

Communication from Public

Name: susan millmann

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:01 AM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to support this ceasefire resolution. I am Jewish. My parents started the Temple in our New Jersey town many years ago. I am horrified that Israel is carrying out this war in what to my horror is genocide. Please help stop this war in Gaza. please support this Resolution. Thank you Susan Millmann
Venice Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Wajiha Ibrahim

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 10:09 AM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Los Angeles City Council to support a ceasefire resolution concerning the ongoing genocide in Palestine. I am deeply disturbed at the sustained violence unfolding in the region, and our city must take a stand for peace and humanitarian relief, advocating for an end to violence that disproportionately affects innocent children, women, and civilians. 2.3 million Gazans have been internally displaced from destroyed homes, hospitals, refugee camps, and places of worship, and this week, more than one million Gazans were forcefully displaced from Rafah, previously a humanitarian safe zone. THIS MUST STOP. By supporting this resolution, Los Angeles can contribute to a global call for justice and the protection of human rights.

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Name: Jordan Barger

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 10:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write here today regarding the need for the LA City Council to pass a resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. It is important for Los Angeles to join the 100+ other United States cities that have passed ceasefire resolutions. You may ask: how can a city on the other side of the world make an impact on such a large issue? Well, Israel's bloodshed on Gaza is an issue that impacts us all, including the fact that, as representatives of the people of LA, city council members should be resisting Islamophobia, anti-Arab sentiment, and antisemitism towards their own constituents. Passing a permanent ceasefire resolution is one way we can set a precedent for other cities and, overall, encourage the federal government to do so as well. Even in 2019, Nina Hachigian, the first United States Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy, argued that Cities Will Determine the Future of Diplomacy when international diplomacy fails at the federal level. She writes, "perhaps the most important way in which cities operate internationally is when they use their collective power and will to tackle a serious global challenge." That is what we are requesting LA do now: join the collective power of individual cities passing permanent ceasefire resolutions. The time is now. The people of Gaza cannot wait any longer. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eleanor Bray

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 10:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the ceasefire motion proposed by city council. Tens of thousands of Palestinians have been murdered and we as Angelenos need to show the rest of the nation and world that we refuse to accept this as business as usual.

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Name: Despoina Stokou

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 11:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Given the staggering amount of civilian casualties from Israel's indiscriminate attack in Gaza and the horrendous humanitarian catastrophe and famine conditions used as a weapon of war, it is of extreme urgency that the city council pass a Ceasefire resolution. This is a moment in history where we have to be loud and proud about our values and stand up for them; our children will judge us. This is not a moment for gaslighting, cowardice, and grey areas. We are proud to be a multiethnic, progressive city at the forefront of progressive ideas and values. We are a city where Jewish people, Muslims, Christians, and a very large community of Christian Arabs all live together in peace. Our values say liberty and justice for all. Every human life has value; every one of us on this earth has the right, the inherent right, to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We stand for international laws and laws for war engagement. We stand for justice and freedom. A ceasefire resolution is a bilateral agreement that will ensure the freedom of hostages from both sides, will rescue Gazan civilians, will rescue Israelis from the moral abyss of ethnically cleansing an entire population, will bring back humanity from the brink of World War Three. It is of the utmost emergency to do the very least we can to stop the violence and open the road to a diplomatic, political solution.

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Name: Jack E.

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 12:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hope this find you, Los Angeles Council members, in good health, My name is Jack Elkhayleh, I'm a proud Palestinian living in diaspora. Transported to the US from UAE 25 years ago and had the great privilege of making many CA cities in LA and the Central Valley a home. I am an officer and an administrator for the middle eastern chamber of commerce and Manara Inc. I urge you to call for and vote yes on a permanent Ceasefire Resolution and demand that law makers and law enforcement stop using violence against college students. Los Angeles (The City of Angels) should stand with other cities and neighbourhoods advocating for peace in Gaza, a region in dire need of our support. The chain of representation is essential here; as city and neighborhood council members, you share constituents with congressional delegation. I believe that your obligation, at the very least, is to resist Islamophobia, anti-Arab sentiment, and antisemitism within our communities and districts. Moreover, Los Angeles council members possess a unique ability to be proxies for these shared constituents. This capability is vital in emphasizing the urgent need for a unilateral permanent ceasefire to our congressional delegation and, ultimately, the Biden administration. Equal, fair, and honest representation. As Los Angeles council members, you must ensure that the anti-war and anti-genocide voice, regardless of background, is acknowledged and given due consideration. I want to thank all my brothers, sisters, and siblings who plan on being there. Including you council members and staff. My family demands the following: - An end to the genocide in Gaza. - An Immediate, permanent, binding ceasefire. - The release of all Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners. - Adherence to international law. - The renewal of funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). - An immediate cessation of military assistance until a permanent ceasefire is enacted and Israel abides by applicable U.S. law governing its use. - Los Angeles City should identify and support local programs that combat antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, homophobic and xenophobic attacks. Through this resolution, we can fight antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian racism, and all other bigotry together – because none of us will be free and safe until we are all free and safe. I urge you to vote yes at this week's Council

