

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 02:25 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: There should be a permanent cease fire NOW!

Communication from Public

Name: SZ
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 02:26 PM
Council File No: 24-0656
Comments for Public Posting: Please pass ceasefire resolution, thank you

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Name: Joe Gallagher
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 04:15 PM
Council File No: 24-0656
Comments for Public Posting: Stop the slaughter!

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Name: Hannah Rooth
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 04:49 PM
Council File No: 24-0656
Comments for Public Posting: Pass the Ceasefire Resolution immediately! Enough with the madness! These are human lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Yasamin Hafid

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 05:19 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: We must ask for a permanent ceasefire immediately. It is unacceptable that the city of Los Angeles is currently complicit in a genocide. Our tax payer dollars are paying to destroy the lives of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians. Our city cannot support the slaughter of civilians, the destruction of hospitals, schools and the entire infrastructure of Gaza. Please support an immediate ceasefire!

Communication from Public

Name: Chen Gu
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 05:36 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I urge you to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by councilmembers Hernandez and Raman last week and take the following actions: 1. Schedule the Ceasefire resolution on the city council agenda as soon as possible in the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. 2. Vote “YES” when the Ceasefire Resolution is presented on the City Council floor. 3. Issue a public statement in support of this resolution. Cities across the country are joining the call for a ceasefire. We call on Los Angeles to align with other major cities like Chicago, Atlanta, Detroit, Oakland and San Francisco and local cities such as Cudahy, Long Beach, Montebello, El Monte, Pasadena, Alhambra, Santa Monica, Pomona and others in their support of a ceasefire. These cities recognize that the war on Gaza affects their residents. In Los Angeles, residents are losing family members and traumatized by the grisly images they see, all funded by taxpayer dollars that could be better spent in our city. Additionally, as a result of the ongoing conflict, we are seeing an uptick in all forms of hate and bigotry that are on the rise in LA, including antisemitism, anti-Palestinian rhetoric, and Islamophobia. This resolution calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and ensures safe passage for humanitarian aid and medical care. It also condemns the local rise in hate incidents and hate crimes. Across Los Angeles, tens of thousands of Angelenos have marched, engaged in civil disobedience, and protested Israel’s atrocities in Gaza, funded by United States taxpayer dollars. We need our taxes to fund projects and supports here at home, not destroying communities abroad. Since October 7th, over 35,000 Palestinians, including more than 70% women and children, have been killed and over 80,000 wounded, more than 1.5 million people in Gaza are displaced, with no safe refuge from Israel’s continued attacks. This violence must end. I strongly urge you to vote ‘YES’ and actively support this Ceasefire Resolution in the LA City Council. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Carol

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 05:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and city council members, Respectfully asking you to pass a resolution to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656). Many other city councils much smaller than Los Angeles have passed a resolution for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza to allow a safe passage for humanitarian aid to enter the country to alleviate the suffering of the people. This resolution condemns all forms of hateful rhetoric, including antisemitism, anti-Palestinian hate, and Islamophobia. By passing this resolution you will show that Los Angeles stands in solidarity with the Palestinian American and Muslim American communities who have been leading the fight against injustice and genocide. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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Name: Dr. Mha Atma S Khalsa

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 05:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a very concerned LA resident, taxpayer and voter I think you for considering my comment! Since last October, over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in retaliatory assaults by the Israeli military.² The survivors in Gaza are facing famine, a lack of medical care, and devastating loss. The people of Gaza will never be the same. Please pass a resolution NOW calling for an immediate ceasefire!

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Name: Ganibhai Shaikh

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 06:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass this resolution to save lives of innocent Palestinian civilians...children, women and all others..from the massacre by the Israeli government for no fault of their. It is too much killing and starvation due to disruption of food and water supplies. Let us be good human beings and pass the resolution. Thanking the mayor and all the council members.

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Name: Quaid Saifee

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 07:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hope you make the right call and demand ceasefire. History and your progeny will judge you on what you do or don't.

