

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shirley Darvish Tabibian

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 04:18 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0656

**Comments for Public Posting:** I wholeheartedly oppose this misguided, uninformed, one sided and inflammatory resolution. It does not speak for me and makes me feel discriminated against in my own city. Los Angeles should stick to problems pertaining to our own city instead of pointlessly weighing in on international events for political points and performative purposes!

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Name: Craig Byrnes  
Date Submitted: 06/17/2024 04:24 PM  
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council! On June 21, you will consider a resolution supporting a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war. That resolution is so misguided, and relies on so many factually wrong statements, it is hard to know where to begin. This Council should vote the resolution down. 1. The resolution's ne a ceasefire is badly misguided from the outset. The resolution itself notes that Hamas terrorists took 240 hostages: a. The resolution incorrectly states that the 240 hostages were Israelis. In fact, about half of the hostages were foreign nationals or maintained dual citizenship. The hostages are from ma nations, including places as far-flung as Israel, the US, Thailand, and Russia. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/23/efforts-to-free-gaza-hostages-intensify-amid-reports-some-may-soon-be-released>. This is important because Americans, as well as others, are held hostage by terrorists. A ce national interest. b Over 100 hostages remain unaccounted for, and are either dead or still being held captive. <https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/hamas-hostages-israel-gaza-41432124> c. The hostages who have been rescued or released tell stories of having been raped, beaten, and brutalized. T uniformly been diagnosed with malnutrition. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/rescued-hostages-were-beaten-almost-every-day-says-doctor-who-treated-them/#:~:text=Dr.%20Itai%20Pessach%20says%20captivity,and%20other%20bodily%20systems%20damaged&text=The%20doctor%20overseeing%20the%20recovery,by%20the%20Hamas%20> d. Calling for a ceasefire, when Americans, as well as others, are still being held by rapists and murderers in dark tunnels, is un-American and not in our best interests. 2. The resolution states that 37,000 Palestinians, the majority of them women and children, have been killed. This is false, and has be downward by a UN report. Moreover, these numbers originate from the Gaza Health Ministry, an organization run by Hamas itself. You can't rely on or quote numbers from Hamas. 3. There was a ceasefire in place on October 6. Look what happened. Nonetheless, ceasefire proposals have been repe to Hamas and repeatedly rejected by Hamas. <https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2024/04/04/hamas-rejects-another-ceasefire-offer/> 4. Israel has complied rigorously with all international standards. The civilian combatant casualty ratio in this war is the lowest in modern warfare. No country has done more prevent civilian casualties. Even-handed is not the same thing as fair or right. Terrorists should not be treated evenhandedly, or even given a place at the table. This misguided resolution is not only factually wrong, but it seeks to be even-handed at the expense of fairness and righteousness. This coun

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**Name:** Mark Alan

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 05:03 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe that the City Council should strongly oppose the draft resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza. The reasons are as follows: 1. The resolution is based on Hamas-sourced statistics and are likely in error based on recent facts including that the majority of Arab casualties in Gaza are armed combatants. 2. The resolution cites a geographic location called "Palestine" which is not an established entity. The proper territory in question is "the Gaza Strip" or just "Gaza." The Council should not be granting recognition of a terrorist state to the perpetrators of the Oct. 7th massacre in Southern Israel. 3. The immediate resolution of civilian suffering may include any or all of the following: a. Call for the immediate emigration of Arabs from Gaza. b. Call for the evacuation of Arabs from Gaza to areas within Israel and Egypt where they can receive necessary aid. c. Acknowledge Israel's current efforts to create more corridors for humanitarian aid. d. Call on Hamas to stop stealing aid shipped into Gaza. e. Call on Hamas to release all hostages and end hostilities, thus enabling Israel to cease its operations. 4. Rafah was never a humanitarian safe zone. It was simply an area where Israel had said it was not going to go into until it had mostly destroyed Hamas in the north of Gaza. Arabs evacuated from Rafah have been given shelter and aid by Israel and others while Israel attempts to rescue the remaining hostages and destroy Hamas' ability to wage war. Dear Council, War is war. It is horrible. The U.S. killed hundreds of thousands of civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan in its war against Al Qaeda and ISIS. It is imperative that the Council take no action that will prejudice Israel in its just war to destroy Hamas terrorists in Gaza. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ann C Hayman

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 05:08 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Thanks to Council members Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield for opposing this misguided resolution. While all people are hoping for the end of the current war and a peaceful resolution, and we are all saddened by the loss of innocent life in Gaza, the ultimate cause of the conflict remains Hamas's brutal, unprecedented terror attack on Israel on October 7. Please remember that it was Hamas that broke the cease fire agreement on October 7, not Israel. Israel has a nation state has the right to defend itself. The resolution as written acknowledges the role of Hamas and calls for the release of the remaining hostages but it lacks context. It also omits the unprecedented rise in antisemitism that Jews in L.A. and the rest of the U.S. are experiencing. Therefore, I am requesting that Council President Krekorian not move forward on this resoluton.

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**Name:** Hunter  
**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 09:12 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** We are all in this together

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Magida

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 09:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Enough is enough over 100,000 humans Palestinian refugees buried, maimed, massacred in markets , in schools, in homes , at sea fishing at aid trucks to get food , these are mainly women and children . Gaza has 2.4 million in a small dense strip 25 miles long about 6 miles wide, equal to 141 sq miles . We demand the city council declare support for a unconditional permanent ceasefire in Gaza in order to provide aid, food, water and needed medical care form the sick And wounded, as well as for the exchange of prisoners held on both sides . Half of the population will starve by the end of July or die from disease. These are innocent displaced refugees who have done nothing wrong except been born Palestinian in their homeland. Its time for our elected officials to show some leadership and reason and stop Killing our children. Stop arming israel and sanction companies providing funding to this genocide . Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allen Kanner  
**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 10:29 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles was complicit in the genocide of indigenous people's.  
Don't repeat the mistake in Palestine.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 10:32 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LA city council needs to support a ceasefire resolution. Please support the resolution introduced by Councilmembers Hernandez, Raman and Soto-Martinez which calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional return of all hostages, and the safe and immediate passage of unhindered humanitarian aid and medical care to Gaza. Schedule Council File # 24-0656 in Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Ceasefire Now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass the ceasefire resolution. There has been too much blood shed on both sides and we are all affected, yes, right here in LA and OC too. It's horrible to watch the slaughter of Gaza for so many months, and Oct 7 was horrible too. Let all Americans and cities speak for peace so that Biden will push for peace.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Theadora

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 11:38 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0656

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am writing to ask the city council to take a stand against the devastating genocide in Gaza by: 1. Supporting the resolution introduced by Councilmembers Hernandez, Raman and Soto-Martinez which calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional return of all hostages, and the safe and immediate passage of unhindered humanitarian aid and medical care to Gaza. 2. Scheduling Council File # 24-0656 in Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 3. Publicly call for a Ceasefire Now! Thank you, Theadora Ricker 90042

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Zighelboim Awni

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 09:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor & 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 these reasons as a Jewish American, I respectfully request a permanent ceasefire resolution be adopted immediately. This would allow Los Angeles to finally 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 Awni

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tatiana T

**Date Submitted:** 06/17/2024 09:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I can't believe we still have to write about it. This craziness, madness has to stop. Where in a civilized world have we behaved like animals? Sorry, worse than that. We are not fighting for survival. This support from America is due to a close tie with Israel. This support is all about destabilizing nations. This support of Israel is about making money. We should become civil and obey civil rights and basic human rights. No person should endure all this sadness, emotional wreckage, physical disability, and torture. Shame on us for not letting it stop right away.