meeting. I'm forever grateful, Jack Elkhayleh

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Name: Katie Guastini

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 12:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the recent "Ceasefire" resolution advanced by three members of the City Council who are affiliated with the Democratic Socialists of America. This resolution is both one-sided and vitriolic, presenting a biased narrative that unfairly places the blame for the ongoing conflict solely on Israel, while making only a perfunctory reference to the heinous mass murders committed by Hamas on October 7th. It is deeply troubling that this resolution has been put forward without any corresponding resolution condemning Hamas for its brutal actions on October 7th. By advancing this "Ceasefire" resolution in its current form, the Council members are effectively disregarding the repeated rejections of ceasefire proposals by Hamas and ignoring the complexities of the conflict. This approach not only undermines the pursuit of a just and lasting peace but also implicitly supports Hamas and fosters antisemitism. I urge you to reject this resolution and instead work towards a more balanced and comprehensive approach that acknowledges the atrocities committed by Hamas and addresses the legitimate security concerns of all parties involved. A resolution that fails to do so does a disservice to the people of Los Angeles and undermines our commitment to justice and equality. I strongly encourage you to stand against this biased resolution and support efforts that promote peace and security for all.

Communication from Public

Name: Halei Parker

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 12:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I beg you to please support this call for a ceasefire. It is imperative every individual, local government, and state stand against this ongoing genocide and help force the hand of our federal government to stop their active participation in the killing of tens of thousands of innocent humans. We must also immediately end all aid to Israel. It is an absolute disgrace that bombs manufactured here in California are being used to slaughter children and other innocent civilians. There is no question that this is a genocide, it comes directly from the mouths of Israeli leadership every single day. We must not be complicit and sit idly by. This is your chance to be on the right side of humanity. Help stop this madness. Vote for a ceasefire.

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Name: Tracy from Los Angeles

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 12:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the City of Los Angeles' ceasefire resolution. As the daughter and granddaughter of families fleeing wars and genocides, this needs to stop. Too many innocent lives have been taken in the failed pursuit of a terrorist group. Although Gaza is far away, our tax dollars in Los Angeles fund the ongoing genocide there. This will increase pressure on the federal government to take consequential actions for Prime Minister Netanyahu. Everyone likes to focus on October 7 but what about October 8 - today? We don't even know the exact death toll but it's estimated around 40,000. This includes babies, children, families, parents, healthcare workers, journalists, students, educators, aid workers and the list goes on... Jose Andres of World Central Kitchen was a big supporter of Israel's "defense" but he couldn't even protect his own family of workers volunteering there. Please pass the ceasefire resolution.

Communication from Public

Name: B. Stern

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 01:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of Los Angeles passing a ceasefire resolution. As a Jewish Angeleno, I would like to repeat the calls from others in my community that my safety does not revolve around the bombing of tens of thousands of civilians. As the second largest city in the country, Los Angeles has a duty to push our country to call for a humanitarian end to this violence.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffani Moreno

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 01:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am writing to ask for your support in a permanent ceasefire resolution. It is our moral duty to stand against the violence and genocide committed in Palestine by our taxpayer dollars. This is an absolute disgrace that we have to beg our representatives to stand on the right side of history. Too many innocent civilians including 15,000+ children have been slaughtered, more than 1 million people have been displaced, are starving to death, and need proper medical attention - the United States has blood on our hands and we must put an end to it. I hope we have your support in this urgent matter, your voters will be watching how you will handle this. Never again should mean never again for anyone.

Communication from Public

Name: Usman Ally

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that we call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. This must happen. How many more children will we allow to die these horrific deaths. How much more appeasement and support for a murdering regime can we provide Netanyahu. He must be held accountable. No one is above the law, and the overwhelming majority of Angelenos support a ceasefire.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 09:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am urging our city council members to support LA's ceasefire resolution. Israel's bombardment and starvation of Gaza are inhumane and leave a stain on our collective humanity, creating a world less safe for everyone. We must all stand against this.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 06:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Ceasefire now.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 05:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is very important that a ceasefire is called immediately!

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Name: Jane Zighelboim

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 06:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, The scorched earth genocidal campaign being waged on Gaza is an unimaginable tragedy and humanitarian crisis. The Israeli government's response to the tragedy of Oct 7th is in violation of international law. The US's response in sending unconditional weapons to them is in violation of US Law and international law. The diplomatic cover the US has given this genocide will be an eternal stain on all of us. For this reason I respectfully request that you all adopt a permanent ceasefire resolution. This would allow LA to join the ranks of over 100 other cities across the USA that have committed to stopping the genocide being committed with our tax dollars. With gratitude, Jane Zighelboim

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Name: Sahar Pirzada

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 04:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support a ceasefire in Gaza immediately!

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Name: Sabeen Ahmed
Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 04:54 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I urge elected officials in Los Angeles to push for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

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Name: Joan V. Flores-Villalobos

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 05:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Council District 8 and a constituent of Marqueece Harris-Dawson. I strongly support that resolution that calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Los Angeles as a city should advocate for peace and for a stop to what is clearly a humanitarian crisis.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 05:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to urge elected officials to push for a ceasefire in Gaza and demand an end to Israeli violence and aggression. If they fail to do so, I will not vote for them in the next election cycle.

