

Communication from Public

Name: Paige

Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 09:46 AM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council members, 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. Over the last 2 months, we have seen cities across Los Angeles County pass ceasefire resolutions because the consensus is clear that working people are tired of war, reject genocide, and believe the least we can do is demand an end to the violence by calling for a ceasefire I'm personally tired of seeing my tax money being used to fund war, and in this specific case a genocide of the Palestinian people. The federal government is allocating billions of dollars to support Israel's military operations in Gaza, at the expense of working class people like myself and my neighbors. That money would be much better spend revitalizing our cities and neighborhoods. Los Angeles is one of the biggest cities in the nation, which gives you as city council members a major opportunity to influence national politics and be on the right side of history and on the side of the Angelinos you serve. Thank you,
~Paige

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Name: Maggie
Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 09:50 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Ceasefire now! Call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

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Name: Lorena Macías-Ketchum

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing today to implore city council to support the ceasefire resolution. As one of the largest and influential cities in the country it is imperative that the city lead by example in supporting this resolution. The world can see the reality of the situation in Gaza right now. This is not a war fought equally on both sides. Rockets do not have same capacity of destruction as precision missiles. This is the story of an occupied territory defending itself from an occupying force. Although we can all agree that the events of October 7th were tragic, it would be detrimental to ignore the last 100 years of occupation. It is hard breaking that our tax dollars are paying for the massacre and passing this resolution would be a step in the right direction.

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Name: Alexandra Malek

Date Submitted: 06/06/2024 10:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging for city council to vote yes on this resolution. Ceasefire now. Release the hostages. None of us are free until all of us are free!

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Name: Eda Pistolessi

Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 04:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I beg the Council! We must stop the Zionist Israeli genocide of the Palestinian people. I beg the Council to support 24-0656. Ceasefire now!

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Name: Kaya

Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 12:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a member of DSA-LA. DSA-LA is part of a grassroots coalition of more than 40 (and growing) labor, interfaith, and community organizations calling upon te Los Angeles City Council to pass the Ceasefire Resolution introduced by Council members Hernandez and Raman, Council file 24-0656. 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 today, 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. The people of Los Angeles and the organizations represented have called for a ceasefire in Gaza for months. Council members, our coalition looks forward to speaking more with you about the importance of passing the Ceasefire Resolution. THIS NEEDS TO BE ON THE AGENDA IMMEDIATELY! Please review attached images I have collected from photo journalists in Gaza, it is so urgent that there is an end to the violence.



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Name: Hana Katana

Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 01:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I want a Permanent ceasefire in Gaza NOW. We should all know by now that over 30,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israel since October 7th, but the current death toll for Israel's genocide of the Palestinians is estimated to be greater than 200,000 people. The number of people missing is over 150,000, and most of the victims of Israel's bombardment are still trapped under rubble with little chance of ever being rescued. The death toll hasn't been updated in months because the people responsible for keeping track of the amount of deaths were all killed. We know that over 90% of the Palestinians that have been killed by Israel were civilians and that over half of the people killed have been children. Killing civilians is a war crime. The deliberate killing of civilians at this scale, massacre after massacre, is genocide. This is a holocaust, this is a genocide, this is ethnic cleansing, and it must end. I'm going to quote a testimony from a 19 year old Palestinian woman named Somaya Suhail Saad Al-Sweirky from Gaza that may help you understand just how urgent a permanent ceasefire really is. "On December 2, 2023, at precisely 11:30 PM, just a day after the ceasefire ended, Israeli aircraft launched a missile at our home without any warning. We were sleeping near the apartment door, believing it to be the safest spot in our house. Tragically, that was where the missile hit. Instantly, my siblings Tala (12 years old), Saad (18 years old), and Mohammed (5 years old) were killed. My father fell from the sixth floor to the first. My mother and I were injured but remained on the sixth floor. My mother's right leg was severed by the blast, and she continued to bleed heavily. At around 6 AM, people arrived to rescue us. They took my father first. As they were about to carry us down, an Israeli quadcopter began firing intensely. They placed me on a mattress; my right leg was nearly severed at the knee, and the other leg was also injured by shrapnel. They promised to send an ambulance for me. I later learned that the ambulance was bombed on its way to us. My mother and I stayed in our shattered apartment, consumed by the desire to join my deceased siblings. We barely spoke as my mother was in too much pain to talk, and we were both preoccupied with our bleeding wounds. We had no water or food, just a lollipop that I ate. On December 8, 2023, after seven days, I saw a fly on my mother's face. I asked her to brush it off, but she didn't respond. I asked again, and still no

answer. Her breathing grew louder and then stopped-she had passed away. I screamed in agony and collapsed in tears. My mother died during the day, though I couldn't tell what time it was. That night, Israeli aircraft bombed the building again with three missiles. The building was already split in half by the earlier strikes. The missiles hit the gap, and I was on the right side, witnessing everything. I was numb, feeling no fear, only wishing to die and join my family. The next morning, an Israeli quadcopter approached me as I lay on my mattress. I pretended to be dead to avoid more pain from their bullets. That day, I was extremely thirsty and prayed for rain. Miraculously, it rained, but I couldn't reach the water. I prayed fervently for the rain to come inside. Minutes later, water started seeping through the ceiling, soaking the mattress. I wrung out the water and drank until I was somewhat relieved. For about 12 days, I didn't sleep at all. I longed for rest but knew I had to stay strong. My right leg dangled uselessly, and I couldn't support it with my other injured leg. I tied it with a sock, which slowed the bleeding a bit. Five days later, I was thirsty again and screamed, "I need water!" A soldier's voice boomed through a loudspeaker, asking who was calling for water. Terrified, I didn't respond. Desperate, I drank a bottle of medicine near me, not knowing what it was, but I needed the liquid. During those long days next to my mother's body, without food or water, I survived by God's mercy. I lost a lot of weight and was utterly exhausted. On December 21, 2023, the tanks withdrew after 21 days of siege and the death of my family. Neighbors came to rescue me. As they began to move me, the Israeli quadcopter started shooting again. I begged them to leave me water and go, but they refused, determined not to abandon me after all I had endured. After a while, the drone left. They tied me to the mattress and, with great difficulty, carried me down the shattered stairs. I was taken to Al-Shifa Hospital, where I reunited with my injured father. I had surgery on January 9, 2024, and am now waiting for a humanitarian ceasefire so I can travel for further treatment for my other leg. Despite losing my family and enduring unimaginable suffering, I still love my country and will never leave it. I will survive this war and provide psychological support to my people, as I am in my second year of studying psychology."

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Name: Theresa Saso
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Comments for Public Posting: I live and work within CD-14. I am in strong support of a immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. I support this resolution.

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Name: LS
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Comments for Public Posting: Ceasefire now and end the genocide that my tax dollars are funding. I cannot stand for this.

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Name: Nick streets
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Comments for Public Posting: CEASEFIRE NOW