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Cc: [Carmen Smith](#)
Subject: [Pass Resolution 271-24](#)
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Dear City Councilmembers and Mayor Christenson:

I am writing to support the urgent passage of a resolution for an immediate, lasting ceasefire in Occupied Palestine. I am shocked and saddened to see that the Malden City Council has chosen to strip down Resolution 271-24 so that it only "supports the work of President Biden and the UN Security Council to broker a bilateral, lasting ceasefire in Gaza." Call for an immediate, lasting ceasefire and do not table this resolution. We need our elected officials to demand an end to this carnage. Not just to ask Biden to keep doing what he is doing, which is not good enough. Again, 1 million Palestinians may starve to death by mid-July if we keep doing what we are doing.

This is a profoundly LOCAL issue. Our Arab, Muslim, and Palestinian Muslim and Christian communities here in Malden have been shaken to the core by the horrific humanitarian catastrophe that almost \$1,000,000 of our tax dollars is funding. Malden residents have held two funeral prayers a day since October 7, 2023, just to mourn for the loved ones they have personally lost. At minimum that's over 200 mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children and babies stolen from families right here in Malden.

The statement made by the Mayor in October supporting Israel followed by 8 months of silence during Israel's deliberate slaughter of Palestinians and the segregated City Council vote on June 4th suggests that the city does not value nor protect the lives of Black and brown people as much as white people. We need our leaders to stand up to protect ALL people, and we elected you all because we believed you would.

We urge you to support language in Resolution 271-24 which calls for an immediate, lasting ceasefire and to avoid delaying the passage of this resolution after the June 25th meeting. A vote to table this resolution is a NO vote.

Sincerely,

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