

Communication from Public

Name: Democratic Socialists of America - Los Angeles

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council Members: Democratic Socialists of America - Los Angeles writes 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. As the largest socialist organization in Los Angeles with over 4,000 members organizing in our workplaces, housing complexes, and communities to build a world where everyone can live a life of dignity, free from injustice and exploitation, we believe Los Angeles must call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and peaceful diplomacy. 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. As elected representatives of the second largest city in the country, the LA City Council is uniquely positioned to influence the federal government to support peaceful and humanitarian solutions in 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. In January, the International Court of Justice presented an interim ruling, demanding that Israel prevent acts that could be considered genocidal, and allow humanitarian aid into Gaza. In the US, we see labor unions, student groups, publications, humanitarian organizations, and local jurisdictions—including Alhambra, Bell Gardens, La Puente, Long Beach, Maywood, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Pomona and Santa Monica in Los Angeles County—increasingly calling for an immediate ceasefire. 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. According to a March 2024 Gallup poll, a majority of US voters are against Israeli action in Gaza; and in Los Angeles, this is reflected by the thousands of people who

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To: LA City Councilmembers; Chief-of-Staffs; Deputy Directors

From: Democratic Socialists of America - Los Angeles

Date: June 28, 2024

Subject: Peaceful Diplomacy and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza; CF 24-0656 - SUPPORT

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