

**Fwd: The city of Malden should not be involved with a cease-fire resolution.**

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I wanted to make sure you got a copy.

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Dear Council People of Malden and Mayor,

Why are we even concerned with voting for a cease-fire resolution in another country? A cease-fire resolution is currently in the UN, and it is awaiting Hamas's approval. Our vote here in Malden will have no impact, be disruptive, and cause more friction among our citizens and political leaders. This is a no-win situation. This should die in committee.

For many of you, this is a new, very complex issue you are being thrown into for the first time. You are being asked to go back and learn the history of a region quickly, and two completely different stories are being told to you. Great statesmen with knowledge of the players have tried to solve this problem for decades. Always getting so close and then being rejected at the last moment by the Palestinians.

I wish we did have a solution; I am tired of hearing how my family in Israel is under constant attack from Hamas and Hezbollah. How cousins are living in a hotel because their homes are under constant rocket attacks in the North. I am sure the other side is tired as well. I want all of the people to live in peace and prosperity. Israel is not the aggressor and does have the right to defend herself.

For the progressives on the council who were recently threatened that you aren't being progressive enough, well, you are being played by Hamas, who understands progressives like underdogs. Hamas has fought the war it created to make themselves look like the innocent when, in reality, they are the aggressor. They are the ones to blame for deaths on the Palestinian side. They started the war and could have prevented civilian deaths, but in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, their leader said this is exactly like what they wanted to happen. <https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/gaza-chiefs-brutal-calculation-civilian-bloodshed-will-help-hamas-626720e7>. You don't have to vote for this resolution to show your progressive street creds.

Thank you for listening to all sides of this. Remember that here in the Malden, we can express our opposing views. In Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, you can express opposing views and hold your leaders responsible. In Gaza, opposing ideas are cause for death.

Please vote that this resolution has no business before Malden City Council. Please let it die in committee.

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