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Hello,

I'm writing to submit my public comment in favor of the original wording of Resolution 271-24, a genuine ceasefire resolution:

Resolve: Whereas, all life is precious, the Malden City Council calls on Massachusetts State and Federal elected leaders and residents alike to protect life, especially our babies and children, stand against violence, and advocate for the safety, dignity, freedom and collective humanity of all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or nationality.

Whereas, Malden is home to a diverse community, we denounce Islamophobia and Antisemitism, and we are committed to fostering an environment in which people from all faith backgrounds are celebrated and respected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Malden City Council calls for a ceasefire in Israel and Palestine, the freeing of all hostages from Hamas and the freeing of all the administrative detainees held by Israel, lifting all barriers to the provision of humanitarian assistance at scale to meet the full needs of the population of Gaza, and begin a collective undertaking of repair of damage impacting all regions and the advancement of safety and dignity for all Israelis and Palestinians.

If you insist on moving forward with the current version, I want the reference to Biden's deal removed because it's not a permanent ceasefire, nor is it binding for Israel to adhere to it (same goes for the UNSC one because Israel is ignoring and subverting **ALL** international laws as they commit an illegal genocide). Furthermore, Biden was brokering this deal at the same time as allowing the multi-million dollar US "humanitarian aid" pier off of Gaza to be used for a massacre of almost **300 Palestinian civilians and children** in order to free 4 Israeli hostages that could've been freed months ago if Israel had agreed to any of the previous ceasefire or hostage exchange offers accepted by Hamas. There is documentation that the Israeli government turned down an offer from Hamas to release all hostages in October 2023 because this is about committing genocide, not freeing the Israeli hostages.

Biden is not sincere in his desire to save Palestinian lives, nor is he sincere in his efforts to broker a lasting ceasefire - he simply wants to save face and save votes in the upcoming presidential election with people who don't look closely at the details of his proposal. Mention of him and his offer should be removed.

Also, any mention of "Anti-Israel" or "Anti-Israeli" should NOT be included from previous versions proposed, as it is a constitutional right to criticize a government, and including that particular language would infringe on our right to free speech. It's meant to conflate anti-zionism with anti-semitism by erroneously equating Israel (the occupying government) with Judaism (a religion) in order to silence and criminalize voices for Palestinian liberation.

The current resolution is disturbingly diluted as it does not even say that the City of Malden calls for immediate and lasting ceasefire, nor does it address the release of all hostages and

administrative detainees, or humanitarian aid for Palestinians. The original resolution was carefully crafted to be bilateral and "non-inflammatory" and you've taken away its power and clarity with these changes to appease a handful of Zionist residents who are only interested in the continuation of Israel's 76-year-long violent and illegal occupation of Palestine.

Our residents, especially our Palestinian and non-Zionist Jewish residents, need to know that the City of Malden demands a ceasefire to save innocent lives NOW.

Note that a vote to table the resolution rather than get it right and vote on it on June 25th is a vote against ceasefire in the eyes of your constituents. This is the very LEAST you can do as our local elected representatives.

Do Better,

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