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Name: Elijah

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 07:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: City Council members Hernandez and Raman have introduced a resolution that calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. The people believe that the City Council and Mayor Bass must pass it. Los Angeles is a city built on many different cultures and strengthened by its minority communities, and as someone who knows these communities well I know that upholding the spirit and opinions of the people of Los Angeles means passing this resolution and joining the many people calling for an end to the violence in Gaza.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 08:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: CEASEFIRE IN GAZA NOW!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 08:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, a safe passage for humanitarian aid into Gaza, and condemns all forms of hateful rhetoric, including antisemitism, anti-Palestinian hate, and Islamophobia.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 08:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear city council, Please pass the ceasefire resolution and help save lives.

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Name: Elise baloian
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:01 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please call for a cease-fire

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Name: Wayne Johnson PhD
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:15 PM
Council File No: 24-0656
Comments for Public Posting: Cease Fire Now

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Pass the ceasefire resolution

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA city council members, Please support the ceasefire resolution. So many innocent lives have been killed by our tax money. It's time to stop this insanity. Thank you

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Name: Afraaz
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:09 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: In favor of an immediate and lasting ceasefire and support of international law.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Richman

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is deeply shameful that the LA City Council has not passed a ceasefire resolution in Gaza. The council and the Mayor must pass this resolution now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:14 AM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Los Angeles resident calling on you to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by LA Council Members Hernandez and Raman.

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Name: Nathan

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I hope & trust the City of Los Angeles will stand for human rights & humanity in calling out Israel for it's treatment, rhetoric, & campaign against Palestinians. Both Hamas & Israel have done terrible things, but Israel is the occupational force supported by the United States military. The two "allies" seems so far apart in mindsets, who can we as Los Angeleanos stand to be a part of something that targets innocent lives at scale? You can see the devastation from space. We end the second world war with the hope we would never repeat the same mistakes, & yet Netanyahu today invokes language of the time to divide us all. The answer is not violence, warfare, & more destruction. Eight months in, you still call this self defense? In Gaza? What are we doing here? What message do we want to send to the world? That we're okay with Israel's disregard for it's neighbors? That Israel can use us as a piggy bank to fiance it's settler dreams? Why do we let a country the size of New Jersey boss us around? We can set an example. We can help show a brighter, better future. We can show how our differences make us strong. We must break all support from Israel. To support Zionism is to support apartheid & genocide.

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Name: Lorna

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This country has sold its soul to Israel. How do members of the council justify helping this country kill thousands of Palestinians. There are children, over 17,000, with no parents. There are parents with no children. There are children with no legs, no arms, starving to death. And this country and you are complicit if you do not try to stop it. SHAME ON AMERICA.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyle Santos

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Pass the ceasefire resolution IMMEDIATELY. This can't keep going on!! Since last October, over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in retaliatory assaults by the Israeli military.² The survivors in Gaza are facing famine, a lack of medical care, and devastating loss. The people of Gaza will never be the same. In the last months, students at UCLA, USC, and campuses around the country have taken bold actions toward a permanent ceasefire and divestment from war. Passing a city ceasefire resolution will strengthen those anti-war efforts.

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Name: Marsha

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an anti racist American Jew I deeply resent conflating anti Zionism with anti Semitism. My 100 percent Jewish family were never Zionist , we lean left. We know settlor colonialism is always racist! I watched genocide by the state of Israel happen in real time. I cried knowing that Biden would send money and bombs to support these atrocities. So now I strongly support the LA city council calling for an immediate cease fire . And,.. if any of you take one cent of racist AIPAC money, believe me I check before voting, not one vote from me. No to genocide in our name!

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Name: Nargis Kher

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: US has been complicit in this genocide in Palestine since the beginning. Sending billions of US dollar from taxes only reinforces US's commitment to kill innocent children. This is not the first time US has committed such crimes. Please be on the right side of the history and call for ceasefire. Please dismantle all the financial support that kills innocent people.

