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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0656

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [empowerla@lacity.org](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/15/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 06/08/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council passed a request for action on the topic on April 15, 2024. Now that the motion has been created, we submit our request for action on the council file. The Reseda Neighborhood Council (RNC) asserts its commitment to standing in solidarity with all communities affected by conflict, including the Palestinian people. We firmly condemn all forms of discrimination and intolerance, such as anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian racism, in alignment with our council's bylaws and principles. Our council is dedicated to representing the interests of marginalized communities within our boundaries, as well as promoting inclusivity and respect for all individuals and

groups. These principles extend globally to all oppressed peoples, including those affected by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Please see the attached pdf for our full statement. Thank you.

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**Gaza Ceasefire RFA final.pdf**

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### **Request for Action: Adoption of Resolution for Sustainable Peace in Gaza**

Dear Councilmembers Blumenfield and Raman,

The Reseda Neighborhood Council (RNC) asserts its commitment to standing in solidarity with all communities affected by conflict, including the Palestinian people. We firmly condemn all forms of discrimination and intolerance, such as anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian racism, in alignment with our council's bylaws and principles. Our council is dedicated to representing the interests of marginalized communities within our boundaries, as well as promoting inclusivity and respect for all individuals and groups. These principles extend globally to all oppressed peoples, including those affected by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Since the beginning of the conflict, over 200 Palestinian Aid Workers and over 100 Palestinian journalists and media workers have been killed as a direct result of the bombardment. Most recently, the [World Central Kitchen](#), a non-profit organization founded by chef Jose Andres, has been steadfast in providing meals to areas affected by violence and natural disasters. Remaining true to their mission, they have extended their aid efforts to civilians amidst the Israel-Hamas conflict since October. However, in April 2024, tragedy struck as seven members of the group lost their lives when an Israeli airstrike targeted their aid convoy three separate times traveling from a warehouse in central Gaza. While the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) acknowledged the incident and pledged to investigate, the repercussions are immeasurable. Prior to the airstrike, World Central Kitchen had mobilized over 1,700 trucks carrying food and cooking supplies, operated 68 "community kitchens," transported 230,000 meals from Jordan, and delivered 435,000 meals by sea. This devastating disruption, as noted by Juliette Touma, communications director for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, "will undoubtedly exacerbate the suffering of a population already enduring significant hardships." Such attacks highlight the urgent need for a cessation of violence and a commitment to protecting those who selflessly provide aid to the most vulnerable populations.

The RNC agrees with the [assessment of the Associated Press](#), published on January 26, 2024, of the International Court of Justice's January 26, 2024 ruling ordering Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction and any acts of genocide in Gaza<sup>1</sup>: "[The ruling] was an overwhelming rebuke of Israel's wartime conduct and added to mounting international pressure to halt the nearly 4-month-old offensive that has killed more than 30,000 Palestinians, decimated vast swaths of Gaza and driven nearly 85% of its 2.3 million people from their homes."

The RNC encourages the Los Angeles City Council to consider endorsing a resolution that emphasizes the importance of achieving a swift and sustainable ceasefire in Gaza, ensuring the safe return of all individuals held captive, and facilitating the timely distribution of humanitarian aid. As engaged participants within the RNC, we recognize the significance of utilizing our collective voice to bring forth pertinent matters for consideration by the Los Angeles City Council. Over the last several months, we have witnessed cities across the country, including [Chicago](#), [San Francisco](#), [Cudahy](#), [Bell Gardens](#), [Montebello](#), [Pomona](#), [Long Beach](#), [Oakland](#), and [Pasadena](#), pass resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. By joining other cities across our country, the RNC asks the City to apply pressure on our state and federal representatives to do the same.

The RNC implores you to champion a resolution that echoes our city's rich cultural diversity and steadfast dedication to fundamental humanitarian principles by unequivocally denouncing the ongoing violence. The escalating loss of life in Gaza tarnishes the United States' moral integrity on the world stage. From our neighborhood council gatherings to the pulse of the city, Angelenos resoundingly voice their exasperation at feeling marginalized on this critical matter. You possess a pivotal opportunity to stand on the side of justice and righteousness. As the Persian poet Saadi once wrote, "Human beings are members of a whole, In creation of one essence and soul. If one member is afflicted with pain, Other members uneasy will remain." This timeless wisdom underscores the interconnectedness of humanity and

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<sup>1</sup> As a reminder, the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide defined "genocide" as follows:

In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

- (a) Killing members of the group;
- (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group."

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide  
ADOPTED 09 December 1948 BY General Assembly resolution 260 A (III)

This continues to be the working definition of genocide applied by the ICJ.

the imperative for collective empathy and action in times of suffering. Let us heed these words as we strive for a world where peace and justice prevail for all.

The RNC urges fellow Neighborhood Councils to join forces with us in urging the City Council to heed and act upon our collective voices during this pivotal juncture.

Sincerely,

The Reseda Neighborhood Council

This request for action was approved on April 15, 2024 with a vote of 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 recused.

CC: Mayor Karen Bass, City Council President Paul Krekorian, and Councilmembers Eunisses Hernandez, Bob Blumenfield, Nithya Raman, Katy Yaroslavsky, Imelda Padilla, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren Price, Heather Hutt, Traci Park, John Lee, Kevin de León, and Tim McOsker.

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