

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Amal <anaisninarumi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:20 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire resolution

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Dear Alders,

Please support the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. War and injustice will never bring peace to anyone. Please invest in people and peace and not war and weapons. Please support the resolution for the sake of children.

Kindly,
Amal

Matthias, Isaac L

From: HANNAH ANDERSON <hannah_anderson@fitnyc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 1:29 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please Support the Resolution for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello,

I am writing to my alderperson, Marsha Rummel, to support the most recent resolution introduced to the Madison Common Council for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

When one community around the world experiences suffering, we all suffer. I know I'm not alone in the grief and sadness I feel for the lives lost in Gaza.

We need to take action where we can, and supporting this resolution is an important action to take.

Thank you,

Hannah

Matthias, Isaac L

From: HANNAH ANDERSON <hannah_anderson@fitnyc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 1:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Re: Please Support the Resolution for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello,

Per my below email, it has recently come to my attention that Marsha Rummel has signed the resolution.

THANK YOU, Marsha!

I urge the rest of the council to please support the resolution.

Thank you very much for listening and acting,

Hannah

> On Nov 29, 2023, at 1:29 PM, HANNAH ANDERSON <hannah_anderson@fitnyc.edu> wrote:

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Matthias, Isaac L

From: LAUREN BERN <lbern@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:38 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Stop killing Palestinian children.

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Stop killing. Stop all killing.
Stop the genocidal madman Netanyahu.
Please vote in support of the resolution in favor of ceasefire in Gaza. Please sign on as sponsors of #80848.

Thank you.
lauren
lauren bern 423 Sidney street
Madison 53703-1723

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Allison Bell Bern <abellbern@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: #CeaseFireNow

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Dear Alders,

Please support the proposed resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Madison has a solid track record of passing resolutions that have zero impact on how the city or its residents do business. Many of them seem almost meaningless, passed only to appear to be doing something progressive, a symbol at best: recognizing Indigenous People's right to exist, that Black Lives do, in fact, matter, etc, while turning around and voting to increase the police budget. Here is an opportunity to do something very low stakes for the city, again, but with a potentially powerful impact elsewhere.

Please take this opportunity to push the federal government to stop supporting the genocide of Palestinian children and citizens, and let this be one step towards revoking US support for the Israeli apartheid state.

Thank you for considering,

Allison Bell Bern
2142 E Mifflin St.
Madison, WI
53704

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Ben Bell Bern <benbellbern@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:29 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support resolution 80848

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How many people have to die? Demand a ceasefire in Gaza; support resolution 80848.

Ben Bell Bern
2421 E Dayton St
Madison, WI 53704

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Esty Dinur <eedinur99@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza resolution

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Dear alders,

I am writing as an Israeli-American and a long-time Madisonian to ask you to support the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza which has been introduced into the Madison Common Council and is scheduled to be voted on next Tuesday Dec. 5.

A ceasefire will end the indiscriminate killing of innocent civilians, 15,000 of whom are known to have died so far (though more are likely to die as a result of the devastation caused by the bombings). Babies, children, women, the elderly and other innocents have been victims of this genocidal campaign, which has very little to do with eliminating Hamas. Ironically, it also makes Israel and Jews everywhere less safe as we can see from the steep rise in antisemitic attacks.

I call on you to vote for this resolution and join many other cities which have already passed similar resolutions. Doing so will add to the pressure on President Biden to force Israel onto the negotiating table and away from causing many more victims who had nothing to do with Hamas' brutal attack on Israelis.

I am looking forward to this resolution passing on 12/5.

Thank you,

Esty Dinur
...for, truly, I am not a website and my name is not Etsy.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Hannah Eldridge <hveldrid@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:55 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Gaza ceasefire resolution

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to the Common Council, as a constituent of Alder Vidaver, in support of this important resolution. I also want to thank Alders Nasra Wehelie, Marsha A. Rummel, Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Amani Latimer Burris, Isadore Knox Jr., Charles Myadze, Michael E. Verveer, John W. Duncan, MGR Govindarajan, and Juliana R. Bennett for co-sponsoring the resolution.

I realize that Israelis and Palestinians, Muslims and Jews in Madison and beyond are in pain and fear, and that both are heightened by violent acts of islamophobia and antisemitism in our community. This is yet more reason to join Jewish and Muslim activists, community members and groups in Madison and beyond, including the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project, Madison Jewish Voice for Peace, Palestine Partners, Madison Playgrounds for Palestine, UW-Madison Students for Justice in Palestine, Veterans For Peace, If Not Now, the Madison Chapter of World Beyond War, UNA USA Dane County Chapter, Peace Action Wisconsin, Catholics for Peace and Justice, and Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice, in calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Israel's response to Hamas has killed more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza, more than two-thirds of them women and children, according to data from Gaza's Health Ministry. (The Guardian, 11/28/23) The Health Ministry has listed casualties by name, age, and ID number.

