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**Subject:** Proposed Ceasefire Resolution: Please Vote No  
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Good Afternoon Council Members,

I respectfully request that each and every one of you vote 'No' on the permanent ceasefire resolution tomorrow.

The current awful situation in Israel and the Gaza Strip is unfortunately not a new one. Throughout the brief modern history of Israel, conflict in defense of the nation has been nearly constant. Whether presently at war or actively alert to small scale terror, Israel has been forced to adapt to life under threat - and to respond accordingly.

This conflict is cyclical. We should all be aware of this. That is precisely why such a measure to "demand a permanent ceasefire" is so naive. Nothing about it would ever be permanent. It would be used by the hostage taking terrorist regime to steal humanitarian aid, rebuild their tunnels, rearm their zealots, continue disregarding the well being of their own people, and begin this madness again. Do not be swept up by hysteria and wild propaganda and make a statement that will ultimately prove as foolish as it is divisive.

It is also worth mentioning that there are other far more deadly conflicts happening all over the world; right now. Civil wars are actively being fought in Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia, and Myanmar. Haiti is buckling under gang violence and weak governmental control. Armenia is under threat by Azerbaijan and Turkey. Russia is still invading Ukraine. Why is Israel the only place in the world that so many feel the need to speak on?

Please vote no. This is not a matter of consequential concern to our city. It is also not in our city's interest to be discordant, inflammatory, insensitive, and reductive, in pursuit of sending a misguided message to a brash, misinformed, and willfully ignorant minority of your constituents.

I also recommend that you all review the open letter submitted by Matthew Garland of Congregation Beth Israel. It is incredibly compelling and worthy of your attention.

Thank you,

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