

From: [Celia Castro](#)
To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Subject: Re: Support for Malden City Council Ceasefire Resolution 271-24
Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:59:20 PM

Hi Carol,

Please include it in the public comment record, I give my permission.

Thank you,
Celia

On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 1:27 PM Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@cityofmalden.org> wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for contacting the Office of the City Clerk.

If you wish this email to be included in the Public Comment record of Tuesday's Council meeting and to be added to the history of Paper 271-24, your home address, in addition to your name, is required for the record.

I will not add your comments to the record without your permission.

Thank you,

Carol Ann Desiderio,

Malden City Clerk

From: Celia Castro <itschely@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 11:47 AM

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Subject: Support for Malden City Council Ceasefire Resolution 271-24

Dear City Councillors and Mayor Christenson:

I'm writing to SUPPORT [Malden City Council Resolution 271-24](#) for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Israel and Palestine, freeing of all hostages and detainees, and immediate resumption of humanitarian aid and rebuilding of civilian infrastructure in Gaza.

My name is Celia Castro, I am a resident of Malden and have many ties to the community here. I am a local therapist and have been witness to the severe impact on the public's mental health due to witnessing the atrocities that Israel is committing against Palestine. Many politicians and local leaders use the excuse that local politics have no connection to world politics, but that reasoning is an excuse and a way to avoid the realities of what's going on and the impact on locals.

Many local police departments have been trained by the IDF and the same tactics that are being used on Palestinians are being used on locals to police, not to mention this creates a militarization of local PD's.

There is too much information out there to claim to be ignorant, or to claim that this isn't impacting the local community.

We must act urgently to stop the violence in Palestine and Israel and help people return to their families and other loved ones. Nearly the entire population of Gaza has been displaced by Israel's attacks. Israel has [decimated](#) the Palestinian health system, in violation of international law. Since October 7, the WHO has recorded a total of [890 attacks on health facilities](#), over half occurring in the West Bank.

Over a million Palestinians are trapped in Rafah, and [600,000 of them are children](#), already injured, malnourished, and forcibly displaced from their homes. Some have lost their entire families. All 2 million Palestinians in Gaza are suffering from famine, as Israel has cut off the entry of food, water and medical supplies. We must act with urgency to [help minimize as much suffering as possible](#), and engage in ways which embody care for others.

We have paid over [\\$300 billion of our tax dollars to Israel](#) in aid since the country's

inception, much more than to any other US ally. [Two of three](#) US voters have supported the ceasefire since [late October](#), and a [majority of Americans](#) support conditioning future aid to Israel on its ability to abide by international humanitarian law. We have a duty to speak up and say that a just resolution for Palestinians and Israelis will only come through diplomacy and ensuring that everyone has the right to live in dignity, with equal rights and self-sovereignty.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you take action.

Sincerely,

Celia Castro

94 Porter St* ***I urge you to please not disclose resident's addresses as there has been huge doxxing campaign against those standing up for Palestinian rights. It is a part of your job and responsibility to maintain the safety of your residents. Making people's address public is giving easy access for those who support genocide to dox, harrass and put residents of Malden in danger.***

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~Celia Castro

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~Celia Castro

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