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Name: Meghan O'Rourke
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:21 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass an immediate and last ceasefire in Gaza. Since last October, over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in retaliatory assaults by the Israeli military. The survivors in Gaza are facing famine, a lack of medical care, and devastating loss.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a deeply heartbroken Los Angeles resident I am urging you today to pass the ceasefire resolution before you. It is vital that as a diverse, powerful city we take a stand against the ongoing horrific slaughter of Palestinians. Please do the right thing. Please pass the ceasefire resolution immediately. Thank you.

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Name: Amin El Gamal
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:24 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: As Israel continues its campaign of extermination against Palestinians with our tax dollars and diplomatic cover, it is crucial that we do everything we can to demand peace. A permanent ceasefire is the only end to this crisis and our federal government is not listening to the majority of its constituents. When democracy fails us like this, it is the duty of municipalities to reflect the will of the people. Please do your part and support a ceasefire resolution.

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Name: Ishraq Ali

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm urging the LA City Council members to pass a ceasefire resolution. Our federal government has been continually supporting through our tax dollars and weapons transfer to an Israeli government regime that is assaulting civilians in Gaza. As a Muslim in LA every day our community is bracing ourselves to learn about another bombing or attack on women and children, hearing stories of children looking for their dead parents, and family members. Over 35 thousand dead since October. The violence that is enabled by our tax dollars must stop. I'm urging you at the city level, one of the most prominent cities in the US to send a clear message for peace and safety by passing a ceasefire resolution. Thank you.

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Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are witnessing the demise of an entire population. Day after day we see the images coming out of Gaza of children burned, crushed or mutilated by our bombs. Wishing for Israel to respect International law is not only naive but dangerous. We MUST demand an IMMEDIATE PERMANENT CEASEFIRE NOW! The more you wait to act, more lives will be lost. And in the case that you do not care about these people, then do it for self interest. I can assure you that there is a brand new generation of voters and organizers that will commit to make sure our elected officials are acting in the best interest of their constituents, and vote out anyone that acts at the behest of FOREIGN INTERESTS aka “donors”. DO WHATS RIGHT. CEASEFIRE NOW

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Name: Maya Haddad

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: No More Genocide. I am tired of watching my leadership commit and be complicit in genocide. Tens of thousands of innocent Palestinians have been brutally killed, all while our leadership takes bribes and is corrupt as they weaponize "antisemitism" under false and dangerous pretenses. History will document this moment and future generations will question how we acted. Israel is a genocidal colonial occupying force thriving on killing and genocide. We should all be staunchly anti-zionism. We should all be on the right side of history. Ceasefire now. Justice and peace for Palestinians.

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Name: Fred
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:27 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE SUPPORT A PERMANENT CEASEFIRE
RESOLUTION. THANK YOU , FRED

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Name: Jessica
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:30 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do all you can to help secure a ceasefire in Gaza and Sudan and anywhere else war prevails. Thank you

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Name: Adam Bainbridge
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:33 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Ceasefire now! Divestment from apartheid!

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Name: Liz Roberts
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:33 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: CEASEFIRE NOW and stop funding Israel

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: CEASEFIRE NOW, NO WEAPONS TO ISRAEL

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Name: Jen

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: How can we possibly NOT declare a permanent ceasefire & end of occupation. If you are confused at this point, it's willful. I have never seen the likes of the horrors perpetrated against the Palestinian people. It's at a basic humanity level awful, as in anyone with eyes can see it's wrong, targeting civilians is wrong, wiping out entire bloodlines is wrong, children caring for their siblings because WE made them orphans is wrong . Any support towards Israel now is beyond sociopathic & surreal. Use critical thinking, we are suffering at home while our government is controlled by a foreign power. CEASEFIRE NOW & end the occupation & sending of funds & weapons to Israel. Stop all reciprocal projects with Israel & the IDF. We are no longer a democracy, there is no democracy while we allow the massacres of regular beautiful people who just want to live without occupation. WE are enabling this utterly shameful destruction of history, culture, & people. How many of these IDF murderers come back to LA & just blend in after taking innocent lives & committing war crimes?!! WE as a country have the audacity to try to pass laws to give them veteran status??? What an incredible slap in the face to veterans who ACTUALLY believed in the propaganda of the west, that huge lie we were told that the US in the savior. Palestine has freed us all from the lies of our government. Your votes will go down in history. Think of your legacy and the legacy of your children & grandchildren. Will they be tied to your corrupted vote or will they be tied to a vote for ending this genocide & ending the occupation. Your choice how you create that reality for your family. We are either wholly complicit in genocide or defiantly against it, no in between.

