

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in strong support of the Los Angeles City Council resolution calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza (Council File: 24-0656), the immediate and unconditional return of all hostages, and immediate passage of humanitarian aid into Gaza. Countless international human rights organizations, including the Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF, and the World Health Organization, have warned against the urgent threat of mass starvation and dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza that only an immediate cessation of warfare can halt. Between October 7, 2023 and the introduction of the ceasefire resolution on June 4, 2024, Israeli military forces in Gaza have killed 37,000 Palestinians, the majority of which are women and children, and displaced 2.3 million more. This is not only a humanitarian crisis, it is a genocide of the Palestinian people. Los Angeles is proudly a city of immigrants, many of whom came to this country fleeing violence in their home countries. Today, Palestinian Angelenos are living through every immigrant family's nightmare: helplessly watching as loved ones in Gaza are bombed, shot, and starved. They are not alone in wanting to see the end of this violence. As elected representatives of the second largest city in the country, the LA City Council is uniquely positioned to do our part in championing a lasting peace in Gaza and to influence the federal government to support peaceful and humanitarian solutions.