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Los Angeles City Council Public Comment For Ceasefire Resolution.

Hope this find you, Los Angeles Council members, in good health,

My name is Jack Elkhayleh, I'm a proud Palestinian living in diaspora. Transported to the US from UAE 25 years ago and had the great privilege of making many CA cities in LA and the Central Valley a home. I am an officer and an administrator for the middle eastern chamber of commerce and Manara Inc.

I urge you to call for and vote yes on a permanent Ceasefire Resolution and demand that law makers and law enforcement stop using violence against college students.

Los Angeles (The City of Angels) should stand with other cities and neighbourhoods advocating for peace in Gaza, a region in dire need of our support.

The chain of representation is essential here; as city and neighbourhoods council members, you share constituents with congressional delegation.

I believe that your obligation, at the very least, is to resist Islamophobia, anti-Arab sentiment, and antisemitism within our communities and districts. Moreover, Los Angeles council members possess a unique ability to be proxies for these shared constituents.

This capability is vital in emphasizing the urgent need for a unilateral permanent ceasefire to our congressional delegation and, ultimately, the Biden administration.

Equal, fair, and honest representation. As Los Angeles council members, you must ensure that the anti-war and anti-genocide voice, regardless of background, is acknowledged and given due consideration.

I want to thank all my brothers, sisters, and siblings who plan on being there. Including you council members and staff.

My family demands the following:

- An end to the genocide in Gaza.
- An Immediate, permanent, binding ceasefire.
- The release of all Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners.
- Adherence to international law.
- The renewal of funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).
- An immediate cessation of military assistance until a permanent ceasefire is enacted and Israel abides by applicable U.S. law governing its use.
- Los Angeles City should identify and support local programs that combat antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism, homophobic and xenophobic attacks.

Through this resolution, we can fight antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian racism, and all other bigotry together – because none of us will be free and safe until we are all free and safe. I urge you to vote yes at this week’s Council meeting.

I’m forever grateful,

Jack Elkhayleh

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