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Subject: Support for Malden City Council Ceasefire Resolution 271-24
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Dear City Councilors and Mayor Gary 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.

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,

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Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.~Talmud~
What you are is what you have been. What you'll be is what you do now.~Buddha~
Reconsider your definitions. We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our

automobiles

rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to mankind.

~Martin Luther King Jr~

To live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory.

~Howard Zinn~

When man invented the bicycle, he reached the peak of his attainments. Here was a machine of precision and balance for the convenience of man. And (unlike subsequent inventions for man's convenience) the more he used it, the fitter his body became. Here, for once, was a product of man's brain that was entirely beneficial to those who used it, and of no harm or irritation to others. Progress should have stopped when man invented the bicycle.

~Elizabeth West~

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