

## Re: Vote "NO" on the Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear members of the Malden City Council,

I understand there is a meeting scheduled for 6/12 to discuss amendments to the "Ceasefire resolution". I'm very sorry to hear this for several reasons:

1. The City Council should be focused on City affairs not foreign affairs. I can only imagine how much time and money was wasted last week on this. You have a responsibility to use taxpayer dollars wisely and prudently and this resolution does not benefit the City in any way.

2. The resolution is not even really about a cease-fire or the plight of the Gazans. Consider: "Since the Syrian civil war erupted in March 2011, more than 500,000 people have been killed by the Syrian regime. The vast majority were civilians. As many as 400,000 Yemenis are believed to have died as a direct or indirect result of the war in that country, with 70 percent of those deaths being of children under the age of five. Earlier this year, 10,000 people were killed and millions were displaced as a result of ethnic violence in West Darfur." (source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2023/12/2/it-is-hypocritical-to-protest-israel-but-be-silent-on-syria-and-yemen>)

And yet, this is the first time we hearing a call for a cease-fire of any kind in the region. Why?

Furthermore, Gaza is controlled by the Hamas terrorist organization that routinely puts civilians in harms way, using them as human shields. They store ammunition and fire rockets from schools, mosques and hospitals and then complain about civilian casualties. They use children as cover for snipers. They steal aid and shoot civilians that get in their way. Shouldn't "pro-Palestinian" people be screaming about their treatment by Hamas? Yet they are not. Why?

3. The "cease-fire" resolution is a political ploy against Israel. As anti-Israel activists (which is what these people really are as explained above), they are using this situation to garner sympathy and votes against Israel. Why a cease fire resolution? Notice how there is nothing in there about removing Hamas from power? This is because the cease fire that they want is a reversion to the status quo; where Hamas has an opportunity to regroup, rearm, and go on another murdering, raping and kidnapping spree against Jews and Israelis (and Americans). Hamas has stated this publicly. A cease fire sounds nice (who could be against a cease fire???) but the reality is they are less interested in the cessation of violence against Gazans as they are in the opportunity for more violence against Israel.

As such, I urge you to abandon this resolution. You may have noticed that the original "Malden for Palestine" rally flyer showed a map of the entire state of Israel as "Palestine". Their true intentions are displayed for all to see. Please don't be an unknowing party to the unchecked Jew-hatred that is happening in our country and now our city.

Thanks,  
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On 06/03/2024 9:13 PM EDT Harold Zazula <harold.zazula@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear members of the Malden City Council,

I ask you in the strongest terms to vote "NO" on this, or any other, ceasefire resolution in the Israel-Hamas war. There is no moral equivalence between a democratic nation whose stated goal is the protection of its civilians and a terrorist organization whose stated goal is the elimination of Jews worldwide.

Asking for a ceasefire that leaves Hamas in power, after they have promised to repeat the October 7 massacre many times over, only accomplishes one thing: it tells Jews that their lives don't matter.

The Palestinian casualties are a tragedy, and we want this war to end immediately. That can only happen with the immediate release of our hostages and total surrender of Hamas. Many people falsely cry "genocide" and "war crimes", as if they are unfamiliar with the horrors of war, and what those words really mean.

Please, don't give in to the propaganda and the hate. Stand with Israel, America's ally, against the terrorist organization Hamas, and refuse to be part of the movement that delegitimizes a nation's right to self defense and rewards agents of terror. Vote NO on this, and all, ceasefire resolutions.

Thank you.

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