palestine where over one thousand people in Israel and an escalating number of more than fifteen thousand Palestinians in Gaza have been killed in a matter of weeks, of whom over five thousand are children; and,

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the release of some Israeli and Palestinian hostages and political prisoners, though we recognize that there are still children and women being held captive without being charged with any crime not only from Gaza but also in the West Bank; and,

**WHEREAS**, Gaza is still in a dire humanitarian crisis that is getting worse with each passing day, with the only remaining hospitals running out of fuel and medical supplies, and over 1.5 million Palestinians facing displacement, homelessness, and starvation; and,

**WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for a ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Campaign for Palestinian Rights, Ypsilanti residents' federal taxes contributes \$305,056 to Israel's weapons, which could instead fund, for example, 36 households with public housing for a year, 106 children receiving free or low-cost healthcare, 3 elementary school teachers, or cancel loan debt for 8 students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the federal government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives, and local governments play a role in our democracy to urge needed legislative and policy changes at all levels; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the City of Ypsilanti urges the Michigan delegation, including Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, to support H. Res. 786 calling for an immediate de-escalation and permanent cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine put forward by fellow Michigan Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib and others; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call for an end to funding wars and military activity across the globe so we can focus our shared resources on addressing issues experienced by our residents in Ypsilanti.



OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23-XXX, SERIES 2023**

### **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA**

WHEREAS, the Davis City Council hears and feels deeply the pain of its community caused by the violence in Israel and Gaza; and

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the City of Davis has a long and proud history of standing on the side of peace, and affirming our commitment to speak against injustice; and

WHEREAS, over 1,200 citizens in Israel and over 18,000 in Palestine killed, with over 7,000 of those being children, violence has already claimed the lives of too many Israelis and Palestinians, and wounded too many more; and

WHEREAS, millions of lives are at risk if violence continues, peace is not achieved and basic human needs are not made available; and

WHEREAS, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Agency for International Development and many others have made a call to end the violence and prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS, in response to the conflict, the City of Davis condemns the rise of Antisemitic, Islamophobic, Anti-Arab and other racist and xenophobic attacks in our community, our region and throughout our world; and

WHEREAS, rising tides of hatred have caused community members to feel silenced, unwelcome and unsafe in the spaces they live and work; and

WHEREAS, the government of the United States holds immense power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby support:

- (1) An immediate ceasefire by all parties, an end to all hostilities, and to begin through diplomacy a reinvigorated effort that seeks a permanent, just solution to the conflict and lasting peace in the region.
- (2) an immediate end to all acts of terrorism and violence against civilians,
- (3) unconditional release of all hostages,
- (4) unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance, and restoration of food, water, electricity and medical supplies,
- (5) mutual respect for and adherence to international law and respect for all members of our community

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the offices of Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, State Senator Bill Dodd, Governor Gavin Newsom, Representative Mike Thompson, Senator Laphonza Butler, Senator Alex Padilla, President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end the violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 12th day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

Will Arnold  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
City Clerk

## RESOLUTION NO. 4751-2024

### RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING A SUSTAINED CEASEFIRE IN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT, A RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES; AND IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE CIVILIANS OF GAZA

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the city of Fort Bragg place a high value on all peoples' human right to life, free of the terror of bombing and with access to adequate food, water, shelter, and medical aid; and

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians— no matter their faith or ethnicity— is a violation of humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, we mourn the loss of all civilian lives lost on both sides from October 7<sup>th</sup> to the present; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 70% of those killed having been women and children— and the mass destruction of homes, schools, and medical facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, international organizations such as Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the US taxpayers gave \$3.8 billion to Israel in military aid. In 2024, so far, through the National Security Package, the US has pledged \$14.5 billion in military aid to Israel; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Fort Bragg joins other cities in calling on members of Congress and the Biden administration to demand: an immediate ceasefire; release of all hostages; the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza and the restoration of food, water, electricity, internet, and medical supplies; respect for international law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all innocent civilians, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to US Senator Laphonza Butler, US Senator Alex Padilla, US Representative Jared Huffman, State Senator Mike McGuire, US President Joe Biden, and US Vice President Kamala Harris.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
RECUSE:**

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**BERNIE NORVELL,  
Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**DIANA SANCHEZ  
City Clerk**

MARK DION (MAYOR)  
PIOUS ALI (A/L)  
APRIL D. FOURNIER(A/L)  
ROBERTO RODRÍGUEZ (A/L)

**CITY OF PORTLAND  
IN THE CITY COUNCIL**

ANNA TREVORROW (1)  
VICTORIA L. PELLETIER (2)  
REGINA L. PHILLIPS (3)  
ANNA BULLETT (4)  
KATE SYKES (5)

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE  
IN GAZA AND ISRAEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Portland Maine recognize the importance of peace and security for all communities and nations around the world regardless of national, ethnic or religious affiliations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Portland advocate for the safety, dignity, freedom, and equality of all people, regardless of religion, race, or nationality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Portland recognize that all human life is precious; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 7, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of and wounded thousands of individuals in Gaza, Palestine and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, an immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, as well as ensuring unhindered free flow of humanitarian access, will pave the way for a permanent ceasefire and potentially a lasting peace process; and

**WHEREAS**, an immediate ceasefire, and release of hostages is crucial for the protection of human life, dignity, and the pursuit of lasting peace; and

**WHEREAS**, lives continue to be at imminent risk of death if a ceasefire and release of hostages are not achieved without delay; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Portland, Maine, join with representatives of other cities in calling on our President and Congressional Members to demand an immediate ceasefire to urgently end the current violence in Gaza and Israel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of United States Maine Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden, United States Maine Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and United States President Joseph Biden, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end violence.

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

WHEREAS, All human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS, Between October 7 and October 27, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 7,000 Palestinians and over 1,400 Israelis, including Americans, and wounded thousands more; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

WHEREAS, All members of the Rhode Island Federal Delegation must use the platform provided by their office to advocate for measures that will result in the least amount of death and violence; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence

- (1) Urges the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a ceasefire to urgently end the current violence; and
- (2) Calls upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance to Gaza

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Office of U.S. President Joe Biden, the Office of U.S. Representative Seth Magaziner, the Office of U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, and the Office of U.S. Senator Jack Reed.

RESOLUTION NO. M-2490

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINE**

**WHEREAS**, Palestinian and Israeli people have a shared future that is inseparable, and we affirm the right to exist for both Palestine and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 7, armed violence has caused the loss of a staggering number of lives and has wounded thousands in Israel and Palestine, and we urge the prevention of any further loss of life or harm; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if an immediate, sustainable, and agreed upon cease-fire and end to this war is not achieved and humanitarian life-saving aid is not delivered without delay; and

**WHEREAS**, the release of all Israeli hostages and all Palestinian prisoners who are unlawfully detained without due process must be prioritized; and

**WHEREAS**, this global violence may result in increased violence, antisemitism, islamophobia, xenophobia, and anti-Arab bigotry in Olympia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Olympia is committed to the safe and humane treatment of all of its residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:**

**Section 1.** To call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Israel and Occupied Palestine to end the current violence, for humanitarian aid to be given to those in Gaza, and for the release of all unlawfully detained civilians.

**Section 2.** To commit city resources in preventing and responding to hate crimes, such as acts of antisemitism, islamophobia, xenophobia, and anti-Arab bigotry, as outlined in our Reimagining Public Safety Plan.

**Section 3.** A commitment to partner with local community, faith, educational, and cultural leaders to:

- a. Begin conversations and develop actions to reduce antisemitism, islamophobia, xenophobia, and anti-Arab bigotry.
- b. Engage the broader community together around understanding our shared values.



**Section 4.** A copy of this resolution will be transmitted to members of Washington's Delegation to Congress and add our support for HR 786 and HR 3103 to our federal legislative agenda.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL THIS 12th DAY OF December 2023.

*C Selby*  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Sean Kaiser*  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Mark Barber**  
CITY ATTORNEY

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION** 32118

A RESOLUTION supporting a long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, the return of all hostages, and the delivery of humanitarian aid; and affirming opposition to Antisemitism and Islamophobia.

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS, between October 7 and November 21, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 14,000 Palestinians (nearly half of whom are children) and over 1,200 Israelis. The death toll has included Americans, and tens of thousands more have been wounded; and

WHEREAS, as of November 1, the Israeli military admitted to having dropped 10,000 bombs on Gaza, which averages 72 bombs for every square mile of Gaza, whose entire area is smaller than the size of Seattle, and with *The Wall Street Journal* reporting at least 45 percent of housing units being destroyed or damaged; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk without an immediate long-term ceasefire, restoration of basic necessities, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid without delay to the Palestinian people; and

WHEREAS, the United States government and our elected leaders hold immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the world and the majority of Americans support an immediate long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, and millions of people worldwide including thousands of people in Seattle have joined in peaceful protests since October 7 to amplify this call; and

1 WHEREAS, the City Council of The City of Seattle has the ability to influence Washington  
2 State’s federal delegation to call for an immediate long-term ceasefire to stop the  
3 violence, the safe return of all hostages, and the delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to  
4 the Palestinian people without delay in order to prevent the loss of hundreds of thousands  
5 more lives; and

6 WHEREAS, Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry have risen  
7 significantly in Seattle, across the United States, and around the world in the past six  
8 weeks, with direct impacts on our local communities – from synagogues and mosques to  
9 schools, homes, offices, and places where communities gather, as well as at protests and  
10 rallies; and

11 WHEREAS, all of these forms of bigotry, violence, and oppression serve to divide our  
12 communities and weaken our efforts to achieve collective safety, justice, and true multi-  
13 ethnic, multi-racial democracy here and everywhere; NOW, THEREFORE,

14 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

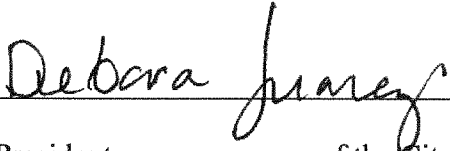
15 Section 1. The Seattle City Council condemns violations of international law, including  
16 both the attack on October 7, 2023 by Hamas, and the Israeli military’s response on the 2.3  
17 million Palestinian people living in Gaza (nearly half of whom are children) since then.

18 Section 2. The Seattle City Council requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to  
19 convey to Seattle’s Congressional delegation its support for an immediate long-term ceasefire,  
20 the return of all hostages, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.


21 Section 3. The Seattle City Council affirms its commitment to combat Antisemitism,  
22 Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, its support for the people of both Israel

1 and Palestine to live in peace and security, and the right of all people to live, learn, work, play,  
2 pray, and engage in peaceful protest, all without threats, intimidation, or death.

3 Adopted by the City Council the 21st day of November, 2023,  
4 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 21st day of  
5 November, 2023.

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7 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

8 Filed by me this 27th day of November, 2023.

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10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

11 (Seal)

Wilmington, Delaware  
November 16, 2023

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Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
Darby

**WHEREAS**, H. Res (House Resolution) 786- Calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on October 25, 2023, by House Representative Cori Bush of Missouri on behalf of herself and 12 cosponsors. H. Res. 786 reaffirms that “all human life is precious” and expresses concern for the thousands of people whose health and safety are at risk unless a ceasefire is reached and humanitarian assistance is made available in Gaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Council expresses support for H. Res. 786, which urges the Biden administration to use its diplomatic power to advocate for and facilitate deescalation and a ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine. H. Res. 786 further calls on the Biden administration to furnish humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza. This Council also voices concern for the provision of funding or other resources that will prolong this devastating conflict or contribute to further loss of lives; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Legislative body respectfully requests that Delaware’s federal delegation support H. Res. 786- Calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine, as well as other legislative actions that advance the goal of ending violence in the region and providing humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative body echoes the concerns of the United States House of Representatives for the safety and well-being of those impacted by the current conflict and the emerging humanitarian crisis.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution echoes the concerns of the United States House of Representatives for the safety and well-being of those impacted by the current violence and the emerging humanitarian crisis in Israel and Gaza. It respectfully requests that Delaware's federal delegation support House Resolution (H. Res.) 786 - calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine, as well as other legislative actions, that advance the goal of ending violence in the region.

23-R-4541

**A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, KEISHA SEAN WAITES AND LILIANA BAKHTIARI TO EXPRESS ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE CARTER CENTER'S CALL FOR CEASE-FIRE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA, TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS, AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Carter Center, a world-renowned non-profit organization founded by Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, works to improve the lives of people around the world through peacebuilding, democracy promotion, human rights protection, disease prevention, and mental health care; and

WHEREAS, the Carter Center has urgently called for a cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas conflict, the establishment of humanitarian corridors, and reinstatement of essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also recognizes the urgency of the Israel-Hamas conflict and the need for immediate action; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also acknowledges the principles of proportionality and international law in self-defense; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also expresses concern over the ongoing violence and its potential for further escalation; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also emphasizes the importance of a cease-fire, humanitarian corridors, and essential services for Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also highlights the tragic loss of innocent lives and the acute humanitarian crisis unfolding; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian sentiments; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also stresses that collective punishment and violence against civilians are contrary to international law; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council also affirms that there is no military solution, and only a political one can lead to peace based on common humanity and human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Atlanta City Council stands in solidarity with the Carter Center's earnest plea for an immediate cease-fire, encompassing all parties involved in the ongoing and escalating Israel-Hamas conflict within Gaza.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Atlanta City Council supports the urgent appeal for the establishment of humanitarian corridors to ensure the unimpeded delivery of much-needed aid and the reinstatement of essential services to the beleaguered region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Atlanta City Council passionately urges the swift and secure return of all hostages, emphasizing the critical importance of safeguarding their well-being.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in unflinching alignment with our commitment to the principles of

international law, the Atlanta City Council earnestly calls on both sides to conscientiously abide by these norms, in order to promote a just and lawful resolution to the conflict. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be resolved to the extent of the conflict.




CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

23-R-4541

SPONSOR SIGNATURES



Michael Julian Bond, Councilmember, Post 1 At Large



Liliya Bakhtiari, Councilmember, District 5



Kisha Sean Waites, Councilmember, Post 3 At Large

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-240**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOLLISTER AFFIRMING THE CITY OF HOLLISTER’S SUPPORT FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND ISRAEL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hollister recognizes the importance of peace and security for all communities and nations around the world regardless of national, ethnic or religious affiliations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hollister advocates for the safety, dignity, freedom, and equality of all people, regardless of religion, race, or nationality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hollister recognizes that all human life is precious; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 7, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of and wounded thousands of individuals in Gaza and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, lives continue to be at imminent risk if a ceasefire is not achieved without delay; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Hollister joins other cities in calling on our Congress Members to demand an immediate ceasefire to urgently end the current violence in Gaza and Israel.

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of Assemblymember Robert Rivas, State Senator Anna Caballero, Governor of California Gavin Newsom, U.S. Congressional Representative Zoe Lofgren, U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, and U.S. President Joe Biden, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end violence.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Hollister at a Regular Meeting held this 4th day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mia Casey, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Woodworth, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law

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Mary F. Lerner, City Attorney



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**Fiscal Note**

Minimal City fiscal impact. No appropriation is required.

