

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, 1,200 Israelis were killed in a surprise attack by Hamas, in which approximately 240 Israelis were also taken captive; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, more than 37,000 Palestinians, the vast majority of whom were women and children, as well as hundreds of humanitarian workers, healthcare providers, and journalists from various nations have been killed and more than 82,000 people have been wounded by Israeli military forces in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) profoundly mourns this senseless and inhumane loss of civilian life in Palestine and Israel, and is deeply disturbed at the sustained violence unfolding in the region; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent Integrated Food Security Phase Classification report and as shared by the United Nations and World Food Programme, 1.1 million people in Gaza are experiencing catastrophic food insecurity and famine is imminent, and it is estimated that one in six children in Gaza is malnourished, and that more than 155,000 pregnant or breastfeeding caretakers are at high risk of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, over 20,000 babies have been born in Gaza since October 7, and women are giving birth prematurely due to extreme stress, trauma, and shock; and

WHEREAS, 2.3 million Gazans have been internally displaced from destroyed homes, hospitals, refugee camps, and places of worship, and this week, more than one million Gazans were forcefully displaced from Rafah, previously a humanitarian safe zone; and

WHEREAS, world leaders, government officials, humanitarian organizations, labor unions, student demonstrators, news publications, and local jurisdictions have called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden has called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, and has laid out a plan through which this can be executed; and,

WHEREAS, all parties need to comply with obligations under international law, including rigorous humanitarian standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City joins the call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional return of all hostages, and the safe and immediate passage of unhindered humanitarian aid and medical care to Gaza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will not tolerate any form of harmful and racist language, especially antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, and Islamophobic hate speech toward anyone; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the City supports peaceful diplomacy and an end to the conflict that honors all peoples' right to dignity, safety, and justice.

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