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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.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(1) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: For

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Summary: As a community we value all life and stand against violence and hate in all its forms and we recognize the long history of violence suffered by the Jewish people and Palestinians in our community, and condemn the rise of antisemitism, Islamophobia, white supremacy, xenophobia, and anti-Jewish and anti-Palestinian attacks, and we choose to act to create a welcoming place for all races, ethnicities, ancestries, religions, gender identities, and sexual orientations and want Los Angeles and our nation to reflect these values. We are distraught over the scale of human suffering in Gaza1 through deprivation of food, water, and aid, indiscriminate bombing, destruction of civilian infrastructure, kidnapping and torture of civilians and children, and forcible displacement of 90% of the population in Gaza at least once,

and we mourn the tragic death of more than 35,000 civilians in Gaza, including more children than all conflicts in the past four years, and the more than 1,200 Israelis,3 on October 7, as well as the growing violence in the West Bank.....As members of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, we recognize the importance of using our position to speak up on behalf of our frustrated constituency, and we oppose the U.S. involvement in ethnic cleansing, military occupation, and collective punishment of all people, and we call upon the Los Angeles City Council to endorse a resolution that emphasizes the importance of a unilateral permanent, and immediate ceasefire, the safe return of all hostages and political prisoners, and the timely distribution of humanitarian aid and to put pressure on State and federal representatives to adopt the same. Entirety: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SovLPM2S9UDTtSniDfShL_xonRg9QTDK/view?usp=sharing

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [24-0656](#)

Title: Gaza / Israel / Hamas / Permanent Ceasefire / Peaceful Diplomacy / Humanitarian Aid / Medical Care

Position: Support

As a community we value all life and stand against violence and hate in all its forms and we recognize the long history of violence suffered by the Jewish people and Palestinians in our community, and condemn the rise of antisemitism, Islamophobia, white supremacy, xenophobia, and anti-Jewish and anti-Palestinian attacks, and we choose to act to create a welcoming place for all races, ethnicities, ancestries, religions, gender identities, and sexual orientations and want Los Angeles and our nation to reflect these values.

We are distraught over the scale of human suffering in Gaza¹ through deprivation of food, water, and aid, indiscriminate bombing, destruction of civilian infrastructure, kidnapping and torture of civilians and children, and forcible displacement of 90% of the population in Gaza at least once, and we mourn the tragic death of more than 35,000 civilians in Gaza, including more children than all conflicts in the past four years², and the more than 1,200 Israelis³ on October 7, as well as the growing violence in the West Bank.

We condemn the use of U.S. military weapons in the killing of civilians—as early as October 2023, Amnesty International found that U.S. munitions were used in two “deadly, unlawful air strikes on homes full of civilians in the occupied Gaza Strip,” the U.S. State Department found “reasonable” evidence that U.S. weapons were used in violation of international humanitarian law in Gaza⁴, and a special State 1 Gaza is 141 square miles with a population of 2.2 million, while the City of Los Angeles is 469

¹ Gaza is 141 square miles with a population of 2.2 million, while the City of Los Angeles is 469 square miles with a population of 3.9 million. Philips, A. [2023 Oct 11] Gaza Strip's Size Compared to US Cities in Series of Maps. <https://www.newsweek.com/gaza-strip-size-us-cities-maps-1833863>.

² Lim, Clarissa-Jan. [2024 March 14]. More children killed in Gaza in four months than in four years of war globally: report. <https://www.msnbc.com/top-stories/latest/death-toll-children-gaza-israel-rcna143269>.

³ Agence France Presse. [2024 Feb 1]. New Tally Puts October 7 Attack Dead In Israel At 1,163. <https://www.barrons.com/news/new-tally-puts-october-7-attack-dead-in-israel-at-1-163-78182279>.

⁴ Bennett, J. T. [2024 May 13]. Israel report further clouds Biden's approach to Gaza conflict. <https://rollcall.com/2024/05/13/israel-report-further-clouds-bidens-approach-to-gaza-conflict/>; see also <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/24658291/national-security-memorandum-report-to-congress-key-findings.pdf>.

⁵ Gehrke, J. [2024 April 22]. State Department spotlights alleged Israeli human rights abuses. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/foreign-policy/2975069/state-department-spotlights-alleged-israeli-human-rights-abuses/>; see also U.S. State Department. Israel 2023 Human Rights Report. https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/528267_ISRAEL-2023-HUMAN-RIGHTS-REPORT.pdf.

square miles with a population of 3.9 million. Department panel recommended Israeli police and military units should not be receiving U.S. aid based on allegations of serious human rights abuses⁵—and we must uphold the rule of law and human rights when providing any form of aid by following the Geneva Conventions, the Leahy Laws, and the Arms Export Control Act.

We respect the International Criminal Court and its ruling ordering Israel to provide food, water, and medical supplies, and “that its military does not commit acts which constitute a violation of any of the rights of the Palestinians in Gaza as a protected group under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, including by preventing, through any action, the delivery of urgently needed humanitarian assistance”⁶.

As our city endures a housing crisis, rising inequity, a climate crisis and a budget deficit, we support using our tax dollars at home for social services and housing rather than death and destruction, particularly as some of the facilities creating the bombs used in Gaza are based in Los Angeles⁷, and as the bombing and environmental destruction has led to a massive increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

We support the global pressure to halt the nearly six month-long offensive by more than 100 cities across the country, including Chicago, San Francisco, Cudahy, Long Beach, Oakland, Pasadena, and Santa Monica, and Los Angeles neighborhood councils in Lincoln Heights, Reseda, and Elysian Valley, and the State of Hawaii, who have already passed resolutions calling for an immediate ceasefire⁸.

As members of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, we recognize the importance of using our position to speak up on behalf of our frustrated constituency, and we oppose the U.S. involvement in ethnic cleansing, military occupation, and collective punishment of all people, and we call upon the Los Angeles City Council to endorse a resolution that emphasizes the importance of a unilateral permanent, and immediate ceasefire, the safe return of all hostages and political prisoners, and the timely distribution of humanitarian aid and to put pressure on State and federal representatives to adopt the same.

⁶ The International Court of Justice in its March 28, 2024 and January 26, 2024 orders, ordered Israel, “in view of the worsening conditions of life faced by Palestinians in Gaza, in particular the spread of famine and starvation” to fully cooperate with the U.N. to provide aid, including food, water, and medical supplies; for the military to not commit acts of genocide, “in particular: (a) killing . . . (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm; (c) deliberately inflicting . . . conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births” of Palestinians in Gaza or obstruct the delivery of aid. International Court of Justice, Orders [28 March 2024, 26 January 2024]. <https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20240328-pre-01-00-en.pdf>, <https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20240126-ord-01-00-en.pdf>

⁷ American Friends Service Committee. Companies Profiting from the Gaza Genocide. [last updated 28 May 2024]. <https://afsc.org/gaza-genocide-companies>; see https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1PU-sQ578H9NBj_1FK4NI_dK4Mk8WFNA&ll=33.910672193400536%2C-117.99902419767152&z=9

⁸ Jodeh, I. [2024, March 18]. Why City Council Resolutions for a Gaza Ceasefire Matter. <https://nextcity.org/urbanist-news/why-city-council-resolutions-for-a-gaza-ceasefire-matter>; Data for Progress. Voters Agree the U.S. Should Call For A Ceasefire and De-escalation of Violence in Gaza to Prevent Civilian Deaths.