**Title**

Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza

**Body**

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their religion or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and,

WHEREAS, between October 7 and November 13, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 11,000 Palestinians, of which at least 4,000 are children, and over 1,400 Israelis, including children, and wounded thousands more; and,

WHEREAS, this conflict is perpetuating a dangerous and costly lack of access to basic human needs in Gaza, such as food, water, medical supplies, and more, which are indispensable for the survival of the civilian population; and,

WHEREAS, Gaza is one of the most densely populated areas in the world with approximately 2.2 million people, who are at ongoing risk until a ceasefire is achieved and humanitarian aid is allowed to reach all people in need; and,

WHEREAS, for the safety and security of all civilians and in order to provide humanitarian aid to Gaza, any ceasefire must be agreed to by both sides and must be guaranteed by the physical presence of international partners who have a vested interest in seeing peace and stability in the region; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government holds immense diplomatic power and a ceasefire should be the highest priority in order to prevent any more innocent civilian lives from being lost; and,

WHEREAS, at least 42 members of Congress have signed on to letters and statements calling for a ceasefire in Gaza; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities across the nation, including Cudahy and Richmond, California; Wilmington, Delaware; Carrboro, North Carolina; and Providence, Rhode Island; have passed resolutions calling for a ceasefire;

WHEREAS, Madison's long history of peace activism has largely created its liberal reputation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and urgent political action to both de-escalate the crisis and to prioritize truth, reconciliation, restitution, and the building of a future for the Palestinian and Israeli people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council urges support for an immediate release of all hostages and cessation of hostilities toward civilians by all parties in this war.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council urges the U.S government to immediately facilitate the sending of humanitarian assistance including food, water, and medical supplies, into Gaza.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Biden, Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, and Representative Mark Pocan.

Proposed Charter Township of Kalamazoo Resolution on Gaza Ceasefire

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of human rights; and

WHEREAS, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 18,000 Palestinians (as of December 9<sup>th</sup>), over 1200 Israelis, including Americans, and wounded thousands more; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Township Board must use the platform provided by their office to advocate for measures that will result in the least amount of death and violence; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinians lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township

- (1) Urges the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a ceasefire to urgently end the current violence, and bring about the release of hostages as well as detainees unjustly held without charge;
- (2) Calls upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance to Gaza

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT upon passage a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Office of U.S. President Joe Biden, the Office of U.S Representative Bill Huizenga, the Office of U.S. Senator Gary Peters and office of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEBELLO,  
CALIFORNIA AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL AND  
WORLDWIDE CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Montebello believes that all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, and religion should be able to live in dignity, freedom, and equality without fear of destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Montebello condemns the recent rise of Antisemitic, Islamophobic, racist, homophobic, and xenophobic attacks in our State and Region and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the current assault on Gaza, in response to Hamas's attack on October 7, 2023, that killed 1,200 people and seized 253 people, has resulted in over 24,000 Palestinians killed by the State of Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Montebello recognizes that the current crisis takes place within a long history and affirms the root causes of the crisis needs to be addressed for a pathway to lasting peace and justice to be developed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives:

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO  
HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS, AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of Montebello will identify and support local programs that combat Antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, homophobic and xenophobic attacks; and

**SECTION 2.** The City of Montebello supports U.S. Congress Resolution H.R. 786 and joins other cities in calling on our congress members to demand: a permanent ceasefire; the release of all hostages and prisoners; the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; the respect for international law; and

**SECTION 3.** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the offices of Assemblymember Miguel Santiago, Senator Bob Archuleta, Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Representative Linda Sanchez, U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, and U.S. President Joe Biden urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end violence.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-06**

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**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.**

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Scarlet Peralta, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Jimenez, City Clerk

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Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )    SS:  
CITY OF MONTEBELLO         )

I, Christopher Jimenez, City Clerk of the City of Montebello, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2024-XX was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Montebello, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- ABSENT:**

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Montebello, does hereby attest and certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, full and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of said City which was duly convened and held on the date stated thereon, and that said document has not been amended, modified, repealed or rescinded since its date of adoption and is in full force and effect as of the date hereof.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Jimenez, City Clerk



## City of Bridgeport, Connecticut Office of the City Clerk

*To the City Council of the City of Bridgeport.*

The Committee on Miscellaneous Matters begs leave to report; and recommends for adoption the following resolution:

### **Item No. 20-23**

#### **Resolution Calling for An Immediate De-escalation and Permanent Ceasefire in Israel, Gaza, and the Occupied West Bank**

**WHEREAS**, All life is precious, and the any indiscriminate killing of innocent civilians, regardless of their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and,

**WHEREAS**, with continued violence in Israel and Palestine, the situation has escalated in the recent months. Most recently, between October 7 and today, armed violence has claimed the lives of innocent civilians in Palestine and Israel. ~~To date 4,200~~ Thousands of innocent lives have been lost in Israel and ~~23,000 innocent lives have been lost~~ in Palestine. The community in Bridgeport across all faith groups and backgrounds supports an end to the continued violence and hopes for a solution where Palestinians and Israelis can live side by side with a two-state solution in enduring peace, safety, justice, and dignity. Every human being deserves a dignified, peaceful life regardless of religion, race, or color; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a permanent ceasefire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and,

**WHEREAS**, All members of the Bridgeport City Council have the right ~~a duty and responsibility~~ to speak up in times of injustice; and, ~~and to also center the voices, experiences, and realities of the most directly impacted in a given situation, including Bridgeport residents; and,~~

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Government holds immense power to save Palestinian & and Israeli lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of Bridgeport calls upon our U.S. Congressional delegation, both in the Senate and House of Representatives, to join us in:





**City of Bridgeport,  
Connecticut  
Office of the City Clerk**

**Committee on Miscellaneous Matters**

**Item No. 20-23**

1. Urging the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate immediate de-escalation and a permanent ceasefire to urgently end the current violence in Gaza, Israel, and the ~~Occupied~~ West Bank; and.
2. Call upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of adequate and sufficient humanitarian assistance to Gaza and the ~~Occupied~~ West Bank; and.
3. Call upon the Biden administration to facilitate the immediate release of innocent Israeli hostages as well as the immediate release of ~~innocent~~ Palestinian prisoners <sup>being held</sup> in Israeli jails; and, who are  
unlawfully
4. Urge the Biden administration to facilitate the government in Israel and Palestine to come to a political two state solution that promotes justice and peace. enduring

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage of this Resolution, a copy be provided to the Bridgeport delegation to the Connecticut state legislature; the United States Congressional delegations from Connecticut: Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont; and President of the United States Joseph Biden.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
THE COMMITTEE ON  
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

*opposed due to procedural issues of Committee Chair.*  
 Amy Marie Vizzo-Paniccia, *Co-Chair*  
 Amy Marie

*absent*  
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 Rolanda Smith

*Tyle Mack*  
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 Tyle Mack

*[Signature]*  
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 Akeem G. Boyd, *Co-Chair*

*absent*  
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 Alfredo Castillo

*absent*  
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 Matthew McCarthy



# Resolution

## RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AND IMMEDIATE DE-ESCLATION AND CEASE-FIRE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law;

**WHEREAS**, between October 7 and November 13, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 11,000 Palestinians and over 1,400 Israelis, including Americans, and wounded thousands more;

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not achieved, and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic and appropriations powers to save Israeli and Palestinian lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Carrboro calls upon our US Congressional delegation, both in the Senate and House of Representatives, to join us in –

- 1) urging the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a cease-fire to urgently end the current violence; and
- 2) calling upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance - at the scale needed - into north and south Gaza.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town of Carrboro supports all of its Muslim and Jewish residents and condemns Islamophobia and antisemitism.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Carrboro Town Council asks the Town Clerk that copies of this resolution be quickly forwarded to the President of the United States and Carrboro’s Congressional Delegation.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

A motion was made by Council Member Sammy Slade and seconded by Council Member Danny Nowell that the resolution be approved.

The motion carried 4 – 3.

**Ayes:** Council Member Sammy Slade, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Mayor Damon Seils

**Noes:** Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Randee Haven-O’Donnell

*Damon Seils*

Damon Seils, Mayor



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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5391**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEACE AND IN  
OPPOSITION TO WAR.**

**PASSED: 7:0**

**REJECTED:**

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSENT: Leech**

**CONSIDERED: December 11, 2023**



## RESOLUTION NO. 5391

### A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEACE AND IN OPPOSITION TO WAR.

#### The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

**A.** All human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians – no matter their faith or ethnicity – is a violation of International Human Rights.

**B.** We all struggle with feelings of anguish, anger, loss, and despair over the appalling violence erupting in Israel and Gaza. The cruelty of the October 7 attacks on Israeli civilians including the seizure of hostages by Hamas, and the subsequent onslaught by the Israeli government on civilians in Gaza are horrifying and the loss of innocent lives caused by this war is unacceptable.

**C.** On November 27, 2023, the City of Eugene reaffirmed our State and Federal Legislative Policies including the following Equity and Inclusion items (partial list):

**1.** Eugene supports initiatives that affirm the promotion of rights included in the International Declaration of Human Rights.

**2.** Eugene supports legislation that condemns all forms of hate, xenophobia, racism, white supremacy, Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, sexism, and other forms of bigotry. This includes timely condemnation of actions against certain groups in relation to specific events.

**3.** Eugene supports legislation that protects refugees, regardless of citizenship status.

**D.** On September 25, 2023, Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis officially rededicated the City of Eugene as a city of Peace, providing inspiration and honoring International Peace by “commemorating and strengthening the ideal of peace, both within and among nations and peoples.”

**E.** We have a moment to stand for peace, with clarity about the depth of pain and the challenge of compromise that is required.

**F.** The United States holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

**G.** Our friends and neighbors who are Jewish and Muslim – Israeli and Palestinian – face a surge in anti-Semitism, anti-Arab and anti-Muslim hate speech and crimes. Peace begins with us, not with accusations or diminishment of the suffering on either side, but as a community that shares their grief and extends our hands and hearts in compassion.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

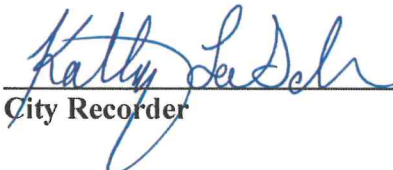
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a  
Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City Council urges the Biden-Harris administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and continued ceasefire peace talks to end the current violence and to promptly send adequate humanitarian assistance to all innocent persons in the region affected by this war.

**Section 2.** The City Council asks all members of Oregon's Federal Delegation to use the platform provided by their office to advocate for peaceful, diplomatic measures that will result in an immediate and long-term reduction of violence and bloodshed.

**Section 3.** This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

**The foregoing Resolution adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.**

  
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**City Recorder**

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AKRON CITY COUNCIL

Substitute Offered  
as an Amendment

November 10, 2023

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Offered By: PRESIDENT SOMMERVILLE, VICE PRESIDENT FUSCO, COUNCILMAN NEAL, COUNCILWOMAN MOSLEY, & COUNCILMAN MALIK

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2023, expressing sympathy for the innocent civilians victimized by the war in Israel and Palestine; condemning violence of any kind; affirming Akron's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Islamic religions and any other religion; encouraging residents to offer support and sincere condolences to members of the Jewish and Palestinian communities of Akron and all over the world; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2023, Akron City Council passed a resolution condemning the October 7th attack on Southern Israel, which killed roughly 1,200 individuals and resulted in the seizure of roughly 200 hostages; and

WHEREAS, the 10/16/23 City Council resolution affirmed Akron's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish faith and any other faith and encouraging Akron residents to offer support and condolences to the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2023, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a major resolution on the Gaza crisis on October 27, 2023. The resolution called for an "immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities" and demanded that all parties "immediately and fully comply" with obligations under international humanitarian and human rights laws, "particularly in regard to the protection of civilians and civilian objects." The resolution also urged the protection of humanitarian personnel, persons hors de combat, and humanitarian facilities and assets, and to enable and facilitate humanitarian access for essential supplies and services to reach all civilians in need in the Gaza Strip. The General Assembly also called for the "immediate and unconditional release" of all civilians being illegally held/detained or imprisoned, demanding their safety, well-being and humane treatment in compliance with international law. The resolution was passed with 120 members in favor, 14 against, and 45 abstentions; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, more than 12,500 Palestinians, more than 4,000 of whom are children, have been killed because of this violence, and more than 1,000,000 Palestinians have been displaced; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Akron wish to decry any and all acts of violence and express their deepest condolences to all those affected by this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Akron is committed to encouraging and uplifting both the Akron Palestinian & Jewish communities and their communities at large; and

WHEREAS, there have been many dehumanizing incidents of anti-Palestinian, anti-Muslim, and antisemitic violence and rhetoric within the United States; and

WHEREAS, many members of our Akron-area community are impacted by the ongoing conflict, including members of our Palestinian community, our Muslim community, our Jewish community, and many others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Akron:

Section 1. That the City of Akron Council hereby expresses sympathy for the civilian victims and all those affected by the horrific violence and war.

Section 2. That the City of Akron hereby decries all horrific acts of violence committed against civilians of any kind.

Section 3. That the City of Akron hereby affirms Akron's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Islamic faith and any other religion and encourages Akron residents to offer support and condolences to members of the Palestinian and Jewish communities.

Section 4. The City of Akron urgently calls for a ceasefire with the release of all civilians being illegally held or imprisoned on both sides of the conflict, along with the establishment of humanitarian aid corridors in order to preserve human life.

Section 5. That the City of Akron calls for all Palestinians and Israelis to abide by international law. The Council of the City of Akron envisions a two-state solution, bringing an end to the occupation and illegal settlement activity by Israel and clear recognition of Israel's right to exist by all governing Palestinian parties, recognizing the legitimate desire and need for Palestinian self-determination, as well as the legitimate desire and need for Israelis and Palestinians to live in safety and security.

Section 6. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is immediately necessary for this Council to express its support for victims of the war in Israel and Palestine, and provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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M A Y O R

## **Resolution Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza**

Whereas, Palestine has been occupied by Israel since 1948, and, as November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Israel has been bombing Gaza for 42 days; and

Whereas, the Gaza Strip is home to more than two million people who have endured decades of militarized violence and extreme resource scarcity; and

Whereas, since October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, this violence has intensified, leading to more than eleven thousand additional deaths with thousands more deaths to come due to the lack of medical treatments, food, and water; and

Whereas, the current violence is a symptom of Israel's much larger territorial goal of dominating the entirety of Palestine which includes the Occupied Palestinian Territories and East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; and

Whereas, the United States has provided almost \$4 billion in military aid to the state of Israel over the past year; and

Whereas, defense contractors with a large local presence, including the Boeing Company, stand to profit from the increased sales of weapons that lead to more civilian deaths in Gaza; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of people around the world, tens of thousands in Washington State, and hundreds of individuals in Bellingham have participated in rallies and actions calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza; and

Whereas, the relatives of a number of Bellingham's Palestinian community members have been killed by the Israeli bombardment since October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

Whereas, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an immediate and sustained humanitarian truce on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Bellingham, Washington:

We proclaim that the City of Bellingham stands in solidarity with civilians suffering from war violence around the world and particularly in the occupied territories of Palestine.