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Name: Mohammad Habibullah

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Imperialism? Why American tax dollars are used to fuel fire against Muslims. Why we let this happen? Hypocrisy is on it's peak. Stop GENOCIDE on occupied / stolen land. Stand up for humanity. Pass the resolution based on human consciousness, not based on the idea that Muslim Countries has no right to exist.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel Graubner

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Israel is acting murderously against the Palestinians. Israel should stop this now. It is actually a continuation of their previous policies toward Palestinians which began in the 1940's. Stop it Israel!

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Wong

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an LA resident, I'm calling on you to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) put forward by Councilmembers Hernandez, Raman, and Soto-Martinez. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering through an eighth month of massacres, airstrikes, shootings, forced displacement, hunger, and lack of water. They are desperately in need of food, medical care, and shelter. Over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in Gaza. With pressure from major cities like LA, the US can leverage its power to demand a permanent and immediate ceasefire now and draw an end to the genocide, occupation, and humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Please support a permanent and immediate ceasefire now.

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Name: Nadav David

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write as a Jewish resident born in Jerusalem with family and loved ones affected by 10/7. It's past time for our city to stand on the right side of history, calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza to ensure that not one one more Palestinian is killed or starved in this vengeful, genocidal assault on the Palestinian people, that all Israeli and Palestinian captives are returned to their families, and to start building a foundation for a just future between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Los Angeles resident calling on you to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by LA Council Members Hernandez and Raman. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering through an eighth month of massacres, airstrikes, shootings, forced displacement, hunger, and lack of water. They are desperately in need of food, medical care, and shelter. Over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in Gaza. Please support a permanent and immediate ceasefire now.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana Slawson

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 09:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's time for the Los Angeles Council to walk the walk and join other progressive, peace-loving, American cities by passing a resolution calling for a cease fire in Gaza. This needs to happen immediately - people are dying.

Communication from Public

Name: Aly Mawji

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's time for the city of Los Angeles to take a stand for human rights and call for a ceasefire in Gaza. More than half of the over 40,000 dead are women and children. The UN recently added Israel to a blacklist of countries committing abuses against children in a conflict. Israel's nonstop bombardment of Palestinians since October, targeting civilians such as healthcare workers and journalists, as well as civilian targets like hospitals, universities, schools, and even refugee camps, amounts to war crimes at best and ethnic cleansing at worst. Women are forced to give birth with no anesthesia. Children are being amputated under the light of a cellphone, with no anesthesia. People are starving, eating dirt. Children have been so traumatized that four and five year olds are saying they want to die. How can we as human beings stand by and watch this happen to fellow human beings? If this doesn't launch you into action to call for a permanent ceasefire, for the Gaza strip to be flooded with humanitarian aid, and for a permanent solution, I ask you: What nightmare scenario would?

Communication from Public

Name: Leila Taha

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Los Angeles native and resident calling on you to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by LA Council Members Hernandez and Raman. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering through an eighth month of massacres, airstrikes, shootings, forced displacement, starvation, and lack of water. They are desperately in need of food, medical care, and shelter. Please support a PERMANENT AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE NOW to halt the killings, allow for a safe passage for humanitarian aid to Gaza, and to condemn all forms of hateful rhetoric, including antisemitism, anti-Palestinian hate, and Islamophobia. Your constituents are counting on you to side with humanity.

