

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joe Barnathan

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2024 06:52 PM

**Council File No:** 24-0656

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote No to a ceasefire. The only way forward is a strong IDF and re-education. Please read the attached article.  
<https://m.jpost.com/judaism/article-805732>

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**Name:** Ever

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2024 08:32 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I feel that the proposed city council resolution is misguided and makes those that vote for it appear foolish for several reasons. 1 - they have no authority regarding foreign policy. 2 - there has been a long chain of ceasefires, most notably on and before October 6th. 3 - there is no rational way to explain how the problem can be solved by another ceasefire, when every previous ceasefire failed due to Hamas violations. 4 - the attackers predicate their arguments on the idea that Israel is illegimate - but the October 7 attacks took place within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN partition plan - UN Resolution 181 in 1947. In LA, you all have bigger more local issues to deal with. I would think that the attacks on the synagogues and the blatant antisemitism and violence would be within your jurisdiction to handle- and you have not handled it well.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mitch Pincus

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2024 09:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I feel that the proposed city council resolution is misguided and makes those that vote for it appear foolish for several reasons. 1 - the LA City Council has no authority regarding foreign policy. 2 - there has been a long chain of ceasefires, which were hailed by Hamas as victories, having breached the previous ceasefire. 3 - there is no rational way to explain how the problem can be solved by another ceasefire, when every previous ceasefire failed due to Hamas violations. 4 - the attackers predicate their arguments on the idea that Israel is illegitimate - but the October 7 attacks took place within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN partition plan - UN Resolution 181 in 1947.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Dachoh

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2024 03:32 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding a ceasefire in Gaza. 1. What authority do you have over foreign policy? More importantly have you ever intervened on any other foreign matters? Any thoughts on Sudan where there is an actual genocide ongoing or any other war for that matter? How about Russia/Ukraine - how many casualties have amounted due to that war? 2. Hamas has routinely turned down ceasefires 3. Why is there no mention of getting the hostages back? 4. Israel did not start this war Hamas did 5. Not sure why we are even having a discussion for a ceasefire on a US designated terrorist organization Wars are ugly and Israel did not want this war. Israel needs to ensure its safety and secure its borders and is fighting a war any country would do if it were attacked as Israel was.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2024 02:12 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** TO LA City Council, the proposed resolution is unwise and makes those that vote for it appear uninformed based on the following. 1) there has been a long chain of ceasefires, which were hailed by Hamas as victories, while Hamas breached the previous ceasefire that could have seen a lasting end to hostilities. 2) the attackers predicated their arguments on the idea that Israel is illegitimate - but the October 7 attacks took place within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN partition plan - UN Resolution 181 in 1947. 3) The City of Los Angeles has local domestic issues that should be solved instead of taking precious time to discuss a topic that the City of LA has no jurisdiction over and no ability to solve. I hope that the Council members refocus their energy's on those local issues that are a plight on the City. Homelessness, Veterans mental Health, Crime, Housing, Domestic violence, Violence against women, social justice, economic justice, environmental justice. This is not an exhaustive list although in and of itself requires every minute of every meeting to move closer to resolving them. That is where you should spend your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2024 10:12 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote No on ceasefire resolution! The city council resolution is misguided and makes those that vote for it appear foolish for several reasons. 1 - they have no authority regarding foreign policy. 2 - there has been a long chain of ceasefires, which were hailed by Hamas as victories, having breached the previous ceasefire. 3 - there is no rational way to explain how the problem can be solved by another ceasefire, when every previous ceasefire failed due to Hamas violations. 4 - the attackers predicate their arguments on the idea that Israel is illegimate - but the October 7 attacks took place within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN partition plan - UN Resolution 181 in 1947.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Reuben