(Mondoweiss, 10/30/23) The UN says the Ministry's casualty reports have been reliable in the past. (Vox, 11/1/23) And the numbers do not include bodies not yet found under the rubble.

The Gaza Strip is twice the size of the City of Madison, but its pre-war population of 2 million was 8 times Madison's. "The rate of civilian deaths in Gaza during the Israel-Hamas war is outpacing those of other conflict zones in the 21st century." (Axios, 11/27/23) We must join the world in calling for Israel and Hamas to stop slaughtering innocent civilians.

Hannah V. Eldridge
2626 Park Place, Madison WI 53705

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Susan Freiss <freissSusan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 5:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear friends,

I am a semi-retired teacher, long time social justice advocate and activist with Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and World Beyond War. I'm writing to ask that **every** Madison City Alder support the [upcoming resolution](#) **calling for a ceasefire in Gaza** that will come before the Council on Tuesday 12/5. The first line says it, "*all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their religion or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law.*" **The city of Madison can and must be on the right side of history.**

I live at 2079 Winnebago St and have for 29 years. My appreciation goes to Alder Marsha Rummel for announcing her support for this resolution! Please join her, if you have not already done so.

With best regards,

Susan Freiss



Be willing to be surprised!

Susan Freiss

608-609-7961

[Jane Addams Peace Association](#)

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Kay Galuska <kaygaluska@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 2:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire

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Dear Alders,

Please support the proposed resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Madison has a solid track record of passing resolutions that have zero impact on how the city or its residents do business. Many of them seem almost meaningless, passed only to appear to be doing something progressive, a symbol at best: recognizing Indigenous People's right to exist, that Black Lives do, in fact, matter, etc, while turning around and voting to increase the police budget. Here is an opportunity to do something very low stakes for the city, again, but with a potentially powerful impact elsewhere.

Please take this opportunity to push the federal government to stop supporting the genocide of Palestinian children and citizens, and let this be one step towards revoking US support for the Israeli apartheid state.

Thank you for considering,

Kay Galuska
2142 East Mifflin St.
Madison, WI 53704

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Aedan Gardill <agardill56@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:14 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Madison Call for Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello Madison Alders,

My name is Aedan and I am writing about the upcoming resolution being presented at the Madison Common Council on Dec 5, which calls for Madison to officially call for a **ceasefire** in Gaza. I am in full support of this resolution, as many other Madisonians are too.

The pressure from communities and organizations from around the world has been the driving factor that pressured Israel (and, in turn, the US federal government to put pressure on Israel) into accepting a 4 day pause. The Palestinians need the world to continue to put pressure on Israel (and by extension, the federal US government) to end the siege on Gaza. The city of Madison can add its voice to this call! It is the least we can do for the people of Gaza and greater Palestine.

Aedan Gardill
1110 Chapel Hill Rd
Madison, WI 53711

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Debbie Griffin <griffind19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 8:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Gaza Ceasefire

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Hello and thank you to those who have sponsored and already signed on to supporting a ceasefire in Gaza. I am horrified by the violence perpetrated both by Hamas and the Israeli government and feel sadness for the civilian families on both sides. I do not approve of the US providing any financial or military aid to any parties involved in a historic, religious based land war. Our tax dollars and commitments are desperately needed here. I am asking that all alders, including my alder, Latimar Burris of District 12, sign on to the ceasefire demand.

Thank you,

Debbie Griffin

Sent from my iPhone

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jakob Heinemann <jakobheinemannmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:53 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Gaza Ceasefire Resolution

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Hello,

I am a constituent of Marsha Rummel in Madison's 6th district. I am writing to the Common Council to urge that you pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

As a lifelong Madisonian, I have always been proud of the progressive, collectivist politics of our city. I believe our community leads the rest of the state forward in terms of policy and ethics, and this resolution represents another opportunity to do so.