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Name: m

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 05:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please for the love of whatever God(s)/Goddess(es) you believe in, ask your government to stop supporting murder by weaponry, by starvation... wait there's a word for this... genocide. Ask/Pray/Vote your leaders into supporting peace. This violence only feeds the never ending cycle of violence. When will Israel feel safe? When it isn't creating enemies. Those who do harm, live forever in the fear of being harmed; that is the cycle of violence. We can only move forward from where we are now, not from back there, or that one event, or that one word. Religious people who support the evil of war - look to the verses of your holy writs where the golden rule applies. God(s) is love - how can you reconcile that with hatred and violence? Reread those verses that speak of peace, lest you doom, not just those under the heel, but yourselves. Lift these beleaguered Palestinians from the nightmare they are in. I write this, knowing that it is clear that our leaders have no power to stop Israel. But sending the clear message of a ceasefire; stopping funding; stopping arms dealing; these things will incite other nations to join in and do what a single nation cannot do. We could all be so much better than we are, yet humans insist on being violently disappointing. Look for no one to be lower than you. Aim to uplift or be uplifted. Imagine a world where all of this energy, power, resource, intelligence, personnel, are directed towards the betterment of human life. Every time I hear about another strike, I see the space of possibilities shrink for us as a species.

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Name: Nikita Chaudhry

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 05:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm commenting to urge LA City Council to support this ceasefire resolution and thank the representatives who have already done so in presenting this formal opinion. As the most powerful city council in the United States, this resolution could influence national leadership and save any more lives from being devastatingly destroyed.

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Name: Jasmine Quintana

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 04:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Enough is enough. No more U.S. tax dollars should be spent on this genocide. Los Angeles has lead the way in progressive policies and this is the opportunity to become the most populous city to call for a ceasefire in the U.S. Let us lead peace by example.

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Name: Seif Hamid
Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 04:32 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: CEASEFIRE NOW

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Name: David

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 02:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a voting resident of Los Angeles, I write in support of this ceasefire resolution. Ethnic cleansing and genocide lie at the heart of Zionism, the ideological underpinning of an exclusively Jewish state. Palestinians are facing not only bombs, arrests, and wholesale torture, but also Israeli engineered famine. To destroy the future of Palestinian life, children have become key victims of Israel's campaign of extermination, as they are especially vulnerable to dehydration and malnutrition. And not just since October 7. Starting in 2007, Israel has kept Gaza on what the IDF termed a "starvation diet." A resolution like this should have been approved months ago, and the failure to achieve that is an indictment of the immorality and cowardice of L.A. City Council, as a whole, to speak up against this genocide. The resolution should be strengthened by explicitly demanding the release of the thousands of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel without charge or hope of trial, often facing torture and mutilation. The resolution should also call for an end to all military and other aid to Israel.

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Name: Sunya Vakil
Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 02:43 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I URGE YOU TO CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Burgos

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 02:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support the ceasefire and let's put an end to the senseless slaughter of the Palestinian people. All people deserve the right to live and we cannot sit idly by while a genocide is happening. Never again means for all people.

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Name: Geoffrey Seaman

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 02:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Proposed resolution like this doesn't do anything thing for our citizens or the city BUT creates an environment that forments civil unrest and potentially subjects some citizens to abuse and harassment. The role of government is to improve our city not to create animosity among its populous. Support of this resolution is support of hate!! The sponsors of this should be ashamed of themselves!!

Communication from Public

Name: Noor Molvi

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 03:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: After 8 months of utter tragedy and destruction it is time for Los Angeles to call for a permanent ceasefire! This is the will of the people, this is what the majority of Angelenos want. We are tired of witnessing whole bloodlines wiped from the face of the earth and brutality against children on our phones every day. This is both a humanitarian issue and a climate issue. Please show us that our elected officials and representatives still have a conscience!

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Name: Kevin Jiang

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 11:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Councilmembers, My name is Kevin and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am calling upon the Los Angeles City Council to pass the Ceasefire Resolution introduced by Councilmembers Hernandez and Raman. Los Angeles must support an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, the flow of humanitarian aid into the region, and release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees. The call for a ceasefire is deeply and widely felt in Los Angeles. The LA Federation of Labor, which represents over 800,000 working families, put out a statement in support of a ceasefire in March. Students across all major LA universities have taken action and made their voices heard in protest of the genocide happening in Gaza. And this week, workers at UCLA have gone on strike because of the unfair practices used to silence the voices of those who want to see an end to the violence in Gaza. Additionally, the federal government is allocating billions of dollars to support Israel's military operations in Gaza at the expense of working families in the U.S. State governments and municipalities are facing down budget deficits, including our own city budget, and instead of funding genocide in Gaza the federal government should fund the revitalizations of our cities and neighborhoods. Please stand with the people of Los Angeles and pass the Ceasefire Resolution. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Shawn Morones
Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 10:51 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I demand a ceasefire in palestine