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The Honorable President Michael Lynn and the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, We represent your constituents and Americans across the nation, including Palestinian and Israeli peace activists, who are asking you to vote NO on a ceasefire resolution. We ask you please to read this letter in its entirety to understand our request. A careful read of the ceasefire resolution will reveal the writers' intentional and glaring omission – a description of the horrors that Hamas has unleashed against both the Palestinians and Israelis. The document's disingenuous implication that the suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza is because of Israel, and that the only remedy is an Israeli ceasefire, is blatantly false and only serves to keep Hamas in power. **HAMAS IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION** What the resolution's authors obfuscate is that Hamas is designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S.A. and 27 other countries (1). Hamas' charter is explicit – their war is not just about land (2). Rather, it is about wiping out democracy, Jewish people, Christians, and all 'infidels.' As Senior Hamas Mahmoud Al-Zahar states in this video (12-12-22), which we encourage you to watch: "The entire 510 million square kilometers of Planet Earth will come under [a system] where there is no injustice, no oppression, no treachery, no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity" (3). Hamas' violence, however, is not saved just for the 'infidel.' Hamas turns this violence steadily against its own people, the Palestinians. Below is a description of Palestinian daily life under Hamas' rule, which is vital information for you to make an informed decision. **HAMAS ROBBED GAZA FROM THE PALESTINIANS** Since 2005, Israel has been out of Gaza (4), which could have become a renowned seaside resort – with jobs and a vibrant economy. Sadly, Hamas stole billions of dollars of UNRWA aid from the Palestinians. Instead of using this money towards infrastructure, Hamas and UNRWA used it to create 450 miles of terror tunnels to commit the worst genocide of Jewish people since the Holocaust on October 7 (5). **HAMAS' VIOLENT COUP OF GAZA** In January 2006, Hamas won the majority of the seats in the Palestinian government. In June 2007, Hamas took over Gaza in a bloody coup, by throwing Fatah fighters off roofs of buildings (6, 7) and marching Fatah soldiers half naked and blindfolded in the street - executing them point

blank (8,9). **HAMAS WEAPONIZES PALESTINIAN YOUTH**  
The UNRWA-Hamas partnership has poisoned over 545,000 Palestinian children through its P.A. curriculum that teaches hatred of Jewish People and Israel, and promotes violence, jihad, 'martyrdom culture,' and omits teaching about peace and co-existence. 80 UNRWA teachers and staff across more than 30 schools teach hateful content in their textbooks (10), and numerous Hamas terrorists have graduated from these schools (11, 12). Since these children are instructed to be murder weapons for a terrorist group, Hamas and UNRWA are directly responsible for all the murders they commit, and for their untimely deaths as terrorists, suicide bombers, and as shields for Hamas (13, 14).

**HAMAS' EXTREME VIOLENCE AGAINST DISSENTERS**  
Palestinian children and adults are exposed to daily violence by Hamas. It is common for a Palestinian child to walk to school and see a severed head roll by, Gazans hanging dead from electrical wires, Gazans being dragged across town by their feet, or a woman's head being chopped off with an ax while she is doing laundry. What are these people's 'crimes?' They are Gazans who want to live and work peacefully with the Israelis (15, 16). Sheikh Mohammed Mushtaha, a Gazan mosque preacher, refused to praise Hamas in his sermon to a group of thousands. On 12/30/23 Hamas fighters violently stormed his house and kidnapped him (17).

**HAMAS VIOLENCE: MUSIC, LGBTQIA+, AND CHRISTIANS**  
Hamas murders people for playing music at weddings (18), tortures and murders people who are LGBTQIA+ (19), and mistreats Christians by attacking their churches, threatening their leaders, and kidnapping Christian youth (20, 21).

**HAMAS PURPOSELY INCREASES PALESTINIAN DEATHS**  
Hamas leaders have admitted that not only do they strategically use Palestinian civilians as shields, but they also know that Israel does NOT want to harm Palestinian civilians (22). Hamas intentionally blocks safe passage corridors created by Israel, threatens to murder civilians who wish to evacuate (23), and hides munitions in hospitals, schools, homes, and mosques to INCREASE civilian casualties in order to impede Israeli military operations, demoralize Israel, and delegitimize Israel in the eyes of the world (24, 25). Hamas also loots aid trucks and murders Palestinians trying to get to the aid (26, 27, 28). Loss of human life is tragic and according to logic and international law, these deaths, and the deaths of the terrorists themselves, fall squarely on the shoulders of Hamas (29).

**ISRAEL PROTECTS PALESTINIAN CIVILIAN LIVES**

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bruce Bukiet

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote against the ceasefire resolution for the following reasons: It is not a good idea for US cities and towns to involve themselves in foreign policy issues -- there are more than enough local issues you ought to be dealing with. There was a ceasefire on Oct 6 -- a lot of good that did. So many ceasefires have been violated and any ceasefire would allow Hamas to continue its stated plans to commit barbaric acts again and again. Hamas must be held accountable for their terror, they must release the hostages and MOST important the people of Gaza (and those under PA rule) need to be educated for peace and not for hate and terror. However, that is beyond the scope of what local officials should be involved with. Thanks for listening.