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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Councilmembers, My name is Manoli, and I am a member of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). DSA is part of a grassroots coalition of more than 40 labor, interfaith, and community organizations calling upon the Los Angeles City Council to pass the Ceasefire Resolution introduced by Councilmembers 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. For weeks we have been calling and postcarding your offices and constituents, and we invite you to meet with us to talk about the importance of calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. 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. 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. 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. School districts across the country are on track to lose significant federal resources with the expiration of the COVID funding. Recent aid packages given to Israel could have funded the Biden Child Tax Credit - a marquee progressive domestic policy that was defunded during COVID. Lastly, state governments and municipalities are facing down budget deficits, we experienced this with our own city budget, and instead of funding genocide in Gaza the federal government should fund the revitalizations of our cities and neighborhoods. The people of Los Angeles and the organizations represented have called for a ceasefire in Gaza for months. Councilmembers, our coalition looks forward to speaking more with you about the importance of passing the Ceasefire Resolution. Thank you, Manoli

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Name: Amanda
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Comments for Public Posting: My council member is Heather Hutt and I'm writing to say I want the LA city council to support a ceasefire!