We proclaim our support for an immediate ceasefire in the occupied territories of Palestine, in which civilians are being disproportionately and unnecessarily harmed.

We proclaim that we condemn all forms of racism, xenophobia, profiling, anti-Arab sentiment, anti-Jewish sentiment, Islamophobia, and antisemitism that arise in response to the situation.

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Submitted November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 on behalf of the Whatcom Peace and Justice Center, Veterans for Peace Chapter 111, and Whatcom Families for Peace and Justice in Palestine.



## RESOLUTION NO.

### PROCLAMATION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF COTATI'S SUPPORT FOR AN ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CEASEFIRE AND PERMANENT RESOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT

**WHEREAS**, since the founding of the United Nations (UN) following World War II, the UN has issued numerous resolutions and worked towards the vision of the two-State solution where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders, consistent with international law and relevant UN resolutions, including the importance of unifying the Gaza Strip (Gaza) with the West Bank under the Palestinian Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2023, the Israeli government lifted the ban on Israeli settlements in previously evacuated areas in the northern West Bank area, further complicating the UN goal of a contiguous, independent Palestinian state and deepening the on-going conflict<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the latest round in the long history of violence between Israel and the Palestinians began on October 7, 2023 with the incursion of Palestinian armed groups into Israel at multiple locations adjacent to Gaza, resulting in the deaths of Israelis and the taking of hostages, many of which are still being held by armed Palestinian groups; and

**WHEREAS**, in response, Israel initiated a large scale and on-going military incursion into Gaza, with the initial stated aims of rescuing the hostages and destroying Hamas; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2023, House Resolution (HR) 786 was introduced in the United States House of Representatives calling for the “... *Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate deescalation and a cease-fire to urgently end the current violence...*” and “... *promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza.*”; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 7, 2023, the UN Security Council has issued two resolutions on this conflict:

1. Resolution 2712 (November 15, 2023) demanding that all parties comply with their obligations under international law with regard to the protection of civilians, especially children; calling for extended humanitarian pauses in the violence for humanitarian aid; and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas and other groups, especially children;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.voanews.com/a/jewish-settlers-erect-religious-school-in-evacuated-west-bank-outpost-after-israel-repeals-ban/7113399.html>

2. Resolution 2720 (December 22, 2023) demanding that all parties to the conflict comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law, including with regard to the conduct of hostilities and the protection of civilians and civilian objects, humanitarian access, and the protection of humanitarian personnel and their freedom of movement; demanding that all parties to the conflict allow, facilitate and enable the immediate, safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance at scale directly to the Palestinian civilian population throughout Gaza, and immediately allow safe, unhindered, and expanded humanitarian access and to create the conditions for a sustainable cessation of hostilities; demanding that the parties to the conflict allow and facilitate the use of all available routes to and throughout the entire Gaza, including border crossings for the provision of humanitarian assistance; demanding the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, as well as ensuring humanitarian access to address medical needs of all hostages; demanding the provision of fuel to Gaza at levels that will meet requisite humanitarian needs;

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2023, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution in an emergency session demanding an “immediate humanitarian ceasefire”, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages as well as “ensuring humanitarian access”; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel and Palestinian armed groups agreed to a temporary truce from November 24-November 30, 2023 to allow 50 women, children and teenagers under the age of 19 taken hostage by Hamas to be freed in return for 150 Palestinian women and teenagers in Israeli detention, as well as an agreement to allow more emergency aid and fuel into Gaza; and

**WHEREAS**, Between October 7 and January 2, 2024, armed violence has claimed the lives of approximately 22,000 Palestinians<sup>2</sup> and over 1,200 Israelis<sup>3</sup>, and wounded thousands more; and according to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, an estimated 1,900,000 Palestinians (85% of Gaza) has been internally displaced since October 7; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk of death, famine and life-threatening diseases in Gaza without a sustained ceasefire and unimpeded large scale humanitarian relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the sustained conflict, as well as the larger Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is creating a humanitarian catastrophe that is only deepening; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the violence that we have seen in Israel and Gaza, Amnesty International has reported an escalation in violence in the West Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, there are increasing concerns that the conflict in the West Bank will also spill over regionally, including increased attacks on civilian shipping in the Red Sea by armed

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<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Health, Gaza, includes combatants and non-combatants.

<sup>3</sup> Israeli Media Sources, citing official sources, includes combatants, non-combatants and foreign nationals in Israel.

groups in Yemen and an increase in cross border attacks into Israel by armed groups in Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cotati finds that all loss of life and the human suffering that this conflict has caused is tragic and an immediate cessation of hostilities and a permanent solution to this crisis must be one of the top foreign policy priorities of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cotati finds that all parties to this conflict must adhere to their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cotati joins the United Nations, world leaders, religious leaders, and citizens of the world everywhere in calling for an immediate ceasefire and an end to all armed hostilities by all sides; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Cotati supports U.S. Congress Resolution HR 786 and joins other cities in calling on our Congressional Members to demand: an immediate ceasefire; release of all hostages, the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; and respect for international law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Cotati, consistent with long standing UN action, supports a solution where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders, consistent with international law and relevant UN resolutions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Cotati opposes any Israeli policy that continues the expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank or Gaza, as this inflames tensions, continues the violence and pushes a two-state solution further out of reach; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a permanent solution to this crisis must be one of the top foreign policy priorities of the United States to reduce human suffering and promote peace in the region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Cotati opposes all forms of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism, and bigotry and advocates for the dignity and safety of residents in every community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sonoma County's Supervisors, the Mayors and Council members of each of its incorporated cities, California State Assemblymembers, Representatives, and Governor, and United States' Representatives, Senators, Vice President, and President urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end this conflict and work towards a permanent peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cotati held on January 9, 2024, by the

following vote, to wit:

**RESULT:**  
**MOVER:**  
**SECONDER:**  
**AYES:**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Patterson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_

City Attorney

## RESOLUTION NO. 23-48

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA AFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF GAZA AND SUPPORT REP. CORY BUSH'S CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE DE-ESCALATION AND CEASE-FIRE IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINE**

WHEREAS, 1,400 Israelis were killed by Hamas on October 7th and nearly 8,000 Palestinians, including over 3,000 children, have been killed by the state of Israel in this escalated conflict; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cudahy ("City") mourns the loss of all civilian lives lost from October 7th to the present and also throughout the decades of displacement, occupation, oppression, and blockade endured in Gaza and the West Bank; and

WHEREAS, the City stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza, who are currently facing collective punishment by the state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, collective punishment is considered a war crime under international law, and refers to a form of sanction imposed on persons or a group of persons in response to a crime committed by one of them or a member of the group; and

WHEREAS, the state of Israel is engaging in collective punishment against the Palestinian people in Gaza in response to Hamas attacks on Israel; and

WHEREAS, this collective punishment of the Palestinian people includes shutting off all access to electricity, drinking water, food, and humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, the UN says approximately 2 million people in Gaza may soon run out of drinking water and all medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Gaza Strip, one of the most densely populated places on Earth, has been repeatedly referred to by human rights groups as "the world's largest open-air prison" even prior to this conflict; and

WHEREAS, Gaza is known as "the world's largest open-air prison" due to ongoing, unbearable living conditions imposed by the state of Israel, including a full air, land and sea blockade, enclosure of its borders by concrete walls and barbed wire fences, and the strict prohibition of Palestinians from leaving and entering the territory freely; and

WHEREAS, this blockade on Gaza has caused a 42% unemployment rate, while 84% of the population relies on humanitarian aid, 41% of Palestinians have too little food, 60% of Palestinian children are anemic, and the Gazan population cannot count on more than 2-4 hours of continuous electrical power a day; and

WHEREAS, prior to this current water shortage, only 1% of Gaza population has access to safe drinking water, leaving Gaza's population – half of whom are children – increasingly vulnerable to waterborne diseases, infections, and dehydration; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

RESOLVED, that the City of Cudahy takes seriously the entreaty of “Never Again,” and that the historical memory of the Holocaust means fighting ethnic cleansing and apartheid everywhere; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Cudahy vows to combat antisemitism and ethno-nationalism in all its forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cudahy calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire and the safe passage of substantial humanitarian aid to Gaza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Cudahy calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire and the safe passage of substantial humanitarian aid to Gaza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cudahy calls for the immediate release of all Israeli hostages taken by Hamas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Cudahy calls for an end to Israeli apartheid and the occupation and blockade of Palestinian land by Israeli military forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Cudahy endorses the Congressional Resolution submitted by Representatives Cori Bush (MO-01), Rashida Tlaib (MI-12), André Carson (IN-

07), Summer Lee (PA-12), and Delia C. Ramirez (IL-03), alongside Representatives Jamaal Bowman (NY-16), Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12), Jesús “Chuy” García (IL-04), Jonathan Jackson (IL-01), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14), Ilhan Omar (MN-05), Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), and Nydia Velázquez (NY-07) and urges our Congressional Representative, Rep. Robert Garcia, and California’s Congressional delegation to vote in support of the resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the City Manager or his designee to immediately distribute this Resolution upon its adoption to the offices of Senator Alex Padilla (CA), Representatives Robert Garcia (CA-42), Cori Bush (MO-01), Rashida Tlaib (MI-12), André Carson (IN-07), Summer Lee (PA-12), and Delia C. Ramirez (IL-03), alongside Representatives Jamaal Bowman (NY-16), Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12), Jesús “Chuy” García (IL-04), Jonathan Jackson (IL-01), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14), Ilhan Omar (MN-05), Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), and Nydia Velázquez (NY-07).

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cudahy advocates for the dignity and safety of residents in every community, regardless of what crimes its leadership may commit, and that peaceful diplomacy is the only way to achieve this safety and dignity.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Cudahy at its regular meeting on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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Daisy Lomelí  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richard Iglesias  
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )    SS:  
CITY OF CUDAHY                )

I, Richard Iglesias, City Clerk of the City of Cudahy, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 23-48 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cudahy at a regular meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

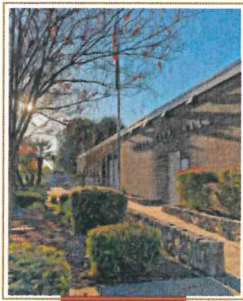
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Richard Iglesias  
City Clerk



# Proclamation

## Affirming Madera's Commitment & Support for an Immediate and Permanent Cease Fire in all of Gaza



*Whereas*, the City of Madera, believes that all life is precious and that we stand united against violence; the City of Madera advocates for the safety, dignity, freedom, and equality of all people, regardless of religion, race, or nationality; and , 67% of American voters support a permanent ceasefire, according to an October 20th, 2023 'Data For Progress' poll, and want to see the U.S. leverage its diplomatic relationships "to prevent further violence and civilian deaths"; and

*Whereas*, Over 32 thousand innocent lives have perished due to this conflict who have been killed in a matter of weeks, of whom over 60% are children. Gaza is in a dire humanitarian crisis that is getting worse with each passing day, with the only remaining hospitals running out of fuel and medical supplies, and over 2 million Palestinians are facing displacement, homelessness, and starvation; and international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for a permanent ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

*Whereas*, the City of Madera recognizes that the current crisis takes place within a long history and affirms that, for a pathway to lasting peace and justice to be developed, the root causes of the crisis need to be addressed; and

*Whereas*, the City of Madera supports and joins other cities in calling on our Congress Members to demand: an immediate permanent ceasefire; release of all hostages due to this conflict, the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; and the respect for international law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all civilians; and

*Whereas*, a copy of this proclamation is authorized to be sent throughout City Councils in the San Joaquin Valley, to the offices of Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria, State Senator Anna Caballero, Representative John Duarte, Governor of California Gavin Newsom, Senator Laphonza Butler, Senator Alex Padilla, President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end violence.; and

*Now, Therefore, It Be Resolved*, that I, Santos Garcia, Mayor of the City of Madera, and on behalf of the entire City Council, sign this proclamation on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Santos Garcia  
Mayor, City of Madera

## **Resolution Affirming Richmond's Support and Solidarity with the Palestinian People of Gaza**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza, who are currently facing a campaign of ethnic cleansing and collective punishment by the state of Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, collective punishment is considered a war crime under international law, and refers to a form of sanction imposed on persons or a group of persons in response to a crime committed by one of them or a member of the group; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Israel is engaging in collective punishment against the Palestinian people in Gaza in response to Hamas attacks on Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, this collective punishment of the Palestinian people includes shutting off all access to electricity, drinking water, food, and humanitarian aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the UN says approximately 2 million people in Gaza may soon run out of drinking water and all medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, ethnic cleaning refers to the creation of an ethnically homogenous geographic area through the elimination of unwanted ethnic groups by deportation, forcible displacement, or genocide; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel is now engaged in an ethnic cleansing campaign by explicitly requiring two million Palestinians to leave Gaza immediately or risk being bombed in their homes by the Israeli army; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gaza Strip, one of the most densely populated places on Earth, has been repeatedly referred to by human rights groups as “the world’s largest open-air prison” even prior to this conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaza is known as “the world’s largest open-air prison” due to ongoing, unbearable living conditions imposed by the state of Israel, including a full air, land and sea blockade, enclosure of its borders by concrete walls and barbed wire fences, and the strict prohibition of Palestinians from leaving and entering the territory freely; and

**WHEREAS**, this blockade on Gaza has caused a 42% unemployment rate, while 84% of the population relies on humanitarian aid, 41% of Palestinians have too little food, 60% of Palestinian children are anemic, and the Gazan population cannot count on more than 2-4 hours of continuous electrical power a day; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to this current water shortage, only 1% of Gaza population has access to safe drinking water, leaving Gaza’s population – half of whom are children – increasingly vulnerable to waterborne diseases, infections, and dehydration; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel has not allowed many common cancer diagnosis and treatment tools, including PET CT and radiotherapy, to enter Gaza since 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, pediatric cancer cases that are typically considered treatable are often fatal in the Gaza Strip, as a result of the lack of healthcare and restrictions on movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Israel would not be able to maintain an apartheid regime without enormous military aid provided by the United States every year, thereby also depriving Americans of money for their own urgent needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Richmond takes seriously the entreaty of “Never Again,” and that the historical memory of the Holocaust means fighting ethnic cleansing and apartheid everywhere; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Richmond vows to combat antisemitism and ethno-nationalism in all its forms; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Richmond advocates for the dignity and safety of residents in every community, regardless of what crimes its leadership may commit, and that peaceful diplomacy is the only way to achieve this safety and dignity.

**CITY OF OJAI**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA  
AFFIRMING OJAI'S INTERNATIONAL CITY OF PEACE COMMITMENT AND  
CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE AND OTHER MEASURES**

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that this Resolution is outside of the City of Ojai's municipal code and direct jurisdiction but sometimes we are called to make statements outside of our normal purview; and

WHEREAS, all human life is precious and Ojai's commitment as an International City of Peace calls on elected officials to promote peace for all people, no matter their faith or ethnicity, in accordance with International Humanitarian Law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ojai condemns the recent rise of Antisemitic, Islamophobic, and xenophobic attacks in our county and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023 in a coordinated attack, Hamas and other terrorist Palestinian groups invaded Israel, raping women and killing 1,200 people and took 240 hostages, including infants and children; and

WHEREAS, according to the Gaza Ministry of Health, an agency of the Hamas-controlled government, 29,000 Palestinians living in Gaza have been killed by Israeli Defense Forces. The ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants. Israel reports that it has killed over 11,000 Hamas and Islamic Jihad fighters. In addition, thousands more Gazans are missing and over 1.5 million civilians have been displaced from their homes and are without access to electricity, drinking water, and medical care for the thousands who have been wounded; and

WHEREAS, millions of people are at risk if a ceasefire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

WHEREAS, Israel, the United States Government, the International Court of Justice and many others have called upon Hamas and others to release the hostages they hold; and

WHEREAS, international organizations like Amnesty International, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for International Development, the International Rescue Committee, Doctors without Borders, and many others have called for a ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life and to ensure international humanitarian law; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Americans support a ceasefire (1), and want to see the U.S. leverage its diplomatic relationships "to prevent further violence and civilian deaths."(2); and

WHEREAS, elected officials may use the platform provided by their office to advocate for measures that minimize violence and promote peace; and

WHEREAS, the United States holds immense diplomatic power and responsibility to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Ojai calls on our Congress members to demand: an immediate ceasefire; Hamas and other release all hostages in Gaza in exchange for an agreed number of prisoners in Israel; unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; the restoration of food, water, electricity and medical supplies to Gaza; and respect for the implementation international law in accordance with our desire to achieve peace around the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to city councils in Ventura and Santa Barbara County, the office of State Senator Monique Limón, Governor of California Gavin Newsom, U.S. Representative Salud Carbajal, U.S. Representative Julia Brownley, U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, U.S. President Joe Biden, and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end violence and promote peace.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CITY OF OJAI, CALIFORNIA

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Betsy Stix, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

ATTEST:

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Weston Montgomery, Chief Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Matthew Summers, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE AND IMMEDIATE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE ONGOING CONFLICT AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IMPACTING GAZA AND ISRAEL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pomona has a longstanding commitment to advocating for compassion, peace, social justice, safety and fostering a mutual respect and understanding for all people, regardless of religion, race or nationality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pomona pursues a responsibility to uphold the values of inclusion, diversity and equity; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing conflict in The Middle East that began on October 7, 2023 has resulted in the tragic loss of many thousands of innocent civilian Israeli and Palestinian lives, and increasing reports of AntiSemitic, Islamophobic, Anti-Jewish and Anti-Arab incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a terrorist attack causing the deaths of over 1,200 Israelis and the capture of innocent civilians as hostages, and

**WHEREAS**, in response, the State of Israel has engaged in a bombing campaign targeting Hamas terrorists operating within civilian populations including hospitals, schools, etc. of the Gaza Strip, resulting in the deaths of many thousands of innocent Palestinians; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our community members have suffered from an alarming rise in Antisemitism and Islamophobia; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pomona stands firmly on the foundations of peace, unity, respect, understanding and the universal value and preciousness of all lives: and

**WHEREAS**, our Pomona's core value of engaged compassion recognizes that it is only through action and application of our values that we can promote true peace and stand against the perpetuation of violence by rejecting silence, apathy, and hopelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pomona as a local government organization can contribute to the collective efforts of a global society to promote a culture of peace, understanding, and cooperation, creating a ripple effect that extends beyond local borders;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pomona as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Pomona hereby unequivocally and without prejudice, condemns; terrorist acts; every form of avoidable, unnecessary, unlawful violence that results in the death, injury, displacement, or mortal endangerment of innocent civilians;

intolerance, racism and xenophobia, including Antisemitic, Islamophobic, Anti-Arab, and Anti-Jewish sentiments, rhetoric, and attacks in our region, nation and across the world; and specifically the terrorist actions of Hamas of October 7, 2023 and the violent acts committed by extremist Israeli settlers in the West Bank.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council of the City of Pomona hereby supports Congressional Resolution H.R. 786, and joins other cities in calling on Congress and the Biden administration to demand: an immediate ceasefire; an immediate release of all hostages Hamas took on October 7, 2023; urgent safe passage and delivery of substantial and sufficient humanitarian aid to Gaza; and a lasting political resolution that protects the lives, health, and security of all innocent civilians.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council requests that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the City's delegation of federal representatives and disseminated to any requesting interested parties.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and it shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Sandoval  
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sonia R. Carvalho  
City Attorney

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Rosalia A. Butler, MMC  
City Clerk

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Pomona at a special meeting thereof held on January 22, 2024, by the following vote of the City Council.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



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Rosalia A. Butler, MMC  
City Clerk

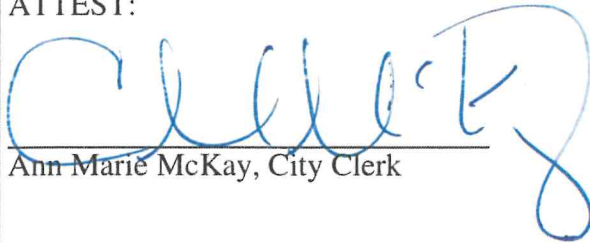


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ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

  
Bob Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

I, Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk of the City of Laguna Beach, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 23.064 was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on October 24, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Orgill, Rounaghi, Weiss, Kempf, Whalen  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

  
City Clerk, City of Laguna Beach, California

Resolution supporting a permanent ceasefire in Palestine and Israel, the return of all captives, and the delivery of humanitarian aid; and affirming opposition to antisemitism, Islamophobia and anti-Arab bigotry with the aim of achieving a just and lasting political solution.

Whereas, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

Whereas, over 1,200 Israelis were killed on October 7<sup>th</sup>, over 20,000 Palestinians have been killed since October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023, as of January 2, 2024, and people of other nationalities have been killed; and

Whereas, continued hostilities have forced 85% of Palestinians in Gaza and 5-10% of Israelis to flee their homes; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk without an immediate permanent ceasefire, restoration of basic necessities, and delivery of adequate and unconditional humanitarian aid without delay to the Palestinian people; and

Whereas, more than one hundred Israeli captives are held by Hamas and more than 7,000 Palestinian captives are held without due process under Israeli martial law; and

Whereas, the United States government and our elected leaders hold immense diplomatic power to save Palestinian and Israeli lives, and US law requires that foreign military aid not be used in the contravention of international law; and

Whereas, the United States provides ongoing military aid to Israel, of which approximately \$748,000 annually came from taxpayers in Iowa City, as well as humanitarian aid to Palestine, of which approximately \$31,000 annually came from Iowa City taxpayers during the period from 2017 to 2022; and

Whereas, the majority of nations in the UN have voted in favor of a ceasefire resolution, and millions of people worldwide, including residents of Iowa City, have joined in peaceful protests since October 7 to amplify this call; and

Whereas, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, and antisemitism have risen significantly across the United States, and around the world, with direct impacts on communities – from synagogues and mosques to schools, universities, homes, offices, and places where communities gather, as well as at protests and rallies; and

Whereas, all of these forms of bigotry, violence, and oppression serve to divide our communities and weaken our efforts to achieve collective safety, justice, and true multi-ethnic, multi-racial, multi-religious democracy here and everywhere.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Iowa City that:

1. The City of Iowa City unequivocally condemns both the attack on October 7, 2023 by Hamas, and the killing of civilians in Gaza and West Bank by the state of Israel; and
2. The City of Iowa City affirms its commitment to combat anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, antisemitism, and Islamophobia; and
3. The City of Iowa City affirms its support for all people in Palestine and Israel to live in peace, justice,

and security; and

4. The City of Iowa City affirms its support for the rights of all people, including residents of Iowa City, to live, learn, work, play, worship, and engage in peaceful protest, all without intimidation, coercion, or the threat of violence; and
5. The City of Iowa City asks our congressional delegation to support all resolutions and legislation that match the values stated throughout this Iowa City resolution, especially those that aim to alleviate the urgent humanitarian disaster in Gaza, such as US House Resolution No. 786; and
6. The City of Iowa City affirms first-amendment rights of citizens to criticize government or government policy, and affirms that criticism of governments in Israel and Palestine is not inherently antisemitic or anti-Arab; and
7. The City of Iowa City supports the delivery of immediate, unconditional, and sufficient humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza; and
8. The City of Iowa City affirms its commitment to US laws requiring that arms transfers be used in accordance with international law; and
9. The City of Iowa City resolves that the Iowa City Clerk's Office will provide a copy of this resolution to the members of the Iowa State legislature, the Iowa State Governor, and the United States Congressional delegations from Iowa.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney's Office

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ the Resolution be adopted, and upon roll call there was:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

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**Council Members Adams and Romero introduced the following:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 3.11.24R (MC)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALBANY'S COMMON COUNCIL CALLING FOR A PERMANENT END TO VIOLENCE IN GAZA, IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT HUMANITARIAN AID FOR GAZA, AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND UNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing war in Gaza has resulted in immense human suffering and loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany is committed to promoting peace, unity, and respect for all its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and stand in solidarity with our Muslim and Jewish communities, reaffirming our commitment to their safety, security, and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, we share dire concerns with the war in Gaza in which over 20,000 Palestinians have been killed as of December 22, 2023, with the exact amount unknown due to the inability to count the dead as the health system collapses, another 50,000 injured and several thousands more reported missing and presumed to be dead under the rubble; and

**WHEREAS**, we are deeply sympathetic to the 2 million Palestinian civilians who have now been displaced and for the scores of Israeli lives that have been impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Gaza face further devastation from the lack of food, water, sanitation and other basic necessities, with over half a million Gazans reported starving by the United Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge Resolution 106.102.23R from October 16<sup>th</sup> which condemns the attacks on Israel that took place on October 7<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the urgency of the situation and the imperative need for immediate action;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Common Council of Albany, New York calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire and end to the hostilities in the region which are causing a horrific loss of Palestinian and Israeli life; and

2. We urge for the immediate provisioning of humanitarian aid commensurate with the multiple levels of socioeconomic collapse in Gaza; and
3. We urge leaders to prioritize the safety and well-being of all hostages and detainees, recognizing their right to freedom and immediate and unconditional release; and
4. We extend our support to diplomatic efforts and initiatives aimed at facilitating a peaceful resolution to the conflict, emphasizing the importance of all parties abiding by established international humanitarian law; and
5. We express our unwavering commitment to fostering peace and unity within the City of Albany, and representing the voices and concerns of all its citizens; and
6. We stand in solidarity with our Muslim and Jewish communities, affirming our commitment to their safety, security, and inclusion within the fabric of our city; and
7. We express our sincere hope that the current conflict will be resolved swiftly and peacefully, leading to a just and lasting peace.

**To:** Shaniqua Jackson, Acting City Clerk

**From:** Jake Eisland, Esq., Research Counsel

**Re:** Request for Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum

**Date:** December 29, 2023

**Sponsor:** Council Members Adams and Romero

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 3.11.24R (MC)**

**TITLE**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALBANY'S COMMON COUNCIL CALLING FOR A PERMANENT END TO VIOLENCE IN GAZA, IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT HUMANITARIAN AID FOR GAZA, AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND UNITY

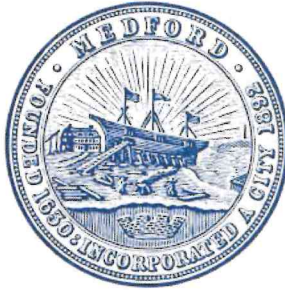
**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

The civilians of Gaza are currently facing desperate conditions, needing immediate humanitarian assistance to save lives. This resolution would call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire so that humanitarian assistance can be brought to the residents of Gaza.

**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

N/A





Medford City Council  
Medford, Massachusetts

**MEETING DATE**

February 6, 2024

**SPONSORED BY**

Kit Collins, Council Vice President

**AGENDA ITEM**

**24-035** - Resolution in Support of a Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

Whereas, the Medford City Council recognizes and affirms the sanctity, preciousness, and equality of all human life;

Whereas, on October 7th, 2023, the terrorist group Hamas killed over 1,200 Israeli residents, took over 240 hostages, committed horrific atrocities, displaced families, and wreaked untold grief and trauma upon the civilian population of Israel;

Whereas, since October 7th, Hamas is estimated to have fired more than 12,000 rockets into Israel, killing 15 civilians and injuring over 700;

Whereas, since those horrific attacks, the ongoing military campaign and blockade has created a humanitarian crisis of catastrophic proportions in Gaza;

Whereas, since October 7th, the Israeli Defense Forces have killed over 26,000 Palestinians in Gaza, injured over 62,000, and more than 85% of all residents have been displaced;

Whereas, the ongoing military campaign has had a massive toll on civilians in Gaza, with UNICEF describing the Gaza Strip as the “world’s most dangerous place to be a child,” and reporting that 40% of all deaths in Gaza have been deaths of children;

Whereas, Gaza has been hit by more than 22,000 airstrikes, resulting in the destruction of over 70% of all homes and schools, and most of its civilian infrastructure, including electricity, communications, water, sewer and sanitation systems, with the World Health Organization reporting that all Gazan hospitals have been destroyed or seriously damaged, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis;

Whereas, the near-total siege on Gaza has prevented the delivery of lifesaving humanitarian aid;

Whereas, the World Food Program has reported that all 2.2 million people in Gaza are facing crisis

levels of food insecurity; that one in four Gazans is facing catastrophic hunger; and that without an end to bombardment and resumption of humanitarian aid, famine will spread quickly across the population;

Whereas, humanitarian organizations report that on average, 250 Palestinians die each day from hunger, disease, exposure and airstrikes, a scale of death exceeding any other recent armed conflict;

Whereas, Hamas continues to hold Israeli civilians hostage, which is a war crime;

Whereas, Israel continues to detain Palestinians who have never been charged with or convicted of a crime, including scores of children;

Whereas, on October 26, 2023, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an “immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce” between Israeli forces and Hamas militants in Gaza, and numerous international humanitarian organizations have similarly called for a sustained ceasefire;

Whereas, the previous ceasefire from November 24 to November 30, 2023 allowed for the release of hostages and allowed emergency aid and fuel to enter Gaza;

Whereas, many members of the Medford community are suffering from trauma, grief, shock and fear, compounded by increased incidents of Islamophobia, antisemitism, and anti-Palestinian racism, both nationally and locally;

Whereas, members of the Medford community, including Palestinians and Jews, are speaking out for peace in Israel and Palestine and in support of a permanent, bilateral ceasefire and a return of all hostages;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Medford City Council unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas on October 7th, 2023, and all subsequent attacks, by all parties, on civilians;

That the Medford City Council supports an enduring, bilateral ceasefire in Israel and Gaza and the immediate return of all hostages;

That the the Medford City Council supports the lifting of the blockade and the uninhibited provision of life-saving humanitarian aid to Gaza;

That the Medford City Council affirms the inalienable right of all people to live in peace, free from fear of harm and prejudice;

That the Medford City Council unequivocally condemns all xenophobic violence, attacks and rhetoric, and affirms the inalienable right of all people to know safety and acceptance regardless of their religion, race, ethnicity, nationality, or skin color;

That the Medford City Council urges the Biden Administration, Senate, and Congress to exert the full extent of their power, influence and funding to bring about an enduring ceasefire, the uninhibited provision of humanitarian aid, and the release of all hostages and detained innocents;

That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of Medford’s federal delegation and to President Biden as an urging to use their power and influence to bring about a sustained and enduring ceasefire so as to protect and honor all human life.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

None



**RED LAKE BAND**  
**of CHIPPEWA INDIANS**  
**RED LAKE NATION HEADQUARTERS**



**OFFICERS:**

DARRELL G. SEKI, SR., Chairman  
SAMUEL R. STRONG, Secretary  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024 (cont.)**

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council was informed that the United States has fully embraced Israel's genocidal aggression which has been carried out primarily on Gaza, and has approved of the complete blockade that has cut off electricity, water, food, and medicine, and has justified the daily slaughter of countless Palestinian civilians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council was informed of the parallels between "the Palestinian-Israeli conflict" and the plight of Native Americans at the hands of the United States, which began as soon as Columbus landed on Native lands in 1492, and which has continued in one form or another ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, like the fledgling American government that marked Natives as uncivilized so that their rights to their lands could be undermined, the Israelis similarly deny political rights to the Palestinians, which directly undermines their rights over Palestinian lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council recognizes that the colonialism, occupation, and apartheid practices now being imposed on the Palestinians as having similarities to the practices that the colonists imposed on Natives in America from the time of first contact through the present; and the Tribal Council further recognizes that such practices are contrary to the stated standards of international law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council was reminded that the apartheid regime in South Africa refused to recognize the clear directives of international law until the international community intervened and imposed sanctions against it and boycotted it; and that similarly the Israeli government is not likely to recognize the clear mandates of international law until the international community intervenes and imposes sanctions against Israel. Now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Red Lake Tribal Council calls on the Israeli government to implement a cease fire, and withdraw its troops from the West Bank and Gaza Strip; and that the Israeli government revoke all laws discriminating against the native Palestinian population; and that the Israeli government implement United Nations Resolution 194, which allows for the return of Palestinian refugees; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Red Lake Tribal Council calls on the President of the United States and the Congress to cease the funding and military support of the Israeli government's genocidal actions against the Palestinians; and

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024 (cont.)**

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**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Red Lake Tribal Council calls on the international community to support the dismantling of the racist two-state solution imposed by Israel on the Palestinians, and pave the way for a secular democratic state on the historic land of Palestine that gives equality to all its citizens, regardless of religion, ethnicity, and gender.

**FOR: 10**  
**AGAINST: 0**

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and enacted at the Regular Meeting of the Tribal Council held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, with a quorum present, at the Tribal Council Chambers at the Red Lake Nation Headquarters, Red Lake.

DARRELL G. SEKI, SR., CHAIRMAN

SAMUEL R. STRONG, SECRETARY

This sentiment that connects land to the body can be found across Palestinian literature. One of Palestinian rap artist Muqata's most popular songs goes: "*Uhfur taht al-Aqsa hatlaqina*" (dig under al-Aqsa, you'll find us).

## **Resolution Supporting a Permanent Ceasefire and Preventing Loss of Human Life in the Middle East.**

**WHEREAS**, we the Moorhead Human Rights Commission work to ensure the safety, health, dignity, and freedom of people every day. We follow the lead of more than 48 other cities in calling for a ceasefire because what happens internationally impacts our constituents locally. We believe in the shared humanity of all people and affirm it as a common value held by Moorhead residents and leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing bombardment in the Gaza Strip comes in the context of the 75-year displacement of Palestinians, a 56-year military and settler occupation in Gaza and the West Bank, and the 17-year blockade of Gaza. In 2016, the United Nations Security Council found Israel's settlement activity constituted a "flagrant violation" of international law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gaza Strip, one of the most densely populated places on Earth, has been repeatedly referred to by human rights groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, as "the world's largest open-air prison" even prior to this conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palestinian people are now facing a humanitarian crisis. Human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have reported that Israel has been engaging in collective punishment. This collective punishment includes shutting off all access to electricity, drinking water, food, medical supplies, and humanitarian aid. The UN warns 2 million Gazans will soon run out of drinking water and all medical care.

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization warns that amid increasingly dysfunctional healthcare and sanitation systems, disease could kill more people than bombs; and

**WHEREAS**, Palestinians in Gaza now face severe hunger and famine due to besiegement, bombings, and hostilities. According to the UN, the entire population in the Gaza Strip (about 2.2 million people) is classified in IPC Phase 3 or above (Crisis or worse). This is the highest share of people facing high levels of acute food insecurity that the IPC initiative has ever classified for any given area or country. At least one in four households (more than half a million people) are facing catastrophic conditions (IPC Phase 5, Catastrophe/Famine), comprising 80% of all people globally at IPC Phase 5; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a November 2023 United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner press release, UN experts stated, "Many of us already raised the alarm about the risk of genocide in Gaza." "We are deeply disturbed by the failure of governments to heed our call and to achieve an immediate ceasefire. We are also profoundly concerned about the support of certain governments for Israel's strategy of warfare against the besieged population of Gaza, and the failure of the international system to mobilize to prevent genocide."; and

**WHEREAS**, Palestinians living in Gaza are being killed at an unprecedented rate. Over 30,000 Gazans – including at least 12,500 children – have been killed in 144 days, meaning 1 child in Gaza is killed every 17 minutes. Over 337 medical workers and over 122 journalists have been killed. Proportional to population, the death toll in Gaza is the equivalent of about 4.5 million American deaths. In addition, over 70,000 Gazans are wounded, and over 8,000 are missing under the rubble; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of The State of Israel has bombed civilian entities indiscriminately, destroying or damaging at least two-thirds of all homes in northern Gaza; 23 hospitals and 141 medical

facilities; 70% of schools; over 100 places of worship; bakeries; refugee camps; roads; and other essential infrastructure. This has destroyed access to food, clean water, healthcare, shelter, and sanitation essential to human life and caused mass displacement of as many as 90% of Gazans; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization, United Nations, Save the Children, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the European Union, His Holiness Pope Francis, more than 120 countries have called for a ceasefire to end the violence and suffering in the Gaza Strip. Doctors Without Borders has advocated for, “a total ceasefire and the unconditional supply of humanitarian aid, including access to food, fuel, and water. The survival of people in Gaza depends on this”; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, January 11, 2024, and Friday, January 12, 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at the Hague held public hearings in the case brought forward by South Africa against Israel for alleged violations of the Genocide Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide during its operations in Gaza. South Africa’s application alleges that, “acts and omissions by Israel... are genocidal in character, as they are committed with the requisite specific intent... to destroy Palestinians in Gaza as a part of the broader Palestinian national, racial and ethnic group.” South Africa’s actions to receive provisional protections of the people of Gaza are supported by several countries and over 1,000 organizations worldwide. The ICJ’s preliminary ruling issued on Friday January 26, 2024, found it plausible Israel was committing genocide and orders Israel to "take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all acts within the scope of Article II of the Genocide Convention."

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The Moorhead Human Rights Commission:**

The Moorhead Human Rights Commission affirms:

1. Condemnation towards all acts of violence committed against civilians of any kind. The Moorhead Human Rights Commission expresses sympathy for the civilian victims and all those affected by the horrific violence, including victims of the Oct. 7 attack and all subsequent Palestinian civilian deaths.
2. Moorhead’s status as a welcoming community for those of Jewish and Islamic faiths and any other religions.
3. Standing firmly against the rise of and all acts of racially motivated violence and hate crimes perpetrated against our Jewish, Muslim, Palestinian, and Arab constituents here in Moorhead and around the United States; and
4. The right of self-determination of all peoples, recognizing the legitimate desire and need for Palestinian self-determination, as well as the legitimate desire and need for Israelis and Palestinians to live in safety and security.

That the Moorhead Human Rights Commission supports our State and Federal delegations and the Biden Administration using their authority to:

1. Advance a full, immediate, and permanent ceasefire, along with urgently needed humanitarian aid as a necessary step towards lasting peace.



2. Support conditioning U.S. military funding to the State of Israel on the basis that Israel fully complies with international law to prevent contributing to the humanitarian catastrophe, loss of life, and illegal occupation.

3. Ensure the release of civilians being held illegally or imprisoned on both sides of the conflict, including the approximately 130 Israeli hostages taken by Hamas and the thousands of Palestinians held indefinitely without cause and trial in Israeli prisons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Moorhead Human Rights Commission is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to Moorhead's elected representatives to the Moorhead City Council, Minnesota State Legislature, Governor Walz, Minnesota's elected representatives to the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, and the Office of President Biden.

PASSED: February 29, 2024 by the Moorhead Human Rights Commission.

APPROVED BY:

*Siham Amedy* 3/4/2024  
\_SIHAM AMEDY,  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Tanya Kunza*  
TANYA KUNZA, Staff Liaison

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES**

- WHEREAS,** On October 7, 2023, Hamas launched an unprecedented attack against Israel, taking over 200 hostages and resulting in the deaths of 1,200 Israelis; and
- WHEREAS,** The Cabinet of Israel subsequently formally declared war against Hamas, and the Israeli Defense minister ordered a “complete siege” on Gaza<sup>1</sup>; and
- WHEREAS,** Since the war began, Gaza has endured “collective punishment”<sup>2</sup> and been largely cut off from humanitarian aid. According to the United Nations Human Rights Council, 1.5 million Palestinians have been internally displaced<sup>3</sup>, and the lack of safe drinking water, food, fuel, electricity, and medical care has created a humanitarian disaster; and
- WHEREAS,** As of November 12, the war against Hamas has destroyed much of the civilian infrastructure within Gaza, including hospitals, and resulted in the deaths of over 11,000 Palestinians, with roughly 68% of the casualties being women and children, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs<sup>4</sup>; and
- WHEREAS,** The current war between Israel and Hamas marks the most significant escalation in decades, and continued escalation could result in a larger regional conflict with devastating consequences; and
- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council believes all sovereign nations in pursuit of self-defense must comply with international humanitarian law regardless of geographic context; and
- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council agrees that no human should be deprived of water, food, healthcare and medical supplies, energy (e.g. fuel and electricity), and other basic needs, and decries the deprivation thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council condemns all acts of violence aimed at Israeli and Palestinian civilians, and mourns the loss of all civilian lives and hostages; and
- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council is gravely concerned and recognizes that a lasting resolution can only be achieved by peaceful means and diplomacy; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** The Detroit City Council calls for an immediate, durable, and sustained ceasefire to protect and save human lives, which allows for humanitarian aid and the unhindered provision of goods to civilians throughout Gaza which are indispensable to their survival as required by international humanitarian law; **NOW, BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** As part of the ceasefire, the Detroit City Council also calls for the unconditional release of all civilians who are being illegally held hostage, demanding their safety, well-being, and humane treatment in compliance with international law; **NOW, BE IT FINALLY**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/israeli-defense-minister-orders-complete-siege-on-gaza-after-hamas-surprise-attack>

<sup>2</sup> <https://press.un.org/en/2023/sc15473.doc.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/factsheet-november-2023-impact-explosive-weapons-gaza-people-behind-numbers>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-12-november-2023-2359>

**RESOLVED**, That the Detroit City Clerk's Office provide a copy of this resolution the Mayor, the Detroit delegations in the Michigan legislature, and the United States Congressional delegations from Michigan.

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## OFFICE OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL

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### *Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza – Council Resolution for November 14, 2023*

- WHEREAS:** The ongoing loss of thousands of innocent civilian lives in the Middle East represents a tragedy of global proportions; be it further
- WHEREAS:** The decades-long occupation has led to the displacement of thousands of individuals from their homes, either due to the absence of peace and security or as a consequence of the destruction of their residence; be it further
- WHEREAS:** United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has stated “when one looks at the number of civilians that were killed with the military operations, there is something that is clearly wrong”; be it further
- WHEREAS:** Over two million Palestinians in Gaza are facing dire circumstances lacking access to essential necessities such as shelter, clean water, food, electricity, and medical supplies; be it further
- WHEREAS:** There exists a substantial risk this conflict may further destabilize the Middle East, posing a threat to global peace and security; be it further
- WHEREAS:** Harmful rhetoric has already caused an abhorrent rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in the United States endangering all of our communities; be it further
- WHEREAS:** Every individual deserves the right to live in an environment marked by peace, freedom, dignity, justice, and fundamental human rights, both here and abroad; Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED:** That the 34<sup>th</sup> Dearborn City Council calls upon President Biden, all elected officials, and policymakers to employ their influence and authority to advocate for an immediate ceasefire; be it further
- RESOLVED:** That we implore our Federal Government to facilitate the unrestricted flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza for the purpose of preserving innocent lives, reinstating peace and stability, and preventing the further proliferation of violence to neighboring regions and at home; be it further
- RESOLVED:** That we urge our Federal and State Government to safeguard the lives of all citizens both by facilitating the safe evacuation of United States Citizens from the region and ensuring threats to our communities are monitored and mitigated.

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Michael T. Sareini, Council President

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Mustapha A. Hammoud, Council Member

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| Approved for<br>the Agenda of: | APPROVED             |
| 11/14/2023                     | Motion No.<br>23-513 |

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## City Council

**UPDATED:** City Council Resolution - Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza

**PROVIDED: NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

City of Dearborn Heights

Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza - Council Resolution for November 14, 2023

WHEREAS: The loss of innocent civilian lives in the Middle East represents a tragic situation.

WHEREAS: The decades-long occupation has led to the displacement of thousands of individuals from their homes, either due to the absence of peace and security or as a consequence of the destruction of their residences.

WHEREAS: United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has stated that "when one looks at the number of civilians that were killed during military operations, there is something that is clearly wrong."

WHEREAS: Over two million Palestinians in Gaza are facing dire circumstances, lacking access to essential necessities such as shelter, clean water, food, electricity, and medical supplies.

WHEREAS: There is a substantial risk that this conflict may further destabilize the Middle East, posing a threat to global peace and security.

WHEREAS: Harmful rhetoric has already caused an abhorrent rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in the United States, endangering all of our communities.

WHEREAS: Every individual deserves the right to live in an environment marked by peace, freedom, dignity, justice, and fundamental human rights, both here and abroad. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Dearborn Heights City Council calls upon President Biden, all elected officials, and policymakers to employ their influence and authority to advocate for an immediate ceasefire.

RESOLVED: That we implore our Federal Government to facilitate the unrestricted flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza for the purpose of preserving innocent lives, reinstating peace and stability, and preventing the further proliferation of violence to neighboring regions and at home.

RESOLVED: That we urge our Federal and State Government to safeguard the lives of all citizens, both by facilitating the safe evacuation of US Citizens from the region and ensuring threats to our communities are monitored and mitigated.

**RESOLUTION OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON,  
MICHIGAN**

Resolution Calling for an End to the Conflict in Gaza and Israel

Whereas on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched an unprecedented attack against Israel, taking hostages and resulting in the deaths of Israelis;

Whereas the Cabinet of Israel subsequently formally declared war against Hamas;

Whereas outside of the brief humanitarian ceasefire Gaza has been largely cut off from humanitarian aid, and according to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Palestinians have been internally displaced, without safe drinking water, food, fuel, electricity, and medical care which has created a humanitarian disaster;

Whereas the war against Hamas has destroyed much of the civilian infrastructure within Gaza, including hospitals, and resulted in the deaths of Palestinians, mostly women and children;

Whereas continued escalation could result in a larger regional conflict with devastating consequences;

Whereas all sovereign nations must comply with international humanitarian law regardless of geographic context;

Whereas all acts of violence aimed at Palestinian and Israeli civilians should be condemned and the loss of all civilian lives should be mourned; and

Whereas a lasting resolution can only be achieved by peaceful means and diplomacy; *now, therefore be it;*

*Resolved* the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton calls for return to an immediate, durable, and sustained ceasefire in order to protect and save human lives throughout the region, which would allow for humanitarian aid and the unhindered provision of goods to civilians in need; and the unconditional release of all civilians who are being illegally held hostage, demanding humane treatment in compliance with international law;

*Further Resolved* the Canton Township Clerk's Office will provide a copy of this resolution to Canton's delegation in the Michigan legislature, and the United States Congressional delegation which represents Canton Township;

*Further Resolved* the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton affirms its commitment to combat Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, its support for the people of both Israel and Palestine to live in peace and security, and the right of

all people, here and abroad, to live, learn, work, play, pray, and engage in peaceful protest, all without threats, intimidation, or death. Additionally, the Board affirms that all people deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; and

*Finally Resolved* the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton affirms our collective duty to lead in our community with the values of peace, justice, and compassion. The Board reminds the community of our goal of being a Welcoming Community, as hate has no home here, and that in 2014 the Canton Township Equal Rights Ordinance was passed and then updated in 2022 to ensure each and every resident of our Township have the same benefits of safety and non-discrimination as anyone else.

1 [Calling for Sustained Ceasefire in Gaza, Humanitarian Aid, Release of Hostages, and  
2 Condemning Antisemitic, Anti-Palestinian, and Islamophobic Rhetoric and Attacks]

3 **Resolution calling for a sustained ceasefire in Gaza, humanitarian aid, release of**  
4 **hostages, and condemning antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, and Islamophobic rhetoric and**  
5 **attacks.**

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7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls for a sustained  
8 ceasefire, provision of life-saving humanitarian aid in Gaza, and the release of all hostages;  
9 and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Biden  
11 Administration and Congress to call for a ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and the release of all  
12 hostages; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns  
14 Antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, Islamophobic, and xenophobic rhetoric and attacks; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns  
16 Hamas's attack on Israeli civilians, resulting in the deaths of at least 1,200 Israeli people on  
17 October 7, 2023; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns the  
19 Netanyahu government's attacks resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of Palestinian  
20 civilians in Gaza; and, be it



1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors believes that a  
2 just and lasting peace between the Palestinian and Israeli people requires new leadership on  
3 both sides with a willingness and commitment to negotiate in good faith; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the  
5 international community to work with Palestinian and Israeli people to find a just and lasting  
6 peace, and to conduct a full investigation of the conduct of all parties in this conflict and hold  
7 all parties and individuals who have overseen or engaged in war crimes and international  
8 human rights violations – including but not limited to gender based violence and killing of  
9 children – accountable.



City and County of San Francisco

Tails  
Resolution

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 231263

Date Passed: January 09, 2024

Resolution calling for a sustained ceasefire in Gaza, humanitarian aid, release of hostages, and condemning antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, and Islamophobic rhetoric and attacks.

January 08, 2024 Rules Committee - NOT AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

January 08, 2024 Rules Committee - REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AS COMMITTEE REPORT

January 09, 2024 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 8 - Chan, Engardio, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton  
Noes: 3 - Dorsey, Mandelman and Stefani

January 09, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 8 - Chan, Engardio, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton  
Noes: 3 - Dorsey, Mandelman and Stefani

File No. 231263

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 1/9/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned


London N. Breed  
Mayor

01-19-2024

Date Approved

File No. 231263

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

**01-19-2024**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THE NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION NO. 035-2324**

**Calling for a Ceasefire and Release of Hostages in Israel and Palestine**

**WHEREAS**, the New Haven Unified School District is committed to creating inclusive and just conditions where all our students, staff members, and families feel a sense of belonging; and

**WHEREAS**, we cherish our cultural richness and strive to ensure all communities feel respected and heard, including our Jewish, Muslim, Christian Arab-American, Palestinian, and Middle-Eastern immigrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Haven Unified School District has a long history of embracing social justice and supporting members of our school community who have been, both historically and currently, subjected to racism, discrimination, or marginalization; and

**WHEREAS**, we mourn the loss of all Israeli and Palestinian civilian lives from October 7 to the present, and also throughout the decades of displacement, occupation, oppression, and blockade endured in Gaza and the West Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, the Israeli military attack on Gaza responding to the Hamas terror attack in Israel on October 7 has already led to thousands of civilian deaths and casualties, including thousands of children; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Haven Unified School District recognizes that this conflict impacts students in our classrooms and encourages all staff to support students by creating environments in schools and classrooms that build empathy and compassion and promote constructive dialogue where no student or staff member feels singled out for their identity, ethnicity or religious affiliation; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Haven Unified School District recognizes that many groups within our community have had long and complex histories of trauma, displacement, and oppression, and we are committed to creating safe learning spaces for every student by committing to combat anti-semitism, islamophobia, and ethnonationalism in all its forms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Haven Unified School District believes that peaceful diplomacy is the only way to achieve these goals and calls for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, the release of all hostages, the withdrawal of Israeli troops currently in Gaza, and the safe passage of substantial humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of Education of the New Haven Unified School District of the County of Alameda, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Mr. Michael Gonzales, President, Board of Trustees  
New Haven Unified School District  
Union City, California

RESOLUTION NO.: 14 - 2024

OF

JANUARY 18, 2024

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT  
HUMANITARIAN CEASEFIRE**

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious; and

**WHEREAS**, over 23,000 Palestinians and over 1,200 Israelis have been killed since October 7th;  
and

**WHEREAS**, collective punishment and the killing of civilians are war crimes under  
international law; and

**WHEREAS**, the deal negotiated in late November for a temporary ceasefire and release of  
some hostages is insufficient, and a more permanent solution is desperately needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States holds immense diplomatic power to save Palestinian and  
Israeli lives; and

**WHEREAS**, all elected officials must use the platform provided by their offices to advocate  
for measures that will end violence and prevent death;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Newburgh:

1. Condemns the killing of civilians, collective punishment, and all forms of  
Islamophobia and antisemitism; and
2. Urges the Biden administration to call for and facilitate a permanent ceasefire in Gaza;  
and
3. Urges the Biden administration to send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid to  
Gaza; and
4. Calls for the release of all hostages and political prisoners; and
5. Urges elected officials representing the City of Newburgh to call for a permanent ceasefire,  
the entry of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and the release of all hostages; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon passage, a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to

the Office of U.S. President Joe Biden, the Office of U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, the Office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the Office of U.S. Representative Pat Ryan, the Office of State Senator Rob Rolison, and the Office of State Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson.



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

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**Sponsors:** Ben Ewen-Campen

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### Agenda Summary

In support of an enduring ceasefire in Gaza.

### Official Text

**WHEREAS,** The Somerville City Council recognizes that all human life is precious, regardless of race, religion, or nationality; and

**WHEREAS,** Since the horrific Hamas attacks of October 7, 2023, in which over 1,200 Israelis were killed and more than 240 taken hostage, over 24,000 Palestinians have been killed and over 60,000 wounded, including enormous numbers of children; and

**WHEREAS,** The ongoing military campaign and blockade of Gaza has caused a catastrophic humanitarian crisis, including the displacement of approximately 1.9 million people (85% of Gaza’s population), the near total destruction of the healthcare system and civilian infrastructure, with the World Health Organization reporting that all Gazan hospitals have been destroyed or seriously damaged, and nearly 2.2 million people at “imminent risk of famine,” according to the United Nations; and

**WHEREAS,** Our Federal delegation has been outspoken on this issue, including MA-7 Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley who has been a leading advocate for a ceasefire, who recently wrote “[L]et us recommit ourselves to the belief that life is precious through demanding a ceasefire, which is the best way to save lives, return all hostages, and deliver the humanitarian aid desperately needed in Gaza,”; and

**WHEREAS,** Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey recently wrote “We must also resume the ceasefire that allowed for desperately needed humanitarian aid to get into Gaza and that facilitated the release of 105 hostages so that all hostages taken by Hamas on October 7 are freed”; and

**WHEREAS,** Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren wrote, in response to the temporary ceasefire of November 2023, that the continuing military campaign “has resulted in a humanitarian

catastrophe, the deaths of thousands of civilians in Gaza, and endangered the region’s long-term stability...I’ve repeatedly urged the Israeli government to stop the bombing in Gaza, and I’ve pressed for massive humanitarian aid for civilians. Hamas must release the remaining hostages and stop its attacks. The Israeli government should not resume bombing in Gaza, which would be a grave strategic and moral mistake”; and

**WHEREAS,** On October 26, 2023, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an “immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce” between Israeli forces and Hamas militants in Gaza, and numerous international humanitarian organizations have similarly called for a sustained ceasefire; and

**WHEREAS,** Members of the Somerville community, including Palestinians, Israelis, Muslims, Jews, and others, are experiencing trauma, grief, shock and fear, compounded by increased incidents of Islamophobia, antisemitism, and anti-Palestinian racism, both nationally and locally; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council supports an enduring ceasefire, the provision of life-saving humanitarian aid in Gaza, and the release of all hostages, detainees and political prisoners on all sides; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council condemns antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, Islamophobic, and all xenophobic rhetoric and attacks; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council urges the Biden Administration, Senate and Congress to work towards an enduring ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and the release of all hostages, detainees and political prisoners; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of our federal delegation and to President Biden, urging them to use their position to enact a sustained

CONDITION/AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council affirms the right of all Palestinian civilians and Israeli civilians to live in peace; and be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council supports an enduring ceasefire **and/or any means to support long-lasting peace**, the provision of life-saving humanitarian aid in Gaza, and the release of all hostages, ~~detainees and political prisoners on all sides~~; and be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council recognizes Israel’s right to defend itself within the bounds of international law, and condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas on October 7th;

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council condemns antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, **anti-Israeli**, anti-Arab, Islamophobic, and all xenophobic rhetoric and attacks; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Somerville City Council urges the Biden Administration, Senate and Congress to work towards an enduring ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and the release of all hostages, ~~detainees and political prisoners~~; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of our federal delegation and to President Biden, urging them to use their position to enact a sustained ceasefire.



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 137  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT TO WORK TOWARD A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA**

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary truce that came to an end on Friday, December 1st demonstrated that a negotiated ceasefire is the only way to release all hostages, deliver aid, stop bombing, and save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a ceasefire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives and should utilize that power to that effect; and

**WHEREAS**, we unequivocally condemn the brutal attacks by Hamas on Israel on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We also condemn the response of Israel that led to the deaths of civilians, journalists, and healthcare workers; and

**WHEREAS**, we deeply regret that military operations have resumed in Gaza and we reiterate that all people - Israeli, Palestinian, and all others - are entitled to life lived in safety and free from violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis condemns the recent rise of antisemitism, anti-Palestinian racism, Islamophobia, racism, homophobia, and xenophobia-fueled attacks in our city and across the nation, including the doxxing of elected officials, students, professors, journalists, and others speaking truth to power; and

**WHEREAS**, our constituents who reside in the City of St. Louis has made very clear that they want to see an end to this violence and want the U.S. to immediately demand a bilateral ceasefire; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing conflict in Israeli and Gaza has led to significant loss of life, immense humanitarian crises, and continued suffering for innocent civilians, including those with ties to St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Gaza is in a dire humanitarian crisis that is getting worse with each passing day, with the only remaining hospitals running out of fuel and medical supplies, and millions of Palestinians facing displacement, homelessness, and starvation; and

**WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for a ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, we stand in urging the United States to act decisively by calling for an immediate bilateral ceasefire, echoing the strong and urgent plea of our community for peace; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of St. Louis supports members of Congress and the Biden administration to demand: an immediate bilateral ceasefire; release of all hostages; the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza and the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies; respect for international law; and calls for a resolution that protects the security of all innocent civilians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, U.S. Senator Eric Schmitt, U.S. President Joe Biden, and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end violence.

**Introduced this 20th day of October, 2023 by:**

**The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14th Ward**

**Cosponsors:**

**The Honorable Megan Green, President, Board of Aldermen**

**The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Daniela Velazquez, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Alisha Sonnier, Alderwoman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Michael Browning, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Laura Keys, Alderwoman 11<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 12<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Rasheen Aldridge, Alderman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this 20th day of October, 2023 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Megan Green**  
**President, Of The Board**

**RESOLUTION FOR CEASE FIRE AND HUMANITARIAN AID IN GAZA**

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law;

**WHEREAS**, on October 26th, the United Nations General Assembly, in a near unanimous vote, called for an immediate and sustained humanitarian ceasefire; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a ceasefire is not achieved, and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government of the United States holds immense diplomatic and appropriations powers to save Palestinian and Israeli lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hastings, Minnesota calls upon our U.S. Congressional delegation, both in the Senate and House of Representatives, to join us in –

- 1) urging the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a ceasefire to urgently end the current violence; and
- 2) calling upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance -at the scale needed- into Gaza.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Hastings, Minnesota supports all of its residents and condemns all forms of racism, bigotry, and discrimination.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Hastings City Council asks city staff to quickly send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Joe Biden, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Tina Smith and Congresswoman Angie Craig.



