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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 enable by the to 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 rResolution 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 Councils 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(12) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(4) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is in favor of peace; but opposes the proposed pro-ceasefire resolution. The resolution is predicated on the idea that a ceasefire is a permanent solution to a conflict that has been characterized by a long list of ceasefires that were unilaterally violated. The current conflict was sparked by such a ceasefire violation. Further, the stated basis of the resolution is actually a recital of propaganda that comes from a source that has a long history of mis-stating facts. Also, the topic is one of national foreign policy and international policy and is far beyond the scope of the council's authority.

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RE: Council File: 24-0656 (Gaza / Israel / Hamas / Permanent Ceasefire / Peaceful Diplomacy / Humanitarian Aid / Medical Care)

Dear City Council Members and Mayor Bass,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) is in favor of peace and prosperity for all people worldwide, including those in the Middle East. And we hope to see a time when all violence and armed conflict end permanently.

For that reason, the SORO NC opposes the motion contained within Los Angeles City Council File 24-0656 as explained below, and we urge the Los Angeles City Council to reject it or for the authors to withdraw it from consideration.

The essence of the item is to call for a permanent ceasefire. However, it ignores both recent and distant history.

The events of October 7, 2023 were a unilateral Gazan violation of a cease fire agreement that had gone into effect on May 13, 2023. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The May 13, 2023 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of May 21, 2021. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The May 21, 2021 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of November 14, 2019. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.



The November 14, 2019 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of July 20, 2018. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The July 20, 2018 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of August 24, 2014. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The August 24, 2014 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of November 21, 2012. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The November 21, 2012 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of August 21, 2011. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The August 21, 2011 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of January 18, 2009. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The January 18, 2009 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of November 26, 2006. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

The November 26, 2006 cease fire agreement was in response to a unilateral Gazan violation of the cease fire agreement of February 8, 2005, and occurred despite the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. When that ceasefire went into effect it was hailed as a victory by the very aggressors who went on to break it.

It is worth noting that Israeli control of Gaza before that time had been a condition of the 1978 peace agreement between Israel and Egypt and was a demand of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, who refused to take responsibility for Gaza.

It is also worth noting that the extreme violence of the ceasefire breach on October 7, 2023 took place on land that was within the borders of Israel described in UN Resolution 181 in 1947 (sometimes called the UN partition plan).

There is no evidence to suggest that a new "permanent" cease fire can or will be effective at establishing or maintaining peace, and there is no factual basis for believing that a cease fire



could end the future loss of innocent lives on either side of the conflict. To the contrary, repeats of October 7, 2023 have been promised by the aggressors, who are by their founding principles sworn to disregard the legitimacy of the state of Israel and to kill all Israelis and all Jews.

While mass media frequently presents images of casualties in the Gazan civilian population, history books recount the bloody massacre of Jewish innocents in the region for thousands of years. Major genocidal massacres of Jewish residents occurred in 1929, 1848, 1517, 1096-1192 (during the three Crusade wars), and all the way back to Biblical times. As stated at the beginning of this letter, we are against all massacres.

The call for a cease fire in the CF 24-0656 resolution is blind to history. Its passage would make our Los Angeles City Council appear foolish. At worst, it caters to the same interests that equates a cease fire to a victory for Hamas and other hate groups. Hate and violence have no place in Los Angeles, or anywhere in the world.

International affairs are clearly outside the authority and scope of the Los Angeles City Council, but we understand the desire to see peace in the Middle East and in the many other locations where violence and armed conflicts are currently causing innocents to be killed and hurt.

We are bothered by the fact that CF 24-0656 recites Hamas propaganda as fact. Repeatedly we have learned of “facts” that turned out to be fabrications or exaggerations, or complete perversion of truth. Even the casualty figures reported by the Gazan authorities have been found to be unreliable by organizations such as the Associated Press (<https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-gaza-deaths-womenchildren-e258a4c14641978a00dfb957ce348957>), and others. Our Los Angeles City Council should not tarnish its reputation by using slanted assertions as the basis for a resolution that has no chance of achieving the stated goals.

Even the issue of humanitarian aid is mischaracterized in the resolution. Due to aid delivery being blocked by military-like violence, including rocket fire against the delivery workers and vehicles, the huge amount of aid that has been sent to Gaza has not made it to its civilians. We condemn any blockage that keeps humanitarian aid from reaching the intended recipients.

Considering the well-documented tactics of Hamas, which has openly pledged to commit future massacres, which used Gazan civilians and civilian properties as shields and operational bases, and is sworn to the genocidal obliteration of Jews, we are opposed to any resolution that is predicated on leaving Hamas in power. We believe that the continued control of Gaza by Hamas is as much, or perhaps even more, of a threat to Gazans as it is to Israelis.



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We believe that the proposed resolution completely ignores the fact that Israel is under continuous attack from Iranian proxies on all sides: from Hamas and other sponsored groups in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in Iraq and Iran, and the Houthis in Yemen. Concurrently Israel is under frequent attack from the Palestinian Authority Security Forces in Judea and Samaria. War is tragic, and the current situation does not need a temporary solution; a long-term solution is needed.

Finally, we note that the proposed City Council's ceasefire resolution seeks to end Israel's defensive action and fails to address the violent strategies of Hamas and other Iranian proxies that pose a long-term threat to both Israelis and Palestinians.

If the city passes this lopsided pro-Hamas resolution, it will send a signal of support for antisemitic violence. Antisemitic crimes are already rising rapidly in Los Angeles, and such an action by City Council would inflame even more violence and endanger the Jewish residents in Los Angeles.

We urge all City Councilmembers to reject antisemitic violence and hate, and to oppose this misguided ceasefire resolution.

Sincerely,

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