

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I understand that the City Council has been considering a foolish and dangerous resolution which calls for a ceasefire in the current war between Hamas and Israel - a war that is happening in the wake of a long string of unilateral ceasefire violations on the part of Hamas. The proposed resolution should be voted down for several simple and clear reasons: The City Council has no authority regarding foreign policy; there has been a long chain of ceasefires, which were hailed by Hamas as victories, even though they breached the previous ceasefire, and there is no rational way to explain how the problem can be resolved by another ceasefire, when every previous ceasefire failed due to Hamas violations. Lastly, the attackers predicated their arguments on the idea that Israel is illegitimate - but, in reality, the attacks on October 7th took place within the boundaries of the partition defined in the original UN partition plan - UN Resolution 181 in 1947. Therefore, I believe such a resolution is not only misguided, but is also an encouragement for the kind of violence this city witnessed on June 23rd, and as such, I repeat, should be voted down.