

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah D.

Date Submitted: 07/03/2024 01:46 PM

Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: We represent Americans across the nation, , who are asking you to vote NO on a ceasefire resolution in Los Angeles and South Robertson. Leaving Hamas in power perpetuates brutality against the Palestinians and heinous terrorist attacks on Israel. When you say ‘cease fire now,’ you might think you are protecting innocent people. What you are doing, however, is allowing Hamas’ brutal leaders to retrench and re-strengthen. In essence, you are hurting the people you say you are concerned about. How can you help Palestinians and Israelis? Do NOT call for an Israeli ceasefire. Rather, call for Hamas’s unconditional surrender and return of all the hostages. Only that will stop the terror attacks against Israel and Hamas’ brutality against the Gazan civilians themselves. Finally I will remind you that your role as city council is to focus on the local issues impacting your community, not to weigh in on foreign policy. A local ceasefire resolution will not make an impact on the global stage, but it will create a more polarizing and fraught environment for your community. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that ceasefire resolutions increase the risk of antisemitic incidents towards Jewish, Israeli and Zionist members communities. Sincerely, Sarah D.

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Name: Jeffrey Kranzler
Date Submitted: 07/03/2024 02:41 PM
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Name: Julia Golden

Date Submitted: 07/01/2024 05:48 AM

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have stated that Israel's record of protecting civilians in warfare exceeds that of any other military in the world [13-15]. According to international law and ethics, Israeli and Palestinian deaths fall squarely on Hamas' shoulders. The only way for this war to end is for Hamas to surrender and return the hostages. Please vote NO on this ceasefire resolution and bring a rational approach to a situation that has run amok. Thank you, References: 1 NY Post, Shocking video shows Jewish teen pummeled by a classmate in alleged antisemitic attack, 5-17-24 2 National Review, Anti-Israel mob beats Jewish woman in riot outside Los Angeles synagogue, 6-24-24 3 CAIR is Hamas: How the federal government proved that CAIR is a front for terrorism, Center for Security and Policy, 2016. 4 ISGAP, New comprehensive research reveals Hamas-linked funding to Students for Justice in Palestine and groups growing web of influence post October 7th 5 Britannica, Israel's disengagement from Gaza 6 The Guardian, Hamas officials: We were behind the kidnapping of three Israeli teenagers, 8-21-2014 7 Wikipedia, Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel 8 NY Times, Hamas and other militant groups are firing rockets into Israel every day, 12-27-23. 9 Economic Times, Hamas officials vow to 'repeat' October 7 attack repeatedly to teach Israel a lesson, 11-2-23 10 The Avalon Project, Yale Law School, Hamas Covenant 1988. 11 Muslim Brotherhood: Director of National Intelligence Counter Terrorism Guide, Terrorist Groups: Hamas 12 Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Hamas officials admit its strategy is to use Palestinian civilians as human shields, 11/01/2023 13 JINSA, Updated open letter from retired U.S. military leaders in support of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, 5-10-24 14 Sky News, Eren Molan interviews American military expert M. Pregent, 6-16-24 15 Times of Israel, Urban warfare expert: 'Israel is being held to double, triple standards', 6-30-24

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Name: E.S.

Date Submitted: 07/03/2024 01:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is an AWFUL motion that is tearing communities apart, getting people hurt, harassed, and assaulted IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. Shame on Hernandez and Raman.

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Name: Stephanie Shields
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Comments for Public Posting: I have been made aware that the city is contemplating voting on a resolution concerning the Middle East. This is a very bad idea. I hope you will NOT vote on this issue or vote NO. The City Council has NO authority or power regarding foreign policy. Its job is to deliberate on the interests that unite us as Los Angelenos. Any statements of foreign policy therefore just serve to embitter our community, which is divided on these issues. Instead, the city should follow the lead of many smart communities who--in the face of activists who want to convert local government into platforms for their international political opinions--have affirmed that their city councils avoid weighing in on issues that they have no authority/information/power or ability to deliberate responsibly about. I do not even want the Council to vote for *my* foreign policy opinions because I know that would wound and alienate my neighbors who disagree. Neutrality on such issues is the wisest and most inclusive policy. To do otherwise is to signal to some group (in this case, the vast majority of Jews) that they are not equal and welcome citizens of our community. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: nina gilshteyn

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to reconsider its public position regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict. Calling for a ceasefire from a foreign government is not in the purview of city council, and it has been fueling antisemitism and compromising the safety of citizens in your district. Watch for peace in your own backyard before you attempt to influence it internationally. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michal Amir Salkin

Date Submitted: 07/03/2024 07:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council -- I am writing to you because I am concerned by resolution CR 24-0656, in which the Los Angeles City Council calls for a ceasefire in the war between Israel & the Hamas terrorist organization, without the immediate return of all hostages (both living & dead) taken by Hamas on October 7 2023, and leaving Hamas in place to prepare for a repeat attack. 1) The City Council is an organization whose responsibility is to ensure the safety & good governance of Los Angeles. It does not have any authority over American foreign policy. 2) There was a ceasefire in place on October 6 2023, which Hamas violated in the most brutal fashion -- murder & torture & rape & kidnapping. Multiple ceasefire plans have been put forward by the Biden administration, which were accepted by Israel & rejected by Hamas. There is no reason to believe that Hamas would either accept or respect a new ceasefire. 3) Hamas has the power to end this war immediately, by returning all hostages (both living & dead) and surrendering. I am concerned that this resolution, while powerless to affect the situation in the Middle East, would encourage pro-Hamas demonstrators in Los Angeles to further acts of intimidation, harassment, & violence.

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