At the time of this writing, the violence in Gaza has taken the lives of over 11,000 Palestinians, almost half children, and 1,400 Israelis. I believe both sides are guilty of war crimes. Israel has used cruel and illegal [white phosphorus bombs](#), [assassinated journalists](#) who were clearly marked, placed hospitals under siege, including killing three babies due to [deliberate power cut off by the IDF](#), and displaced [almost 2 million people](#). All of the sources I have linked to are neutral news outlets such as ABC, or international humanitarian organizations, such as the OHCA. As I'm sure you know, we could go on regarding these atrocities.

I am a Jewish Madisonian and the grandson of a holocaust survivor. As Jews, we have seen scores of genocides and pogroms in our thousands of years in existence as a people, which I believe gives us a certain responsibility to speak out against these crimes whenever we see them being committed. *Never again* goes for all peoples all over the world.

I commend my alder, Marsha Rummel for signing on to this resolution, and I strongly urge the Common Council to pass it.

Best,
Jakob

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Jakob Heinemann
Bassist, Composer, and Educator
jakobheinemann.com

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Norm Littlejohn <norm.littlejohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 1:43 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support the resolution calling for a cease-fire.

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Hello, Alders, and especially Alder Knox of District 14 -- I'm writing in support of the resolution to call for a cease-fire in Gaza and the West Bank. Far too many people have already died, at least 40% of them children. This must end, and our nation and our tax dollars must not support still more of this humanitarian catastrophe.

Please vote in favor of this resolution. Thank you.
Norm Littlejohn, 2209 Cypress Way #16, Madison 53713
District 14

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Elizabeth Luse <ebieluse@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:56 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support resolution #80848

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Dear alders,

Please support resolution #80848 to help bring an end to the unimaginable suffering in Gaza.

This is your opportunity. Please do not stand in your righteousness to “stand with Israel” no matter what and let this pass you by. Too many children have lost their lives and too many families have been torn apart.

Thank you for considering,
Elizabeth Luse

Elizabeth Luse
2421 E Dayton St
Madison, WI 53704

Sent from my iPhone

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Malcolm McCanles <malcolmmccanles@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 10:47 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: SUPPORT FOR CEASEFIRE

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Hello,

My name is Malcolm McCanles and I am a student and resident of Madison. I am writing you all today to indicate my support for the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza that will be making its way to the common council on 12/5.

It is absolutely necessary that you approve this resolution. Thousand of children have been killed and will continue to die unless a ceasefire is passed.

This is the least YOU can do for your constituents to guarantee that you respect the lives being taken and are committed to ending violence everywhere.

I will be expecting a comment on this issue, I hope you can make that happen.

Thank you.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Maureen McDonnell <mowisdom@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please sign on to ceasefire in Gaza

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Thanks to the eleven of you who have signed on to support this resolution. I hope my own alder will do that soon and many more with him to bolster some semblance of stopping the killing in Gaza. It seems so small but it's at least something we can do.

Please let me know if/when you have signed on.

Thanks ...

Sr. Maureen McDonnell

Sent from my iPhone

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Amy Miller <ajmille2@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Gaza

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I write to ask that you support a ceasefire in Gaza. Too many children and other innocents have died at the hands of the Israeli military and at the hands of Hamas. This conflict is taking an emotional toll on people around the world, and it must stop.

In peace,
Amy Miller
1507 Rutledge St.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Pamela Minden <pbminden@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 10:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution: Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza

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Alder Vidaver,

I ask that you co-sponsor the resolution, *Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza*, currently before the Common Council. While the war between Israel and Gaza may seem far away, the arrival of F-35 fighter jets in Madison provides regular reminders of the tenacity of the myth that violence can ever be redemptive. War begets only war, and with our beloved city now a military target, it behooves us to heed the words of UN Secretary General, António Guterres, *"To silence the guns, we must raise the voices for peace."*

I would greatly appreciate your response, and I hope that at a minimum I can count on your vote in favor of the resolution.

With regard and prayers for peace,
Pamela Minden

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Durrell or Stephanie Ramer <ramerfour@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:29 PM
To: Harrington-McKinney, Barbara; All Alders
Subject: Resolution for a Ceasefire in Gaza

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I want to express thanks to Alder Barbara Harrington-McKinney for co-sponsoring the City Council resolution for a Ceasefire in Gaza.

I am in full support of the resolution because I believe what is happening in Palestine is unprecedented and tragic. As a Mennonite, a member of one of the historic peace churches, I must speak up for peace. Your voting to support this resolution is the least you can do to save lives and end the catastrophic destruction of Gaza.

Kind regards,
Stephanie Ramer.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Lucas Sawyer-Johnson <johnson.sawy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Latimer Burris, Amani
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Thank you for sponsoring ceasefire resolution

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Dear Alder Burris,

My name is Lucas, and I live in District 12 in Madison. I'm writing to thank you for sponsoring the Common Council resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Israel's war on Palestine.

I've been horrified to watch the ongoing genocide and hear from Palestinian-American loved ones about all of their friends and family who have died in Gaza. It is meaningful to me to know that my local alder participates in truth-telling: that what is going on is a genocide, and that we need a permanent ceasefire to prevent the loss of further precious lives.

Lucas

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Leslie Schroeder <leslie.c.schroeder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:32 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Sponsor and support resolution calling for ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alders,

Please support this resolution Legistar File #80848 calling for ceasefire in Gaza

Thank you to those of you already sponsoring this hopeful gesture for an excruciatingly awful situation.

always,
Leslie Schroeder
854 Jenifer
Madison

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jaidaa.S <jaidaa.s@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 11:47 PM
To: All Alders; Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina
Subject: Urgent: Seeking Your Attention on Recent Events

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Dear Alder Martinez-Rutherford and Madison Alders,

I am writing to bring to your attention the distressing events that unfolded on October 7th, which have left a profound impact on our collective consciousness. No reasonable individual condones Hamas's actions on that day. However, the subsequent response from Israel, regrettably, surpasses the bounds of reason and appears to take the form of collective punishment. This approach, I fear, may not contribute to the enhanced security of either the Middle East or the U.S.

In the aftermath, we are witnessing a staggering human toll, with over 15,000 innocent lives lost and the cycle of violence persists. The consequences are stark, as 75% of Gaza's population now grapples with displacement, compounded by the devastating impact on crucial healthcare infrastructure. As we confront this dire reality, survivors are faced with acute shortages of fundamental resources, a situation further exacerbated by the impending challenges of winter.

In this critical moment of shared humanity, let us contemplate the gravity of the situation and consider avenues for compassionate and effective solutions. I kindly request your attention and support in passing a ceasefire resolution for the city of Madison. By doing so, we can demonstrate our commitment to peace and humanity, fostering an environment that aligns with our shared values.

Your attention and consideration on this matter are greatly appreciated, as we seek a path forward that upholds our shared values of humanity and justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Jaidaa Shafaei

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jaidaa.S <jaidaa.s@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 11:57 PM
To: All Alders; Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina
Subject: Urgent: Support for Ceasefire Resolution on December 5th

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Hello,

My name is Jaidaa Shafaei, a concerned resident of Madison, and I am writing to express my strong support for the ceasefire resolution drafted by Council Member Nasra Wehelie, which is scheduled for a vote on December 5th at 6:45 pm.

In times of crisis, it is heartening to see leaders like Council Member Wehelie take a stand for peace and humanity. I believe that supporting this resolution is not just a local issue but a step towards a collective voice from cities across the nation urging an end to the violence in Gaza.

I kindly urge you to vote in favor of this resolution, as it not only reflects our city's commitment to humanitarian values but also has the potential to influence national policy. By endorsing this resolution, Madison can contribute to a growing chorus of cities advocating for a ceasefire and a focus on the well-being of the people in Gaza.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jaidaa Shafaei

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Annali Smucker-Bryan <annalirs@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 1:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: resolution for ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello Alders, I am writing to support the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. It has been heartbreaking to see so many civilians and children killed in this war. I hope and pray for a permanent ceasefire and an end to the occupation and a solution where all people have equal rights and safety. Thank you to all who have already signed onto it.

Annali Smucker-Bryan
Northside resident

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Abby Frank Taylor <abby.franktaylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:24 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support a Resolution for a Permanent Ceasefire

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Dear Alders,

I am writing today to ask you to support the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza that is scheduled for a vote on Tuesday, December 5. This is the least we can do as a city to support the loss of thousands of innocent Palestinian lives. It is important that we collectively make it known that we do not condone these war crimes and we must stand for an immediate stop to the violence.

Thank you,
Abby Frank Taylor, District 6
1924 Atwood Ave
Madison, 53704

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Abby Frank Taylor
Pronouns: she/her/hers

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Ava Thompson <avathompson717@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 1:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for a Resolution for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello,

My name is Ava Thompson, and I'm a constituent from Madison. I live in district 12 and I work in district 18. I am writing in support of the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza that will be voted on by the Common Council on Tuesday 12/5. I believe supporting and passing this resolution is the least the Madison community can do to save lives and end the catastrophic destruction of Gaza. This issue is important to me because I believe in the liberation of oppressed peoples across the globe and solidarity is the first step in the process.

