

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 12, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: Council Subcommittee of Mayor Will Arnold and Councilmember Gloria Partida

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution Calling for Peace in Israel and Gaza

Recommendation

Approve attached resolution.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to this action.

Council Goal(s)

Ensure a Safe, Healthy, Equitable Community

Commission Input

The Council appointed a subcommittee to bring this forward directly.

Background

At the City Council meeting of December 5, 2023, the City Council appointed a subcommittee of Mayor Will Arnold and Councilmember Gloria Partida to draft a proposed resolution addressing the current conflict in Israel and Gaza. The proposed resolution is attached.

Attachments

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-XXX, SERIES 2023

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

WHEREAS, the Davis City Council hears and feels deeply the pain of its community caused by the violence in Israel and Gaza; and

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the City of Davis has a long and proud history of standing on the side of peace, and affirming our commitment to speak against injustice; and

WHEREAS, violence has already claimed the lives of too many Israelis and Palestinians, and wounded too many more; and

WHEREAS, millions of lives are at risk if violence continues, peace is not achieved and basic human needs are not made available; and

WHEREAS, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Agency for International Development and many others have made a call to end the violence and prevent the further loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis condemns the rise of Antisemitic, Islamophobic, Anti-Arab and other racist and xenophobic attacks in our community, our region and throughout our world; and

WHEREAS, the government of the United States holds immense power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis does hereby support:

- (1) an immediate end to all acts of terrorism and violence against civilians,
- (2) release of all hostages,
- (3) unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance, and restoration of food, water, electricity and medical supplies,
- (4) mutual respect for international law,
- (5) and calls for a reinvigorated effort that seeks a permanent, just solution to the conflict and lasting peace in the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the offices of Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, State Senator Bill Dodd, Governor Gavin Newsom, Representative Mike Thompson, Senator Laphonza Butler, Senator Alex Padilla, President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end the violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis on this 12th day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

Will Arnold
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk