

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning, Councilmembers, my name is Khanum Shaikh and I've lived/rented in Los Angeles for 36 years. I am here today to voice my support for a ceasefire in Palestine as well as a continued rent freeze for all RSO units. These issues are deeply interlinked. We spend money on unhousing people elsewhere, rather than keeping people in homes here and elsewhere. This is absolutely unacceptable. Taxpayers in the city of Los Angeles are sending over \$50 million to Israel \*each year\* in military funding. These are tax dollars that are directly funding Israel's killing of over 6,000 children and counting, as well as Israel's collective punishment against the entire civilian population of Gaza. President Biden's request of an additional \$14 Billion in military aid to Israel would mean another \$187 million taken from LA taxpayers. These are hundreds of millions of dollars that could be used to protect tenants, build new public housing in our city, to preserve existing affordable housing and prevent evictions and fund public services. As someone who was born and raised in Los Angeles, I love L.A. And I insist that we lead on issues that are of pressing concern to us, our state, and the world. Other other city councils across the U.S. have already called for a ceasefire, such as Detroit, Seattle, Atlanta, Providence, Richmond (California), Cudahy (California) and more. With the LA Times Editorial Board calling for a ceasefire and the overwhelming support for a ceasefire we've seen across communities in Los Angeles, this council must do the same. As a constituent, a professor, a mother of children who attend LAUSD, and a citizen of the world, I urge you to introduce and vote yes on any city council legislation calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, and to freeze the rent of all RSO units in Los Angeles. We must stand on the right side of history. We must keep people sheltered and under their roofs. We have the ability to make these changes so PLEASE act with the people, not against us. Khaum Shaikh