I would love a reply to this message if you have the capacity,

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ava

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Allie Tobis <allietobis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 6:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Ceasefire In Gaza

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Hello,

My name is Allie Tobis and I live in Madison zip 53703, specifically in District 6. I am writing to support the resolution to call for a permanent and complete ceasefire in Gaza. It is clear that civilians are being targeted mercilessly and must stop as it certainly resembles genocide. The Biden administration must reverse course on its unconditional support for Israel. Palestine's sovereignty has been violated over and over again in the last 80 years, they are entitled to self determination of government of which Israel should have no part. Alder Rummel, I would like to hear back from you regarding your stance and reasoning for it.

Thank you for your time,

Allie Tobis

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Phil Trachtenberg <philtrachtenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 8:58 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Hello,

Yesterday I watched a video on TikTok about decomposing premature dead babies in a hospital in Gaza. It still needs to be independently verified, but we are talking about horrors beyond human imagination. The ceasefire resolution MUST be passed. It has been almost two months. You cannot go wrong being on the side of human life. Ceasefire just means stop firing all weapons. No more "ceasefire if A, B, and C are achieved". Ceasefire right now. We have the power in this country to save human life by signing a simple resolution. Please do it.

Also, I am Jewish. This is incredibly personal to me in a lot of ways, and the conflation of anti-Semitism with Anti-Israel is the most dangerous rhetoric I've heard in my lifetime.

Phil

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Kevin E. Walsh <kevinewalsh@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:35 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Gaza Ceasefire Resolution

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madison.legistar.com



I am writing to the Common Council, as a constituent of Alder Tishler and past constituent of Alder Figueroa Cole, in support of this important resolution.

Israel's response to Hamas has killed more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza, more than two-thirds of them women and children, according to data from Gaza's Health Ministry. ([The Guardian](#), 11/28/23) The Health Ministry has listed casualties by name, age, and ID number. ([Mondoweiss](#), 10/30/23) The UN says the Ministry's casualty reports have been reliable in the past. ([Vox](#), 11/1/23) And the numbers do not include bodies not yet found under the rubble.

This is what Gaza looks like:

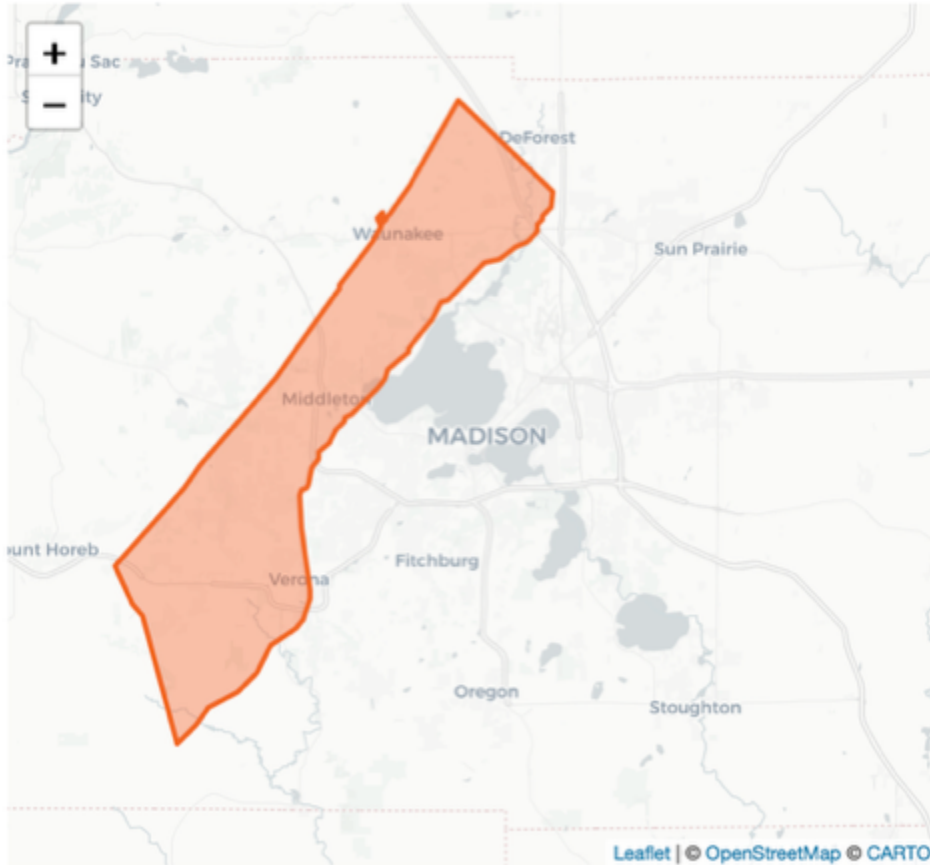


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkiZoUmOVtE>

The Gaza Strip is *twice* the size of the City of Madison, but its pre-war population of 2 million was *8 times* Madison's.

