

Cease Fire Resolution

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Dear City Councilors:

I understand that the proposed Cease Fire Resolution was referred to committee. Although we would all like an end to the war and violence, I again urge you not to pass a Cease Fire Resolution in Malden for a few reasons:

- 1) Mainly I feel that it is beyond the scope of Malden city government to opine on how another country uses its military to protect itself.
- 2) A cease fire without an end to Hamas terrorism will put the safety of Israel at risk.
- 3) By involving itself in this conflict, the city council seems to be aligning itself with antisemites who are equating Israel defending itself to the violence committed by Hamas in the first place. This dangerous false equivalency has put the safety of Jews at risk across our country. I've only known Malden as a diverse but peaceful place to live. The council should not risk changing that with the precedent it would be setting with this resolution.

Please focus your energies on keeping our city a safe and vibrant place to live and not on solving international conflicts.

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