Matthias, Isaac L

From: Tanima Abedin <tanima.karap@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:45 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Common Council Agenda 12/5

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Hello-

I am writing to urge the council to vote for the resolution that supports a ceasefire in Gaza. Too long have our tax dollars been spent on foreign wars. This money can be better spent here, supporting people of our country succeed. Israel has violated 28 UN resolutions, which is not what our tax dollars should be supporting. Innocent people should not be pawns in a political game.

Please listen to the community. 68% of the public according to a Reuters poll as of 11/15 believe that there should be a ceasefire.

Sincerely-
Tanima Abedin of the Dudgeon Monroe neighborhood

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Masood Akhtar <MAkhtar@cleantechpartners.org>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 4:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In support of ceasefire resolution

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To: All Madison Common Council members & Mayor

From: Masood Akhtar, President & Founder, We Are Many - United Against Hate (WAM-UAH) Movement

Subject: In support of ceasefire resolution

I proudly call Madison my home. I have been living here for nearly 40 years. I am an entrepreneur and anti-hate activist. To build unity in classrooms and communities, I founded the WAM-UAH Movement in 2016. Many students here and abroad have started chapters of this Movement and thus it has become an international Movement in a relatively short period of time. Because of its positive impact on communities, particularly our youth, I have received many local, state and national awards, including a recent "Uniter's Award" from President Joe Biden at the White House

Palestinians are treated, at best, third class citizens and non-humans in the nation of their birth. After 50 years, Gazans, if asked, will speak of the sense of being strangers in their own land and feeling that not only a single part of it is theirs. During the first nine months of 2023, more Palestinians in the West Bank have been killed than in any year since 2005. After October 7, 2023, more than 15,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children have been killed. This killing of innocent people must stop, and it must stop now.

That is why I am strongly urging every single common council member and the Mayor to please support the ceasefire resolution (#80848) and show that like any other human being, Muslim Life also matters. This permanent and unconditional ceasefire is critical for the delivery of urgently needed relief items, such as food, drinking water, and medicines, throughout the enclave and to evacuate those seriously wounded. Thanks for your consideration.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Wajiha Akhtar-Khaleel <wajihaha@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 10:27 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Common Council,

I am writing to the Common Council, as a constituent of Alder Cole in support of the Gaza Ceasefire resolution that the Common Council will vote on this Tuesday, December 5.

The Israeli government's response to Hamas's October 7 attack, in which Hamas killed 1,200 people and kidnapped more than 200 people, has been to kill more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza. Over 10,000 of those killed in Gaza were women and children. Sadly, this number is certain to go up regardless of a ceasefire because it does not include bodies not yet found under the rubble. Without a ceasefire, with 2.3 million Palestinians crowded into southern Gaza and with nowhere else to go, the number of civilian deaths is certain to become much higher.

Your local Palestinian, Arab, Muslim, and many others in your communities have been devastated by the number of bombs dropped on and the number of people killed in Gaza. The people in Gaza are being subjected to collective punishment, which is a violation of international law and norms. The people being killed include family members, friends, and others close to members of our community. More pointedly, Arabs, Palestinians , and Muslims are being thoroughly dehumanized throughout this process by their treatment and the words of several high level and right-wing Israeli government officials and right-wing members of the U.S. Congress who have blamed every Gazan for Hamas' attack and called for Gaza to be turned into a parking lot. This awful, inflammatory rhetoric has led to a huge spike in hateful language and even hate crimes right here in Madison, most of which is going unreported because of continued fear within our community. We have been dealing with unrelenting hate directed towards us since 9/11, and it has gotten much worse over the last several weeks. By failing to pass this resolution, which simply calls for an end to the deaths of innocent civilians, you will be perpetuating anti-Arab hate, anti-Muslim hate, and Islamophobia.

We ask that you do the right thing and stand with cities across the country like Detroit, Oakland, and Seattle, as well as 49 members of Congress, including our very own Mark Pocan, and pass this resolution calling for a ceasefire. In doing so, you will also be standing with ⅔ of Americans and over 75% of Democrats. Supporting a ceasefire also means that you stand against anti-Arab and anti-Muslim hate. It further confirms you believe in security for all Palestinians and Israelis, because common sense and history show us that peace and security will not be gained through additional killing of innocent civilians.

Best,
Wajiha

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Mouna Algahaithi
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:56 PM
To: All Alders; Slack, Kristen
Subject: Calling for a Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alder Slack and fellow Alders,

I am a consistent in District 19. I am writing to urge you and your fellow alders to vote in favor of the ceasefire resolution. Do not let fear deter to you from justice. We are encouraged as American citizens to be critical, which includes being critical of our own government at times. Why would it be wrong to criticize another government? What Israel is doing is wrong. Genocide scholars around the world are calling it for what it is: ethnic cleansing, settler colonialism, intentional genocide. Do not allow the threats and weaponization of language to deter you for standing for the right thing to do, to stand on the side of Justice.

