

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Jew, I find this resolution to be frightening. This resolution is filled with historical inaccuracies and a complete lack of empathy for Jews and Israel. This resolution accomplishes nothing but to further the hate and intolerance many of us in the Los Angeles Jewish community have been experiencing since October 7th. Since the U.N. partition in 1948, the State of Israel has been willing to share land with its neighbors, and time and again Israel has engaged in peaceful negotiations. Your resolution ignores this fact. Instead, for decades Israel has been forced to defend its borders against hostile neighbors who vow to annihilate Israel and Jews across the world. This is another fact your resolution ignores. Most recently, President Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken put the blame for the breakdown of ceasefire negotiations on Hamas, a terrorist organization. Los Angeles claims to be a city of tolerance. Now would be a good time for the City Council to extend that tolerance towards its the Jewish community.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding the resolution put forward by Council member, Eunisses Hernandez, there are many of us in Los Angeles who question the motives behind this resolution. No one on the Los Angeles City Council can speak for either the Palestinians or the Israelis. By offering up this resolution, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Raman and Mr. Soto-Martinez are engaging in a bit of Guerilla Theatre, coupled with a smug hubris that does a disservice to both Palestinians and Israelis. Although the resolution mentions Israel and the "surprise attack" by Hamas, it offered no details of the sheer depravity of Hamas' attack. However, the resolution goes into great detail over the agony and violence that Gaza's civilians have endured, suggesting that Israel's response wasn't warranted and that the gangsters who run Gaza bear little or no responsibility for the calamitous events that occurred on October, 7th. Hamas knew full well that Israel's response to Hamas' savagery on October, 7th would be punitive. Hamas made no preparations for its own people who would be facing Israel's military response. Instead, Hamas used its own people as cannon fodder , while the Hamas leadership hunkered down in concrete lined tunnels, often alongside kidnapped Israelis. It is standard operating procedure for ideological fanatics to sacrifice their own for a larger goal. If the council members that drew up this letter to Santa Claus had taken a moment to examine the feelings and fears of the Israeli citizens, then perhaps the shape of this resolution would better reflect the realities facing Israelis, and Palestinians. As a proud Jewish citizen of Los Angeles, I would be glad to share the historical background of Israel and the Palestinian question with council members, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Raman and Mr. Soto-Martinez. Warm regards, Richard Steele