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Subject: Vote "NO" on the Ceasefire Resolution **Date:** Friday, May 31, 2024 5:01:17 PM

Dear honorable members of the Malden City Council,

I ask you in the strongest terms to vote "NO" on this, or any other, ceasefire resolution in the Israel-Hamas war. There is no moral equivalence between a democratic nation whose stated goal is the protection of its civilians and a terrorist organization whose stated goal is the elimination of Jews worldwide. The river to the sea removes Israel from the map. That is genocide.

Asking for a ceasefire that leaves Hamas in power, after they have promised to repeat the October 7 massacre many times over, only accomplishes one thing: it tells Jews that their lives don't matter. If the hostages were returned, the war would stop.

The Palestinian casualties and all civilian causualties are a tragedy, and we want this war to end immediately. That can only happen with the immediate release of our hostages and total surrender of Hamas. Many people falsely cry "genocide" and "war crimes", as if they are unfamiliar with the horrors of war, and what those words really mean.

Please, don't give in to the propaganda and the hate. Stand with Israel, America's ally, against the terrorist organization Hamas, and refuse to be part of the movement that de-legitimizes a nation's right to self defense and rewards agents of terror. Vote NO on this, and all, ceasefire resolutions.

Thank you

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