The Gaza Strip is 139 square miles.

That's 2.0 times the size of Madison's 68 land square miles.



The very large weapons used by Israel on Gaza, with a population density similar to London or Tel Aviv, has been described as astonishing:

"It's beyond anything that I've seen in my career," said Marc Garlasco, a military adviser for the Dutch organization PAX and a former senior intelligence analyst at the Pentagon. To find a historical comparison for so many large bombs in such a small area, he said, we may "have to go back to Vietnam, or the Second World War." ([New York Times](#), 11/25/23)

"The rate of civilian deaths in Gaza during the Israel-Hamas war is outpacing those of other conflict zones in the 21st century." ([Axios](#), 11/27/23)

Local organizations that have spoken out against this bloodshed include the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project, Madison Jewish Voice for Peace, Palestine Partners, Madison Playgrounds for Palestine, UW-Madison Students for Justice in Palestine, Veterans For Peace, If Not Now, the Madison Chapter of World Beyond War, UNA USA Dane County Chapter, Peace Action Wisconsin, Catholics for Peace and Justice, and Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice.

We must join the world in calling for Israel and Hamas to stop slaughtering innocent civilians.

Kevin E. Walsh
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Madison, WI 53711
608-609-7093

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Isa Whitten <iwhitten@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:25 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Permanent Ceasefire Resolution

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Alder Bennett,

I am a resident of your district, and I fully support the action of Madison adding its strong and powerful voice to the chorus of people around the world calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. The temporary ceasefire right now seems like a perfectly timed joke - perfectly timed to align with Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which are big sales events that large corporations could not possibly afford to lose out on because people are “distracted” by Israel and Palestine. Well, no one is laughing. There is a genocide happening, and it needs to stop. Not for Black Friday, not for Cyber Monday, but for the humanity of Palestinians. Madison expressing support for a ceasefire in Gaza can only help, and it is the least we can do. I am already so proud to be a resident of Madison, but this would make me even more proud.

Thank you,
Isa Whitten

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Steve <sizahn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 9:48 PM
To: All Alders; Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina
Subject: Please add your voice to the call for the cease fire. Please pass the resolution on Dec. 5

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Dear Alder Martinez-Rutherford, dear Madison Alders,

What happened on October 7th was atrocious. No sane person supports what Hamad did on that day.

Israel's response though was beyond the pale. It amounts to collective punishment and will not make Israel nor America safer. Instead, more than 15,000 innocent civilians have been killed and the violence shows no signs of abating. 75% of Gaza has been displaced. Almost all Hospitals are destroyed. Survivors lack food, water and shelter and Winter is approaching.

Please join me in calling for a cease fire so that the civilians in Gaza can heal.

Sincerely,
Steve Zahn
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Madison, WI 53704

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Laurie Zimmerman <rabbi@shamayim.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:45 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: ceasefire resolution

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Dear Alders of the Madison Common Council,
I am writing to let you know my strong support for the ceasefire resolution. I am a rabbi in Madison and have worked for peace between Israelis and Palestinians for the last 25 years. This is an issue close to my heart: Judaism is clear that preserving life is the most important thing we can do.

As I grieve the loss of Israeli life, I hold dear the lives of the 2.2 million Palestinians who are in desperate need of a permanent ceasefire and humanitarian aid.

One of my rabbinical organizations explains: “Ceasefire means no more bombing. Ceasefire means no ground war. Ceasefire means all Israeli hostages must be released now. Ceasefire means immediate engagement by the international community toward a just and lasting peace in Israel-Palestine. Ceasefire is the only way to prevent more death and destruction.”

I understand the reluctance of many on the Common Council to take sides in the war between Israel and Hamas. However, by voting for ceasefire you are not taking sides. You are simply stating that the fighting must stop and that there must be negotiation and humanitarian aid. As winter approaches, a humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in Gaza. Thousands of children, as well as adults, are dying. As you can see in [the media](#), a huge number of American Jews, as well as Christians and Muslims, are calling for an end to the bloodshed. Please join with us. This is an American issue. You can use your power to make a difference.

Sincerely,
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