

Local Impact Resolution Only

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Dear Councilors,

The City Council's responsibility is to address the immediate needs of Malden residents, not to take a stance on international events. I am deeply troubled by reports of discrimination and bullying faced by Malden's Muslim community in schools. Everyone, especially children, deserves to live in safety and peace, without fear of discrimination.

The City Council must tackle this issue with a dedicated resolution and practical strategies. However, combining it with a "ceasefire resolution" distracts from our local community's needs, exacerbates divisions, and highlights antipathy between cultural, religious, and ethnic groups, ultimately increasing feelings of isolation and threat for all groups involved.

I strongly oppose any resolution addressing the war in Gaza or any other international event and urge the Committee to focus on our local issues instead.

Thank you,
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