Communication from Public

Name: Ramzy

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our tax dollars must demand human rights. Call for a ceasefire in Gaza. Equal rights for all races between the river and the sea. Be remembered as a city that helped stop a genocide.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please sign the ceasefire resolution!! Be on the right side of history and save innocent lives! God Bless

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Name: Robin

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Since last October, over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in retaliatory assaults by the Israeli military. The survivors in Gaza are facing famine, a lack of medical care, and devastating loss. The people of Gaza will never be the same. I am writing today to the LA Mayor and City Council Members to urge you to immediately support the ceasefire resolution.

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Name: Luis Lozano

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: A permanent cease fire is the only place to start real negotiations which will lead to a permanent solution to the war against Palestinians.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: How many more innocent Palestinian lives must be shed? Is it because we have so many Jews in SoCal, that we allow/ignore over 45,000 Palestinians have already died, or is it because Netanjahew is a former San Fernando Valley JEW?!

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Name: Labib

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to stop the war in Gaza. It is the right thing to do, more than 35000 of civilians are killed. The majority of them are women and children. Thank you Labib Samarrai MD

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Name: Rocio

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: 41 Israeli hostages were killed by Israel. Ceasefire resolutions that will bring home the Israeli hostages safely, stop the slaughter and massacres of innocent civilians. Our troops were on the ground in Gaza during the Nuseirat Refugee Camp Massacre, billions of our tax dollars go to fund every aspect of the military to test them on unarmed civilians. Multiple human rights organizations including Israeli organizations, have confirmed the reports of rape, beheaded babies and sexual assault to be false. Nine months later and our government continues to conflate Anti-zionism with Anti-semitism when Jews themselves question and deny Zionism which is a supremacist ideology that seeks the destruction of all Palestinians and indigenous Arabs in the levant region. Ceasefire 250 days ago! Stand with the people of Los Angeles, stand with humanity to demand our country stop funding a genocide

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Name: Zoe Elizabeth Masongsong

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a voter and longtime resident of Los Angeles, I urge the council to stand up for human rights by condemning Israel's ongoing attack on the Gaza Strip which has involved multiple crimes against humanity and violations of international law. The world must join together to pressure the government of Israel to immediately halt its attack and instead begin serious negotiations to assure the human rights and safety of everyone living in the region.

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Name: Suzanne Thompson

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council President Krekorkian, As chair of the Rules Committee, please hold a public hearing and agendize this item. I support the proposed Ceasefire Resolution. Thank you, Suzanne Thompson

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Name: Julia
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 10:58 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and calling on the City Council to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by LA Council Members Hernandez and Raman. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering through an eighth month of massacres, airstrikes, shootings, forced displacement, hunger, and lack of water. They are desperately in need of food, medical care, and shelter. Over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in Gaza. Please support a permanent and immediate ceasefire now. This is the least we can do, just the first step, in working towards Palestinian liberation and returning the land to the Palestinian people. This is not a new genocide in Palestine, and one we as residents in LA and the US have been funding through our tax dollars for decades. As a college student, I had the fortune to spend a year in Amman, Jordan learning Arabic. Nearly all of the people I met in Jordan were Palestinians previously forced from their homes and forced by settlers and the Israeli government to leave their homeland and live in Jordan. To them, the hope for a free Palestine, for peace in Gaza and the West Bank, was truly motivated by seeing their separated families again and being able to visit the neighborhoods, churches, and mosques they had been living in and going to for generations. For them, this was a simple desire to return home. Many of these friends of mine have lost that family they hoped to see once again in the past 8 months. Many have lost family members and friends due to the blockades and massacres in Gaza, as well as due to the lack of movement and freedom in the West Bank. My friends want to pray again. They want to sleep in their own beds again. They want to see the remaining members of their families alive. These are very small asks and it is abhorrent that our tax dollars and our government have prevented this, not just for the past 8 months, but for decades. I call on you to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) and to continue to support efforts in city council and in LA to stop this genocide of Palestinians. Within two weeks of the violence in Ukraine, the LA City Council had taken action. It has been 8 months in Palestine. This is clear, blatant, and harmful racism. The lives of Palestinians are just as valuable as the lives of people in Ukraine. I implore you to act quickly and with conscience. Sincerely, Julia Thomason 90039

