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Dear Alderpeople,

I am commenting on Issue 80408, Version 1: Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza. As a student of UW-Madison who has lived here for several years, I have had a chance to become more educated on the decades-long suffering of people in Palestine through events hosted by Students for Justice in Palestine, a registered student organization at UW-Madison. Most recently I attended a panel discussion during which students talked about their struggles on campus as Palestinians and the discrimination they and their families have faced in the past and face now due to the current conflict. In addition, since coming to Madison in 2019, I have seen the presence Palestinian culture here and support for the well-being of people living in Palestine through public events and markets. Many people in Madison care and have for a long time.

Students at UW-Madison, other residents of Madison, and people in Palestine and Israel alike are suffering. This is an issue for which that a resolution from the American federal government would have great influence. I appreciate that the City of Madison is following suit with other cities that are passing similar resolutions. I am grateful that such issues are being addressed by local councils. I support sending the resolution to representatives mentioned in state and federal governments.

Sincerely,
Colleen Williams
Voter in District 5 in the City of Madison