

Communication from Public

Name: Juliette

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:14 AM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a citizen who is calling upon the City of Council to call for a Permanent Ceasefire for Gaza, Palestine. The people of Los Angeles demand a ceasefire in order to save all Palestinians under Israeli Occupation and for Los Angeles' council to stand in solidarity with Palestine.

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Name: Joseph Francis Hancock

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 01:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support a full and complete ceasefire now in Gaza, Palestine. Pressure from our local governments is very relevant to this because weapons manufactured in Southern California by Boeing and Raytheon corporations are being used to commit war crimes and genocidal acts against innocent Palestinian citizens inside their own country in violation of numerous United Nations resolutions. The City of Los Angeles, where I have lived since 1969, needs to take responsibility and demand that our tax dollars not be used for war by Israel. This is the moral, transparent and ethical thing to do. Please pass a City of Los Angeles "ceasefire resolution" now! And demand a halt to all weapons sales to Israel that are purchased with our tax dollars, taking funding away from our overly stretched Los Angeles Municipal government.

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Name: Liana

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this resolution because it is flawed, biased and is based on incorrect assumptions. If this resolution passes, incidents of antisemitism will increase in Los Angeles. Thank you to Council members Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield for opposing this misguided resolution. I urge others to follow their example should the resolution proceed to a full vote before the full City Council

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Comments for Public Posting: Too much death, impossible to justify. Criminal murder of Civilians. Completely Asymmetric war. The criminal actions Israel has taken are completely out of proportion to the Hamas attack. A proportional and reasonable response is justified and expected from Israel, but the indiscriminate killing of civilians, the obliteration of property, infrastructure, hospitals, schools, agriculture, sanitation, economy cannot be left without accountability. THE LEAST L.A. CITY CAN DO IS TO DECLARE ITS SUPPORT FOR A CEASEFIRE, it is the least our humanity and our civilized society should demand. Thank you

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Name: Marwan Ash

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 05:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Support the resolution introduced by Councilmembers Hernandez, Raman and Soto-Martinez which calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional return of all hostages, and the safe and immediate passage of unhindered humanitarian aid and medical care to Gaza. Schedule Council File # 24-0656 in Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Ceasefire Now!

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Name: Jeffrey Cooper

Date Submitted: 06/17/2024 11:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a Jew whose entire extended family was exterminated in the Holocaust. I also lived with Palestinians, & worked in Gaza & the West Bank for 4 years-1990-1993. I agree with your proposed resolution (#24-0656) calling for an immediate permanent ceasefire in Gaza, the unconditional return of all hostages, & the safe passage of unhindered humanitarian aid & medical care to Gaza. The 7-decades long cycles of violence in historical Palestine that today manifests itself in Israel's killing of innocent Palestinians, & its massive physical destruction throughout the Gaza Strip, must stop NOW. Far too many people have already died, including Jewish Israelis--all lives are sacred, are precious. We are watching one traumatized people (Jews) committing genocide against, & creating, another traumatized people (Palestinians). About 40,000 Palestinians have already been killed, over 15,000 of these are infants and children. There are around 83,000 wounded Palestinians. But also there are tens of thousands who are psychologically wounded. These are invisible wounds; they are trauma. The children will carry their trauma for the rest of their lives. As a teacher in Palestine from 1990-1993, I saw the trauma of these children inside of my classroom, and at the school--from other teachers during our teacher-meetings; and I learned about their daily behavior outside the school at conferences with their parents, and at teacher meetings. The trauma manifested itself in the following ways: anxiety, depression, insomnia, nightmares, flashbacks of violence (I also still have these flashbacks of violence from my own life in Palestine), bed-wetting into the late teens, aggressiveness in and outside of school, drop in academic performance, disinterest in school, ditching school, dropping out of school, and, most worrisome for me, I saw their trauma in their art work, which regularly depicted soldiers beating or killing children and tanks destroying homes. Jewish Israeli soldiers are also being killed, maimed, & traumatized for the rest of their lives, taking their experiences of killing fellow humans back home with them, and some of them will unconsciously act out their traumas on their own people. Is this what we want? Where is our humanity that our government has not used its diplomatic and economic power to stop this slaughter. Our own behavior, personally and institutionally--allowing a genocide to occur without taking steps

to stop it--is teaching our children and adolescents the wrong life lessons. If we can help to stop all of this unrestrained killing, then we (the international community) can begin to build a future with peace and justice for ALL peoples. These are the values that we want to teach our children. Thank You.