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Councilors and City Clerk,

As Councillor Crowe wisely suggested at the Community Engagement meeting last week: If a statement must be made, it should be one of support and affirmation of our entire community. We are a very diverse city composed of many different cultures and backgrounds. There are, unfortunately, devastating conflicts of all kinds occurring in countries across the globe – all of which are places that Maldonians surely have relatives and friends. If any resolution is adopted, it should acknowledge all of these tragedies that affect our residents.

I have never witnessed such a high degree of tension and animosity amongst neighbors. It was horrifying to see neighbors mocking speakers during public comment at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and it was heartbreaking to see inappropriate gesturing by some young people to their neighbors across the aisle right here within the council chambers. One sitting councilor has proclaimed that the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was “necessary” and “beautiful”! I could not disagree more with that statement, I have seen the best of Malden and I have seen the worst, and this was the worst.

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