

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 24-0656

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I feel grossly misrepresented by this city's inability to stand on the right side of history and reject the colonial genocide which is occurring in Palestine. Please vote on and approve a ceasefire resolution—as the city of Richmond, California has done—in the Los Angeles City Council in order for the city to adequately voice its constituency's opposition to mass death and ethnic cleansing and in support of liberation for oppressed people everywhere. I write to you as a constituent about the ongoing Israeli military operation in Gaza. The Government Of Israel is now threatening to expel or annihilate 1.4 million Palestinians displaced in Southern Gaza. It is inexcusable for any congressperson to vote to send more spending packages to government of Israel under these conditions. Over 30,000 Palestinians in Gaza, including over 13,000 children, have been slaughtered by the Israeli Occupation Forces since the 7th of October. As a disturbed constituent, I call upon you to carefully assess the implications of supporting further financial aid, which appear to prioritize military supplies over the welfare of both Palestinians and Israelis. Moreover, as an American taxpayer, I am highly unsettled that my tax contributions are being used to further mass murder against Palestinians in Gaza in the Gaza Strip. It is beyond time that elected officials stop arming Israel and appeal for a prolonged ceasefire now. The most basic reasonable response is to advocate for a permanent ceasefire as a move toward eliminating government of Israel's sixteen-year shutdown Gaza, fifty-six year occupation of Palestine and the apartheid administration that government of Israel supervises across historic Palestine. I beg of you to take a stand against proposed extra funds for Israel's leadership. Demand a lasting ceasefire through a resolution for peace in the Los Angeles City Council.

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Name: Yusef A
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for the ceasefire resolution currently under consideration by the Los Angeles City Council. As a resident deeply concerned about the escalating violence and humanitarian crisis, I believe this resolution is a crucial step towards promoting peace and stability. The ongoing conflict has caused untold suffering, displacement, and loss of life, impacting countless families and communities. In these turbulent times, it is imperative that we, as a city, take a stand for peace and advocate for an immediate ceasefire. This resolution not only reflects our city's commitment to human rights and justice but also sets a powerful example for other municipalities and governing bodies to follow. The human toll of the conflict is devastating. Innocent civilians, including women and children, are bearing the brunt of the violence. Homes, schools, and hospitals have been destroyed, leaving many without shelter, education, or access to critical medical care. The psychological trauma inflicted on these communities will have long-lasting effects, hindering any efforts towards reconciliation and rebuilding. By endorsing this ceasefire resolution, we are acknowledging the humanity of those affected and taking a stand against further violence and destruction. Furthermore, the economic repercussions of the conflict are profound. Prolonged violence disrupts trade, diminishes tourism, and strains international relations. As a major global city, Los Angeles has a vested interest in advocating for stability and peace worldwide. A ceasefire would create a conducive environment for diplomatic negotiations and humanitarian aid, ultimately fostering global economic recovery and cooperation. Supporting this resolution aligns with our city's economic interests and our moral duty to promote peace and prosperity. The ceasefire resolution also emphasizes our commitment to upholding international law and human rights. The principles of justice and human dignity are cornerstones of our democratic society. By advocating for a ceasefire, we reaffirm our dedication to these principles and our responsibility to protect the rights of all individuals, regardless of their nationality or background. This resolution sends a clear message that Los Angeles stands with those who seek peace and justice and against those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Additionally, this resolution underscores the importance of

humanitarian aid and support for conflict-affected regions. A ceasefire would allow for the safe delivery of essential supplies, medical assistance, and relief efforts to those in dire need. It would also provide a window of opportunity for organizations to assess and address the immediate and long-term needs of affected communities. By supporting the ceasefire resolution, we are advocating for the alleviation of suffering and the restoration of hope for those caught in the crossfire. Moreover, the ceasefire resolution aligns with the values and aspirations of our diverse community. Los Angeles is home to people from all walks of life, many of whom have experienced the impacts of conflict firsthand. Our city's strength lies in its diversity and unity, and this resolution reflects our collective desire for a more peaceful and just world. By endorsing the ceasefire, we are standing in solidarity with our neighbors, friends, and family members who have been affected by violence and conflict. In conclusion, I urge the Los Angeles City Council to pass the ceasefire resolution. Doing so would demonstrate our city's unwavering commitment to peace, justice, and human rights. It would also send a powerful message to the world that Los Angeles stands for the protection of innocent lives and the promotion of lasting peace. By supporting this resolution, we are taking a meaningful step towards creating a safer, more compassionate, and just global community. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Alex Shahery

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am writing to express my strong opposition to resolution CF 24-0656 calling for a ceasefire in the current conflict. The violence outside the Adas Torah synagogue on June 23 shows that our city failed to protect us. The city's inability to prevent anti-Semitic and anti-Israel protesters from intimidating and attacking individuals is deeply concerning. The proposed ceasefire resolution is misguided and encourages further violence. Key points: 1. The City Council has no authority over foreign policy. 2. Ceasefires have been repeatedly broken by Hamas and celebrated as victories. 3. Another ceasefire will not work when past ones have failed due to Hamas violations. 4. The October 7 attacks occurred within the boundaries defined by the original UN partition plan (UN Resolution 181 in 1947), disproving claims that Israel is illegitimate. 5. Please vote against this resolution and take clear actions to address these issues. Thank you for considering my comments. Best regards, Alex Shahery

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Name: Shayna G Moon
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the resolution. I am a Jewish-American who believes that the Palestinian people have the same right to freedom and self-determination that any other human being should. I have been disgusted by repeated efforts by people across the political spectrum to insist that supporting an end to genocide is the same thing as antisemitism. I have experienced antisemitism in my life, and this is not it. Israel does not represent me in any way and insisting that it does **is** antisemitic. My Jewishness includes a philosophy of compassion and reason. I mourn the Israeli lives lost on October 7th, just as I mourn the Palestinian lives lost in 1948 when they were forcibly driven out of their homes, the lives lost in 2021 when Palestinians peacefully protested their living conditions, the lives lost when the IDF killed their own citizens in Gaza who were surrendering with a white flag, and the lives lost today in Gaza from Israeli bombardment. I firmly believe that the USA has the power to stop this genocide by refusing to continue to supply Israel with weapons. If we did that today, there would be a ceasefire. We are not spectators; we are directly involved. Calling for a ceasefire is the only ethical option. I have family in Israel, and I firmly believe that a permanent ceasefire is the only way to ensure their safety.

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Name: Anthony Burch
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Name: Devon Giehl

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Comments for Public Posting: Support the ceasefire. Israel is committing a genocide against Palestinians in which we Americans are complicit as their so-called allies. A permanent ceasefire is the ONLY moral resolution.