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Pass the Ceasefire proposal and take a stand against genocide of Palestinians.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Los Angeles resident calling on the LA City Council to support and pass the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by LA Council Members Hernandez and Raman. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering through an eighth month of massacres, airstrikes, shootings, forced displacement, hunger, and lack of water. They are desperately in need of food, medical care, and shelter. Over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in Gaza. The City of Angels must exemplify our kindness and humanity and support a permanent and immediate ceasefire now.

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Name: frank belcastro

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: RESOLUTION WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, 1,200 Israelis were killed in a surprise attack by Hamas, in which approximately 240 Israelis were also taken captive; and WHEREAS, since October 7, more than 37,000 Palestinians, the vast majority of whom were women and children, as well as hundreds of humanitarian workers, healthcare providers, and journalists from various nations have been killed and more than 82,000 people have been wounded by Israeli military forces in Gaza; and WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) profoundly mourns this senseless and inhumane loss of civilian life in Palestine and Israel, and is deeply disturbed at the sustained violence unfolding in the region; and WHEREAS, according to a recent Integrated Food Security Phase Classification report and as shared by the United Nations and World Food Programme, 1.1 million people in Gaza are experiencing catastrophic food insecurity and famine is imminent, and it is estimated that one in six children in Gaza is malnourished, and that more than 155,000 pregnant or breastfeeding caretakers are at high risk of malnutrition; and WHEREAS, over 20,000 babies have been born in Gaza since October 7, and women are giving birth prematurely due to extreme stress, trauma, and shock; and WHEREAS, 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; and WHEREAS, world leaders, government officials, humanitarian organizations, labor unions, student demonstrators, news publications, and local jurisdictions have called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire; and WHEREAS, President Joe Biden has called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, and has laid out a plan through which this can be executed; and, WHEREAS, all parties need to comply with obligations under international law, including rigorous humanitarian standards. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City joins the call 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; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will not tolerate any form of harmful and racist language, especially antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, and

Islamophobic hate speech toward anyone; and FINALLY, BE IT
RESOLVED that the City supports peaceful diplomacy and an
end to the conflict that honors all peoples' right to dignity, safety,
and justice. MNO— NITHYA RAMAN

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Communication from Public

Name: Monique Ussini
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:32 AM
Council File No: 24-0656
Comments for Public Posting: Thousands of innocent people have already been killed. How can we call ourselves a civilized society as we sit by and do nothing-actually far worse than nothing, we supply the weapons used in the slaughter. Please be brave and stand up for what is right, demand a permanent ceasefire. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa so eloquently stated: If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. Thank you for you time.

Communication from Public

Name: Amar

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:33 AM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: It is appalling that we still have so many political and so-called humanitarian figures indifferent to or even worse, complicit in, an ongoing ethnic cleansing and genocide against an indigenous population. More than 15,000 Angels are dead. 38 Israeli children were tragically killed on October 7th. In its response, Israel has murdered 63 Gazan children every day, for each of the 245 days since. They drove AID TRUCKS into a REFUGEE CAMP of starving people and then jumped out and committed a MASSACRE Hundreds of thousands of Jewish people world wide condemn Israel's almost century long occupation, military subjugation, violence and oppression against Palestinian civilians. Gideon Levy said, "One must never forget the Holocaust, obviously. One must also not blur the fact that it was directed against the Jewish people. But precisely for this very reason one must not ignore the conduct of its victims toward the secondary victims of the Jews Holocaust, the Palestinian people. Without the Holocaust they would not have lost their land, and would not be imprisoned today in a gigantic concentration camp in Gaza or living under a brutal military occupation in the West Bank." War Does Not Determine Who Is Right -- Only who Is Left. Ceasefire now! IF YOU'VE EVER WONDERED WHAT YOU'D DO DURING SLAVERY, THE HOLOCAUST OR CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT: YOU'RE DOING IT RIGHT NOW!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Kohl