State Parties

Local Parties

Cities

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Counties

Other groups

**Prospect Park, New Jersey CEASEFIRE resolution passed December 27, 2023**

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK**

**PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-236**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CONGRESSMAN PASCRELL TO SUPPORT CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION 786, CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE DE-ESCALATION AND CEASE-FIRE IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINE**

**WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Cori Bush (for herself and fellow Congressional Representatives, Ms. Tallb, Mr. Carson, Ms. Lee of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Ramirez, Mr. Bowman, Mrs. Watson Coleman, Mr. Garcia of Illinois, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Ms. Omar, Ms. Pressley, and Ms. Velazquez) submitted a Resolution "Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine; and

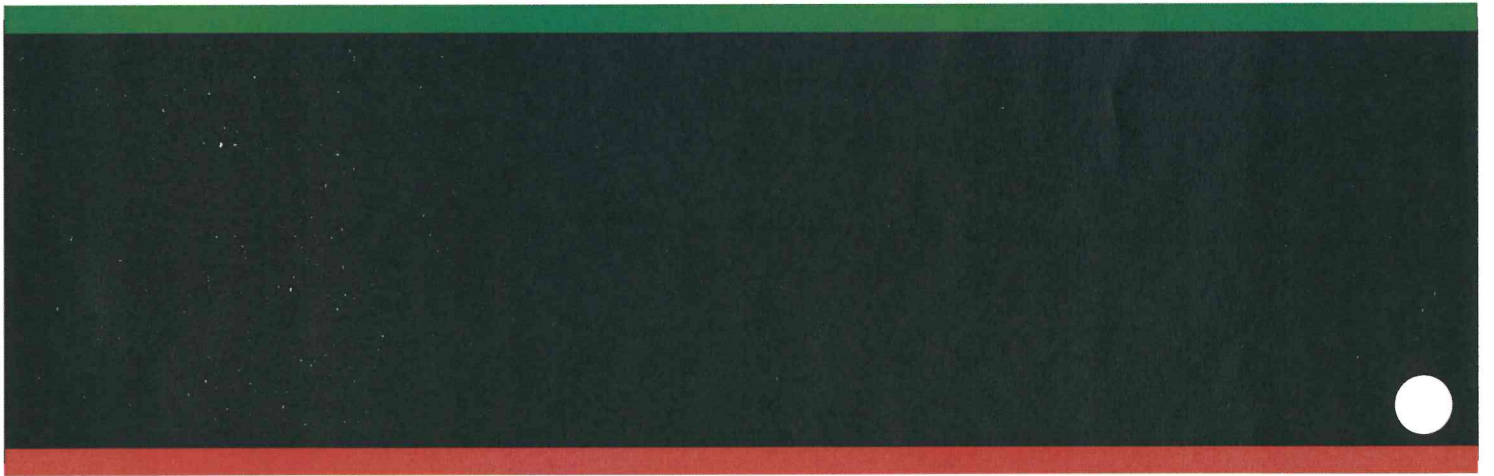
**WHEREAS**, Resolution 786 urges the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a cease-fire to urgently end the current violence, and calls upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance in Gaza; and

**WHEREAS**, from October 7th, 2023, to December 27th, 2023, in excess of 21,110 Palestinians have been killed, including a significant amount of civilians, women, and children; and

**WHEREAS**, an immediate cease-fire and de-escalation will save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Pascrell represents a significant number of residents in Prospect Park affected by the ongoing killing of civilians, including women and children; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Bill Pascrell has not supported Congressional Resolution 786 calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine;  
and

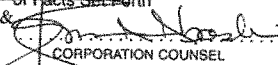


# Resolution of the City of Paterson, N.J.

No. 17 ..... Res. # 23:766 ..... Date of Adoption . DECEMBER 28, 2023 . . . . .

Division ..... Factual Contents Certified By .....

**TITLE:** Resolution calling for Congressman Pascrell to support Congressional Resolution 786 Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine  
..... Title ..... Date

Sponsored by: COUNCILMAN ALAA "AL" ABDELAZIZ & ALL REMAING COUNCILMEMBERS  
Approved As to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth  
 12/20/23  
CORPORATION COUNSEL Date

COUNCILPERSON ALEX MENDEZ/ALAA "AL" ABDELAZIZ Introducing the Following Resolution:

**Whereas** Congresswoman Cori Bush (for herself, and Congresswoman Tlaib, Congressman Carson, Congresswoman Lee of Pennsylvania, Congresswoman Ramirez, Congressman Bowman, Congresswoman Coleman, Congressman Garcia of Illinois, Congressman Jackson of Illinois, Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez, Congresswoman Omar, Congresswoman Pressley, and Congresswoman Velázquez) submitted a Congressional Resolution "Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine"; and

**Whereas** Resolution 786 urges the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate de-escalation and a cease-fire to urgently end the current violence and calls upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; and

**Whereas** from October 7, 2023 to December 20, 2023, more than 20,000 Palestinians have been killed, with 70% of them women and children; and

**Whereas** the vast majority of Gaza's 2.2 million people are displaced, and an estimated half face starvation, according to human rights advocates and aid groups; and

**Whereas** a significant number of Paterson's residents, business owners, and guests are directly impacted by the ongoing killings of civilians, with many having family and friends affected by the violence; and

**Whereas** Congressman Bill Pascrell represents a significant number of residents of Paterson and others affected by the ongoing killing of civilians and dire humanitarian situation in Israel and Occupied Palestine; and

**Whereas** Congressman Bill Pascrell has not supported Congressional Resolution 786 Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine; and

**Whereas** an immediate ceasefire and along with immediate humanitarian aid will save lives and have a positive impact on the City of Paterson, its residents, business owners, and guests;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL** of the City of Paterson that the Municipal Council urges Congressman Bill Pascrell to support and help pass Congressional Resolution 786 Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council urges the safe return of all hostages held by either side;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council renews its call for dignity, respect, and self-determination for Palestinians and Israelis.

**Statement of Purpose**



The purpose of this resolution is to call on Congressman Bill Pascrell to support Congressional Resolution 786 Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and Occupied Palestine, and call for the safe return of all hostages.

SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON . MARITZA DAVILA .....

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| RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| 1. ABDELAZIZ, ALAA "AL"                 | X   |     |         |        |
| 2. COTTON, RUBY N.                      | X   |     |         |        |
| 3. DAVILA, MARITZA                      | X   |     |         |        |
| 4. JACKSON, MICHAEL                     |     |     |         | X      |
| 5. KHALIQUE, SHAHIN                     | X   |     |         |        |
| 6. MENDEZ, ALEX                         | X   |     |         |        |
| 7. MIMMS, LILISA                        | X   |     |         |        |
| 8. UDDIN, MD FORID                      |     |     |         | X      |
| 9. VELEZ, LUIS                          | X   |     |         |        |

Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Paterson, N.J. DECEMBER 28, 2023 .....

 Council President       ACTING City Clerk  
 ALEX MENDEZ      JACQUELINE MURRAY

Form 1 This Resolution when adopted must remain in the custody of the City Clerk. Certified copies are available.

# RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

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**R-02-24**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Passed **February 19**, 20**24**

Introduced by Michael Wood, City Council Member

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE DE-ESCALATION AND CEASE-FIRE IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINE.**

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Athens unconditionally opposes the anti-Semitism and Islamophobia that have led to the rise in hateful rhetoric and actions targeting Jewish, Muslim, and Arab people in the United States and worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Athens, State of Ohio:

**SECTION I:** The Council of the City of Athens hereby urges leaders at the Federal and State levels to urgently end the current violence.

**SECTION II:** The Council of the City of Athens further urges the Federal Government to halt funding for the war and calls upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza.

**SECTION III:** This Resolution shall be in effect and full force upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

ATTEST:

*Dana G. Walker*  
Clerk of Council

*ACTING* *Mich. Meary*  
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President of Council  
*PRO TEM*

APPROVED:

*Michael Wood*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

By: Mr. Fairchild .....

No: 1008-23 .....

### Informal Resolution

Expressing Sympathy for the Ongoing Human Suffering Caused by the Current Conflict in the Middle East; Condemning Violence Against Civilians of any Kind; Affirming Dayton's Status as a Welcoming Community for Those of the Jewish and Islamic Religions, and Any Other Religion; Calling for a Cease-Fire and a Swift End to the War, and Encouraging Dayton Residents to Offer Support and Sincere Condolences to Members of Our Community Affected by The Ongoing Violence and Loss of Life.

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2023, Hamas militants infiltrated the security buffer that the State of Israel government established around the Gaza Strip, in an attack that resulted in more than 1,200 Israeli civilian deaths, many others injured, and at least 240 taken hostage; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 7, more than 18,000 Palestinians, including more than 4,000 children, have been killed in the Israeli counterattack (according to the Gaza Ministry of Health) and more than 1,700,000 Palestinians have been displaced; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 2023, The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution which called for an "immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities" and called for the "immediate and unconditional release" of all civilians being held illegally held/detained or imprisoned.

**WHEREAS**, all human life is precious and the targeting of civilians no matter their faith or ethnicity is a violation of international law; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuing death and detention of civilians as a weapon of war serves only to fan the flames of generational hatred, making a lasting peace even more difficult, and

**WHEREAS**, the world community has created institutions such as the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice that determine guilt and innocence according to universally accepted principles and likewise have the specific aim of limiting the use of violence to resolve disputes, and



**WHEREAS**, this Commission recognizes that December 10, 2023 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which guarantees the fundamental rights and freedoms of all, and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Relations Council (HRC) of the City of Dayton has been a leader in the promotion of civil rights and continues to promote equity, engagement, and the dignity of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Dayton is one of only five cities in the United States to have an official Sister City relationship with both Israeli and Palestinian communities, and active and fruitful Sister City relationships exist between Dayton and Holon, and Dayton and Salfit, and therefore has a unique voice in this conflict, and

**WHEREAS**, Dayton has a strong reputation as a city that promotes peace and cultural appreciation, as well as being a city that encourages peaceful dialogue among people in conflict, including our region hosting the successful talks that ended the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Dayton looks upon the recent seven-day ceasefire and the corresponding return of a number of hostages as a promising first step towards a resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Dayton City Commission has long opposed all forms of hate, including both Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, and affirms its support for the Israeli and Palestinian people, and all people around the world, to live in peace and security; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dayton is committed to encouraging and uplifting both the Dayton Muslim and Jewish communities, as well as those communities in other locations, and

**WHEREAS**, many members of our Dayton community are impacted by the ongoing conflict, including members of our Palestinian Muslim, Palestinian Christian, our Jewish community, and many others; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTON:**

**Section 1.** That this Commission hereby expresses our deepest sympathy for the civilian victims and all those affected by the horrific violence of this war.

**Section 2.** That this Commission condemns all acts of violence committed against civilians, in Gaza, in Israel, and around the world.

**Section 3.** That the City of Dayton condemns the many dehumanizing incidents of antisemitic and anti-Muslim violence and rhetoric, especially those occurring within the United States.

**Section 4.** That this Commission hereby affirms Dayton's status as a welcoming community for those of the Jewish and Muslim faiths, and all other religions, and encourages Dayton residents to offer support and condolences to members of these communities.

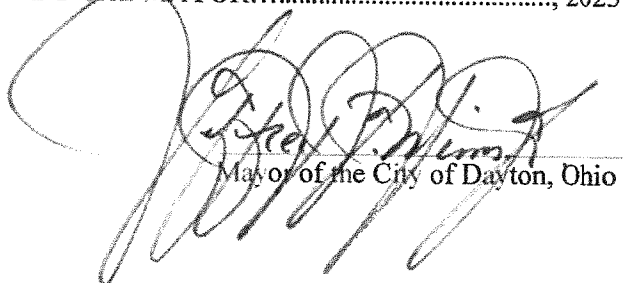
**Section 5.** That the City of Dayton urgently calls for a cease-fire with the release of all civilians being illegally held or imprisoned on both sides of the conflict, along with the establishment of humanitarian aid corridors in order to preserve human life.

**Section 6.** That the City of Dayton calls for all Palestinians and Israelis to abide by international law. The Commission envisions a two-state solution, including clear recognition of each state's right to exist, and recognizing the legitimate desire and need for both Palestinian and Israeli self-determination, as well as the legitimate desire and need for Israelis and Palestinians to live in safety and security.


**Section 7.** That the City of Dayton, given its commitment to and past history of contributing to international peace, stands ready to once again assist in any diplomatic solution that prevents the further loss of life.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.....December 20, 2023


SIGNED BY THE MAYOR.....December 21, 2023

  
Mayor of the City of Dayton, Ohio

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney

## **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO VIOLENCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

WHEREAS, the City of Durham is home to people of diverse nationalities, ethnicities, and faiths for whom the current conflict in the Middle East has a real and personal impact; and

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and all people, both in Durham and abroad, have a right to be respected and feel safe; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, an act of terror was perpetrated by Hamas against civilians in Israel, resulting in the death of almost 1,200 people as well as the continued detainment of more than 100 hostages, whose communities, including our own, still await their release; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, disproportionate retaliation by the Israeli Government in the form of bombing of Gaza and a limiting of most humanitarian aid has claimed the lives of at least 28,000 Palestinians, injured at least 67,000 Palestinians, displaced most of the Palestinian population of Gaza, and has put thousands more people at risk of death from starvation, unsanitary conditions, and lack of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government holds significant diplomatic and appropriations powers to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Durham:

1. Urges the Biden administration to call for and facilitate de-escalation and a sustained, bilateral ceasefire;
2. Urges the Biden administration to send and facilitate the immediate entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza at the scale required;
3. Calls for the release of all hostages held in Gaza;
4. Calls for the release of all people unjustly held in the region;
5. Calls for an end to U.S. military aid to the Netanyahu government;
6. Urges the Biden administration and international community to work toward long-term solutions that afford safety and dignity to all people in Israel, Palestine, and the region, and which foster just and representative government for both Palestinians and Israelis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Durham supports all of its Palestinian, Israeli, Muslim, and Jewish residents and condemns antisemitic and Islamophobic rhetoric and attacks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Durham City Council asks the City Clerk that copies of this Resolution be quickly forwarded to the President of the United States and our Congressional Delegate, Valerie Foushee.

**DECLARATION OF THE FOLSOM CITY COUNCIL  
REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO  
PROMOTING AN INCLUSIVE, SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom unequivocally condemns the recent horrific acts of terrorism against innocent civilians in Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom grieves and mourns alongside innocent, civilian victims and their loved ones caught in the crossfire of violence in regions in conflict worldwide;

**WHEREAS**, our region is home to people from many different backgrounds, including those with familial, cultural, and/or religious ties to countries and regions in conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom recognizes that people in our own Folsom community may be deeply affected by current events, even if they are taking place thousands of miles away; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Folsom recognizes that people in our own Folsom community may feel and endure extreme anxiety and concern about their personal safety and that of their friends and family members, particularly during these times of violence, instability, and uncertainty; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED** by the City Council of the City of Folsom that:

The City of Folsom reaffirms its commitment to promoting an inclusive, safe environment where all people can live in harmony, respect, and understanding.

