

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Juliette Arteaga  
**Date Submitted:** 07/31/2024 01:20 AM  
**Council File No:** 24-0656

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in strong support of the Los Angeles City Council resolution calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza (Council File: 24-0656), the immediate and unconditional return of all hostages, and immediate passage of humanitarian aid into Gaza. Countless international human rights organizations, including the Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization, have warned against the urgent threat of mass starvation and dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza that only an immediate cessation of warfare can halt. Between October 7, 2023 and the introduction of the ceasefire resolution on June 4, 2024, Israeli military forces in Gaza have killed 37,000 Palestinians, the majority of which are women and children, and displaced 2.3 million more. This is not only a humanitarian crisis, it is a genocide of the Palestinian people. Political leaders have a moral obligation to do their civic duty and put a stop to this genocide, as it is an inhumane crime at every single level. Los Angeles is proudly a city of immigrants, many of whom came to this country fleeing violence in their home countries. Today, Palestinian Angelenos are living through every immigrant family's nightmare: helplessly watching as loved ones in Gaza are bombed, shot, and starved. They are not alone in wanting to see the end of this violence. As elected representatives of the second largest city in the country, the LA City Council is uniquely positioned to do our part in championing a lasting peace in Gaza and to influence the federal government to support peaceful and humanitarian solutions.

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**Name:** Sabrina Ketel

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**Name:** William Ingram  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to LA City Council about this motion because despite it being substituted I remain concerned that the new method of distributing public funds subsidizes armed private security, instead of investing in Alternative Crisis Response Models. Over the past few years, we have seen various grassroots organizations and some councilmembers advocate for alternative and non-violent forms of crisis response and public safety, but the LA City Council has made little progress in this area. Continuing to throw money at armed forms of security is not the solution to creating safer communities. In following the guidelines provided by the State, I urge the LA City Council and the Department of Civil, Human Rights, and Equity to identify a way to avoid spending public funds on armed, violent, and fascist security groups like Magen Am. I recognize that many citizens in Los Angeles feel unsafe in the wake of rising incidents of Islamophobia and antisemitism, and we need to create a city where no one fears for their safety. I believe we need to build peace in Los Angeles and in Gaza, we need to see an end to the genocide, and Los Angeles can do its part in championing peace by passing the ceasefire resolution (CF 24-0656) introduced by CM's Hernandez, Raman, and Soto-Martínez.