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 11:52 AM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City of Los Angeles, While I'm justifiably horrified by the catastrophic death count in Gaza, I believe the resolution proposed by City Councilmembers Hernandez, Raman, and Soto-Martinez is well intentioned but misguided, and must be opposed. A permanent ceasefire that is not also conditioned on the surrender of Hamas will only ensure decades of further death and carnage in the region, particularly of innocent Palestinians... whose intentional martyrdom is that organization's deliberate modus operandi. Hamas has sworn out loud to carry out violent attacks on Israel in perpetuity until Israel is destroyed and every Jewish person in their indigenous homeland is killed or expelled. If you believe (as I do) that both Palestinians and Israelis have a right to live in peace, security and prosperity in their homeland, and that a two-state solution is the only viable option for achieving that reality, then the unfortunate reality is that Israel must be allowed to finish neutralizing Hamas's military capability. I thank Councilmembers Blumenfield and Yaroslavsky for their opposition to this misguided resolution, and if the resolution ends up proceeding to a full vote, I urge the other members to oppose it as well. If you really want to save Palestinian lives I propose a different tack: ensure Israel's military has the most precise equipment possible in order to minimize civilian deaths to the greatest extent possible, and formally commit to a massive policy of funding for Gaza's infrastructure and civil society after the war, a la the 1948 Marshall Plan, all predicated on a tolerant, peace-oriented Palestinian governance not tainted by Iranian fundamentalist proxies like Hamas.

Communication from Public

Name: Iden Baghdadchi

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:03 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm a resident of LA, CA 90027, and I am calling on the LA city council to call for a Ceasefire in the ongoing conflict between the people of Palestine and Israel. The conflict is destructive to both Palestinians and Israelis, but the death toll is overwhelmingly skewed toward Palestinian civilian deaths. The situation harms the prospect of lasting peace in the region. We as Americans and Angelenos can do our part to put pressure for a peaceful outcome. I call on the city council to: 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! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Mukasa

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:11 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Los Angeles resident in support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by LA Council Members Hernandez and Raman. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering through an eighth month of massacres, airstrikes, shootings, forced displacement, hunger, and lack of water. They are desperately in need of food, medical care, and shelter. Over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in Gaza. Please support a permanent and immediate ceasefire now.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Shaar

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:25 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, it has been over eight months since war in Gaza started. I would like to encourage the council to consider passing a resolution to call for an immediate cease fire in Gaza and stop the killing of thousands of innocent people. Both sides have already incurred over 40,000 deaths. Your initiative on this would help to send a message from a very influential city. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Yvonne Fisher
Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:39 PM
Council File No: 24-0656
Comments for Public Posting: Stop the genocide?? Stop arming Israel ??

Communication from Public

Name: Celia Szew

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:46 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to thank Council members Yaroslavsky and Blumenfield for opposing this unilateral ceasefire resolution. At the same time, I urge the other Council members to take a serious look into the acts of antisemitism that are proliferating in our city. To the Council members who presented this proposal, I can only say that our City of Los Angeles has many problems and complex issues that need urgent attention and it is my wish they focus on trying to find solutions to those grave issues before getting involved in international matters.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregg

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:46 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Council, The Gaza ceasefire resolution should not be considered. This is a matter subject to the authority of the US Government. The effort to involve City councils across the country in matters of foreign policy is a thinly veiled effort to cast Israel as the villain in this horrible war, not to bring peace to Israelis or Palestinians. Indeed, as stated recently by Sec Blinken, Israel has agreed to the US ceasefire proposal, which was approved by the UN Security Council. Hamas has refused to agree: "Hamas could have answered with a single word," [Blinken said]. "Instead they waited two weeks and proposed changes. As a result, the war Hamas started will go on, more people will suffer." CBS News, June 12, 2024. There is no purpose in the City Council entering into this fray at the behest of anti-Israel activists whose real goal is to advance anti-Israel propaganda. As you know, Hamas invaded Israel on Oct 7. It knew Israel's response to the barbaric attack would be furious. But Hamas' strategy is to use the suffering of its own people as its most effective weapon. The promotion of ceasefire resolutions around the country, including this resolution, are in furtherance of that cynical strategy. The goal is for Hamas to survive this war so it can murder, rape and kidnap "again and again," as it has promised. In this regard it is telling that the proponents of the resolution do not call for Hamas to relinquish power in Gaza. They want it to live another day. Please don't let yourselves be used and manipulated by the "river to the sea" activists, whose true goal is destroying the world's only Jewish state. Let me leave you with this little thought experiment to simplify the issues: If it were possible to turn the Gaza clock back to October 6: In a nanosecond Israel would say yes. In less than a nanosecond Hamas would say no. This is a window into the minds of both Israel and Hamas. Please let it guide you. I urge you to table this resolution and leave US foreign policy to the US government. Thank you. Gregg Mashberg

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Walker

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:47 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: I demand Los Angeles City divest from all Israeli entities & officially call for permanent ceasefire. Israel is an apartheid state of illegal occupation & racial terrorism guilty of genocide. Zionism is antisemitism, as my late German Jewish immigrant grandfather would declare, and multitude of American + international Jewish scholars have stated.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucero Gutierrez

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 12:57 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Los Angeles resident calling on you to support the Ceasefire Resolution (24-0656) introduced by LA Council Members Hernandez and Raman. Palestinians in Gaza are suffering through an eighth month of massacres, airstrikes, shootings, forced displacement, hunger, and lack of water. They are desperately in need of food, medical care, and shelter. Over 37,000 men, women, and children have been killed in Gaza. Please support a permanent and immediate ceasefire now.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Koa Seu

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 01:33 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council must join cities around the country is adopting a ceasefire resolution. The ongoing Genocide in Gaza can only be stopped by mounting international pressure, and an influential city like Los Angeles plays a key role in advocating for the de-escalation of violence in Gaza and Palestine.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Bazlamit

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 01:44 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: As a Palestinian American living in Los Angeles for 10 years, I have felt unsafe, unsupported, and discontent with the city's reactions to Zionist attacks and their unrelenting support for foreign powers that require ethnic cleansing and genocide in order to preserve a Jewish majority; that is what Zionism is. It's happening at the most catastrophic level, as October 7th was known about by Netanyahu and his party (reported by the Jerusalem Post and Haaretz) and used an excuse to carry out a genocide of all Palestinians in order to create more illegal Israeli settlements. There has not been minimalization of civilian casualties. We're seeing more Palestinian prisoners, including children, than ever- including people kidnapped from the West Bank. The publicly posted torture and violence by forces of the IDF should have every city representative up-in-arms. As a Palestinian American and Angeleno, I need my representatives to fight for peace and stop this destruction of my people and the homeland my grandfather was born in. We need to do better as a city and call for a Ceasefire and a Free Palestine. That is the only way we really represent Democracy, safety, and equality.

Communication from Public

Name: Hamzah Yamani

Date Submitted: 06/18/2024 02:01 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, My name is Hamzah Yamani, and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to urge you to pass a ceasefire resolution to help end the ongoing massacre in Gaza, Palestine. The situation in Gaza is dire, with countless innocent civilians suffering and many lives being lost daily. As a city that values human rights and justice, it is crucial that Los Angeles takes a stand against this violence. A ceasefire resolution would not only be a symbolic gesture of solidarity but could also pressure other governing bodies to take action towards peace. The people of Gaza are enduring unimaginable hardships, and it is our moral obligation to speak out and support efforts to bring about an immediate end to the violence. Passing this resolution would demonstrate Los Angeles' commitment to peace, justice, and the protection of human life. Thank you for considering my comment. I sincerely hope that you will take this urgent matter into account and pass a resolution to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. Sincerely, Hamzah M. Yamani