**DECLARED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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Rosario Rodriguez, Mayor

*Office of the Mayor*  
**Proclamation**  
*Lawrence, Kansas*

**WHEREAS:** *The City of Lawrence is advocating for peace, understanding, and cooperation in the Middle East, particularly between Palestine and Israel. In the spirit of being a welcoming, equitable, and inclusive community, we reaffirm our commitment to rejecting all forms of racial and religious bigotry in our community, which includes Islamophobia and Antisemitism; and,*

**WHEREAS:** *The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has claimed too many human lives and caused immeasurable suffering for countless individuals and families. The City of Lawrence acknowledges that many of our neighbors and coworkers are profoundly suffering as a result of this conflict; and*

**WHEREAS:** *We must remember that at the heart of this issue are ordinary people, yearning for security, dignity, and the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives. It is incumbent upon all of us, regardless of our affiliations or backgrounds, to advocate for humanitarian aid and resources that can provide a better future for the people of Palestine and Israel; and*

**WHEREAS:** *This is not a task for governments alone; it requires the support and involvement of civil society, international organizations, and people like you and me; and,*

**WHEREAS:** *In staying true to our values as a welcoming community, the City of Lawrence asks you to display compassion for all who are grieving. We encourage everyone to reach out and care for fellow citizens, coworkers, and friends. Our acknowledgement of their pain and suffering can potentially lessen the sense of isolation and fear they might be experiencing; and*

**WHEREAS:** *It is all our responsibility to do everything in our power to promote understanding, foster empathy, and work to dispel the stereotypes and biases that have perpetuated this disastrous conflict in Palestine and Israel.*

**NOW THEREFORE,** *I, Bart Littlejohn, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2024 as*

***‘ ADVOCATING FOR PEACE MONTH ‘***

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*Nathan Littlejohn III, Mayor*  
*January 2, 2024*

## RESOLUTION 23-30

### CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND END TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL AND HONORING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley as follows:

**WHEREAS**, November 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> was United Against Hate Week, an event started in Berkeley in 2017;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, Hamas launched an attack that killed approximately 1,200 people in southern Israel,<sup>2</sup> including hundreds of civilians, and took over 200 hostage;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, in the weeks since October 7<sup>th</sup>, over 14,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli armed forces in Gaza,<sup>4</sup> amounting to 1 in 200 Gazans,<sup>5</sup> the vast majority civilians;<sup>6</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, more than 6,100 of those killed in Gaza have been children,<sup>7</sup> or one child killed every ten minutes according to the World Health Organization,<sup>8</sup> leading Save the Children to declare that in just three weeks the number of children killed in Gaza surpassed the annual number of children killed in global conflict zones since 2019;<sup>9</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the thousands dead, over 1.5 million Gazans face forced displacement and homelessness;<sup>10</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, as many as 200,000 Israelis have fled or evacuated towns bordering Gaza and Lebanon;<sup>11</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Israel has cut off electricity, water, food, medicine, and aid to Gaza, leading Oxfam to conclude Israel is using starvation as a weapon of war;<sup>12</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, attacks by the Israeli army and settlers armed by the Israeli government against Palestinians in the West Bank have skyrocketed,<sup>13</sup> including the forcible depopulation of entire villages;<sup>14</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup>[unitedagainsthateweek.org/history](https://unitedagainsthateweek.org/history)

<sup>2</sup>[npr.org/2023/11/11/1212458974/israel-revises-death-toll-hamas-attacks-oct-7](https://npr.org/2023/11/11/1212458974/israel-revises-death-toll-hamas-attacks-oct-7)

<sup>3</sup>[amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/11/israel-opt-hamas-and-other-armed-groups-must-release-civilian-hostages-and-treat-all-captives-humanely/](https://amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/11/israel-opt-hamas-and-other-armed-groups-must-release-civilian-hostages-and-treat-all-captives-humanely/)

<sup>4</sup>[axios.com/2023/11/27/gaza-civilian-deaths-israel-conflict-zones](https://axios.com/2023/11/27/gaza-civilian-deaths-israel-conflict-zones)

<sup>5</sup>[washingtonpost.com/world/interactive/2023/gaza-rising-death-toll-civilians/](https://washingtonpost.com/world/interactive/2023/gaza-rising-death-toll-civilians/)

<sup>6</sup>[ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-39](https://ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-39)

<sup>7</sup>[ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-53](https://ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-53)

<sup>8</sup>[reuters.com/world/middle-east/child-killed-average-every-10-minutes-gaza-says-who-chief-2023-11-10/](https://reuters.com/world/middle-east/child-killed-average-every-10-minutes-gaza-says-who-chief-2023-11-10/)

<sup>9</sup>[savethechildren.net/news/gaza-3195-children-killed-three-weeks-surpasses-annual-number-children-killed-conflict-zones](https://savethechildren.net/news/gaza-3195-children-killed-three-weeks-surpasses-annual-number-children-killed-conflict-zones)

<sup>10</sup>[ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-33](https://ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-33)

<sup>11</sup>[timesofisrael.com/about-200000-israelis-internally-displaced-amid-ongoing-gaza-war-tensions-in-north/](https://timesofisrael.com/about-200000-israelis-internally-displaced-amid-ongoing-gaza-war-tensions-in-north/)

<sup>12</sup>[oxfam.org/en/press-releases/starvation-weapon-war-being-used-against-gaza-civilians-oxfam](https://oxfam.org/en/press-releases/starvation-weapon-war-being-used-against-gaza-civilians-oxfam)

<sup>13</sup>[news.un.org/en/story/2023/11/1143087](https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/11/1143087)

<sup>14</sup>[theintercept.com/2023/10/13/israel-settlers-gaza-palestinians-west-bank/](https://theintercept.com/2023/10/13/israel-settlers-gaza-palestinians-west-bank/)

## RESOLUTION 23-30

### CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND END TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL AND HONORING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK (Page 2)

**WHEREAS**, the mass killing of civilians in Gaza,<sup>15</sup> the restriction on water, food, medicine, fuel, and aid to Gaza,<sup>16</sup> and the targeted violence and displacement of Palestinians in the West Bank<sup>17</sup> amount to a clear and ongoing campaign of collective punishment by Israel against the Palestinian people, a war crime wherein a group of people is punished for a crime committed by individual members of the group;<sup>18,19</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, UN officials have said that the totality of the violence being committed in Gaza and the “discernibly genocidal and dehumanizing rhetoric coming from senior Israeli government officials” “point to a genocide in the making;”<sup>20</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the conflict occurring today did not begin on October 7th, but rather is a continuation of the dispossession, oppression, occupation, and apartheid that the Palestinian people have been subject to by the state of Israel for decades;<sup>21</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Gaza Strip, one of the most densely populated places on Earth, has been repeatedly referred to by human rights groups as “the world’s largest open-air prison” even prior to this conflict due to ongoing, unbearable living conditions imposed by the state of Israel,<sup>22</sup> including a 16-year full air, land and sea blockade, the strict prohibition of Palestinians from leaving and entering the territory freely, and severe limitations on the availability of drinking water, electricity, and medicine;<sup>23</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2021 the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board adopted Resolution 21-12, becoming the first public elected body in the nation to recognize Israeli apartheid against Palestinians as documented by myriad human rights groups and call for an end to American financial and political support for the dispossession and occupation of the Palestinian people;<sup>24</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, despite this ongoing oppression, the United States has sent more than \$130 billion in military aid to Israel to date, currently \$3.8 billion annually,<sup>25</sup> with virtually no

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<sup>15</sup>[reuters.com/world/un-experts-say-israels-strikes-gaza-amount-collective-punishment-2023-10-12/](https://www.reuters.com/world/un-experts-say-israels-strikes-gaza-amount-collective-punishment-2023-10-12/)

<sup>16</sup>[amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/10/israel-opt-israel-must-lift-illegal-and-inhumane-blockade-on-gaza-as-power-plant-runs-out-of-fuel/](https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/10/israel-opt-israel-must-lift-illegal-and-inhumane-blockade-on-gaza-as-power-plant-runs-out-of-fuel/)

<sup>17</sup>[972mag.com/west-bank-gaza-war-protests/](https://www.972mag.com/west-bank-gaza-war-protests/)

<sup>18</sup>[guide-humanitarian-law.org/content/article/3/collective-punishment/](https://www.guide-humanitarian-law.org/content/article/3/collective-punishment/)

<sup>19</sup>[casebook.icrc.org/a\\_to\\_z/glossary/collective-punishments](https://www.casebook.icrc.org/a_to_z/glossary/collective-punishments)

<sup>20</sup>[ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/11/gaza-un-experts-call-international-community-prevent-genocide-against](https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/11/gaza-un-experts-call-international-community-prevent-genocide-against)

<sup>21</sup>[hrw.org/report/2021/04/27/threshold-crossed/israeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-persecution](https://www.hrw.org/report/2021/04/27/threshold-crossed/israeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-persecution)

<sup>22</sup>[nrc.no/news/2018/april/gaza-the-worlds-largest-open-air-prison/](https://www.nrc.no/news/2018/april/gaza-the-worlds-largest-open-air-prison/)

<sup>23</sup>[hrw.org/news/2023/10/18/israel-unlawful-gaza-blockade-deadly-children](https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/10/18/israel-unlawful-gaza-blockade-deadly-children)

<sup>24</sup>[records.cityofberkeley.info/PublicAccess/api/Document/AUv4r2CMIz8xcP1F6A3SaloFAgnG39DpH6wjIK%C3%81CbIrFy8EqXmFOGLP2hIHZhyktOUDSyLx9qjjiTSvwkiJkESg%3D/](https://records.cityofberkeley.info/PublicAccess/api/Document/AUv4r2CMIz8xcP1F6A3SaloFAgnG39DpH6wjIK%C3%81CbIrFy8EqXmFOGLP2hIHZhyktOUDSyLx9qjjiTSvwkiJkESg%3D/)

<sup>25</sup>[time.com/6331133/israel-gaza-biden-military-support/](https://www.time.com/6331133/israel-gaza-biden-military-support/)

## RESOLUTION 23-30

### CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND END TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL AND HONORING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK (Page 3)

conditions or accountability,<sup>26</sup> and has increased the transfer of lethal aid during Israel's assault on Gaza;<sup>27</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Islamophobic, antisemitic, and anti-Palestinian hate crimes have increased sharply in frequency since October 7th,<sup>28</sup> including the violent assault of tenant Hanaan Shahin and the murder of her six-year-old son Wadea al-Fayoume by their landlord in Chicago;<sup>29</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, on November the 24th, Israel and Hamas began a temporary ceasefire to allow for the exchange of some hostages and entrance of some humanitarian aid;<sup>30</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, truly Uniting Against Hate requires us to combat hate both at home and abroad.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board honors United Against Hate Week and recognizes and upholds the dignity and equality of all people, regardless of religion, ethnicity, race, or heritage and opposes racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, colonialism, and ethno-nationalism in all their forms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board mourns the death of all civilians on October 7th and in the weeks since, Palestinian and Israeli, and opposes the forced displacement that has resulted from this conflict; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Rent Board calls on all people to recognize that Hamas and the state of Israel are distinct from the Palestinian and Israeli people and Muslim, Arab, and Jewish people across the globe, and that everyday Jews and Palestinians in the United States are not responsible for the actions of Hamas and the state of Israel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board reiterates that discrimination in housing against tenants or applicants on the basis of race, religion, creed, heritage or national origin is illegal and will not be tolerated, and that harassment, intimidation, or violence against tenants or landlords on the basis of their identity or beliefs is reprehensible and illegal in the City of Berkeley; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board welcomes the temporary ceasefire and limited exchange of hostages, but finds that it is entirely insufficient to restore peace, and so calls for Berkeley's elected representatives to demand:

- an immediate and permanent ceasefire and respect for international law;
- the unrestricted entry of humanitarian aid and emergency medical assistance into Gaza;

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<sup>26</sup>[reuters.com/world/no-us-conditions-security-assistance-israel-austin-says-2023-10-12/](https://www.reuters.com/world/no-us-conditions-security-assistance-israel-austin-says-2023-10-12/)

<sup>27</sup>[wsj.com/world/middle-east/u-s-plans-320-million-weapons-transfer-to-israel-as-gaza-toll-mounts-7c50afd9](https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/u-s-plans-320-million-weapons-transfer-to-israel-as-gaza-toll-mounts-7c50afd9)

<sup>28</sup>[reuters.com/world/us/us-antisemitic-islamophobic-incidents-surge-with-war-advocates-say-2023-10-25/](https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-antisemitic-islamophobic-incidents-surge-with-war-advocates-say-2023-10-25/)

<sup>29</sup>[chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-czuba-indicted-wadea-al-fayoume-slaying-20231026-20231026-ak5715xyi5ekpjvmxgvgqmbqba-story.html](https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-czuba-indicted-wadea-al-fayoume-slaying-20231026-20231026-ak5715xyi5ekpjvmxgvgqmbqba-story.html)

<sup>30</sup>[reuters.com/world/middle-east/israelhamas-war-hostage-deal-ceasefire-gaza-2023-11-22/](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israelhamas-war-hostage-deal-ceasefire-gaza-2023-11-22/)



## RESOLUTION 23-30

### CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND END TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL AND HONORING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK (Page 4)

- the restoration of food, water, fuel, and electricity to Gaza;
- the release of all hostages held by Hamas & Israel, including the thousands of Palestinians being indefinitely detained in Israeli prisons without trial;<sup>31</sup>
- an end to all U.S. military aid to Israel;
- the development of a lasting peace that addresses the root causes of the current conflict which lie in decades of institutionalized oppression, occupation, and apartheid; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board endorses the Ceasefire Now Resolution submitted by Representative Cori Bush and others,<sup>32</sup> and thanks our Congresswoman Barbara Lee for cosponsoring that vital statement;<sup>33</sup> and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people as they face the war crime of collective punishment and the looming threat of expulsion from Gaza, an act of ethnic cleansing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senator Nancy Skinner, Governor Gavin Newsom, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senators Laphonza Butler and Alex Padilla, President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Dated: December 4, 2023

Adopted by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley by the following vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Leah Simon-Weisberg, Chairperson  
Rent Stabilization Board

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
DéSeana Williams, Executive Director

<sup>31</sup>[amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/11/israel-opt-horrifying-cases-of-torture-and-degrading-treatment-of-palestinian-detainees-amid-spike-in-arbitrary-arrests/](https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/11/israel-opt-horrifying-cases-of-torture-and-degrading-treatment-of-palestinian-detainees-amid-spike-in-arbitrary-arrests/)

<sup>32</sup>[bush.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-bush-tlaib-carson-lee-ramirez-lead-colleagues-in-call-for-immediate-ceasefire](https://bush.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-bush-tlaib-carson-lee-ramirez-lead-colleagues-in-call-for-immediate-ceasefire)

<sup>33</sup>[lee.house.gov/news/press-releases/lee-jayapal-casar-mcgovern-castro-escobar-garcia-release-statement-calling-for-ceasefire](https://lee.house.gov/news/press-releases/lee-jayapal-casar-mcgovern-castro-escobar-garcia-release-statement-calling-for-ceasefire)