A ceasefire is the first on the list of things we must do to end the occupation in Palestine. Our tax dollars currently fund an apartheid state. This isn't a subjective statement. Humans rights groups have been calling our attention to this for years, but we have the privilege of turning a blind eye. This recent escalation, which has killed THOUSANDS of primarily children (average age is FIVE) and women, is demanding our attention and our action. This doesn't mean violence towards the Jews who have settled there. This doesn't equate to antisemitism and anyone saying it does is misinformed. An example of this can be found by the great organization, Jewish Voice for Peace: https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/resource/zionism/. Antizionism doesn't equate to antisemitism. A ceasefire benefits both sides.

Please be on the side of justice and humanity and vote for a ceasefire resolution immediately.

Thank you,
Mouna Algahaithi
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Madison, WI 53711

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Ashley Hartman Annis <ashley.hartman.annis@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 1:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for the resolution for a ceasefire

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Hello Madison Alders,

I'm writing to thank Alder Latimer for supporting the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. This is the least we can do to save lives and to end the destruction of Gaza and the people who live there.

Please send a reply that this email was received.

Warmly,
Ashley Annis
2570 Hoard Street

Ashley Hartman Annis (they / she), TRE provider, Full Spectrum Doula, SEP in training
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Set up a free consult call with me here!

Matthias, Isaac L

From: `~Arshi~` <arshimkhan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 10:24 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire

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Hello
Please vote for ceasefire. Too many deaths!! I can’t bear this anymore!!

Thanks
Arshi.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Rep.Baldeh <Rep.Baldeh@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:23 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Kapusta-Pofahl, Karen
Subject: Rep. Baldeh Letter in Support of Resolution #80848
Attachments: Rep. Baldeh Support for Resolution 80848.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Rep. Baldeh in support of Resolution #80848.

Thank you,

Michael Lindvall
Research Assistant
Office of Representative Baldeh
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WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Samba Baldeh
48TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

12/1/23

Dear Alders,

Today I write to you in support of Resolution #80848, calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

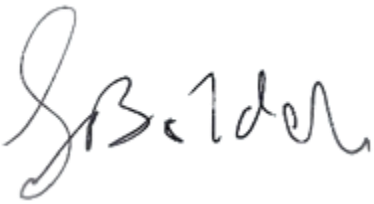
To date, over 15,000 Gazans have been killed in this war – the vast majority of them civilians, and over 40% of those killed have been children. This is a historic tragedy.

Since Hamas's horrific and rightly-condemned attack on October 7th, it has not been military action that has led to results, but diplomacy. The weeklong truce between Israel and Hamas, while not perfect, showed us that focused, concerted diplomatic efforts can achieve real results, bring innocent hostages home, and preserve the sanctity of human life.

The United States holds immense diplomatic power in this world, and it is incumbent upon us to push for sustained, lasting peace for communities everywhere.

Please, take the side of peace, and vote in favor of this resolution.

Yours in Service,



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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Tsela Barr <tsela@tselabarrdesign.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 11:12 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: in support of the ceasefire resolution

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Hello,

My name is Tsela Barr, I'm the chapter leader of Jewish Voice for Peace/Madison. I'm a constituent of Regina Vidaver.

I would like to urge Ms. Vidaver to vote in favor of the ceasefire resolution in Gaza that was introduced recently and will be voted on this coming Tuesday, December 5.

As a Jewish woman I am absolutely appalled by the indiscriminate bombing of Gaza by Israel. This is a crime against humanity, is collective punishment, and according to legal experts tantamount to genocide. As a US citizen I am also horrified by US support (both diplomatically and financially) for this wanton destruction and horrific loss of life.

We must do everything we can to stop it. This ceasefire resolution is so important, as in any action we can take to stop these war crimes.

Ms. Vidaver, please consider sponsoring this ceasefire resolution and also voting in favor.

Thank you,

Tsela Barr

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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Vicki Berenson <vicki.berenson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 11:53 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support call for ceasefire in Gaza

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Thank you to all who have already signed on to the resolution to call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. I hope the rest of you will do so as well, and quickly.

I know it's an international issue, but all of our voices are needed, at every level, to stop this horrendous support of killing civilians and destroying entire communities.

My background is Jewish. I have family in Israel and I'm very worried for them as hatred grows for Israel and Jews. I also know some Palestinians and I'm devastated at the impact on their families and friends during the assault on Gaza.

The Israeli media is even more restricted than our mainstream media. This assault is creating more hatred of Jews and Arabs around the world, and threatens the security of everyone. So we need to speak up.

For some trustworthy information, I encourage you to watch to "Calling for a Ceasefire: Israel-Palestine Briefing" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfpZtktPnvM), a webinar offered on October 25 by the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a well-respected Quaker peace organization in D.C. You will hear from a Palestinian woman and an Israeli woman who have direct experience and communication from people who are in the area. It was over a month ago and the situation has gotten a lot worse.

Vicki Berenson
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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Patricia Blanco <tkleinblanco@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:04 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Cease Fire Now Support

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Dear Alders,
First, I want to thank the Alders that have already co-sponsored and signed on to the Madison resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. I also wanted to express my hope and implore that ALL alders will vote yes for the Madison City Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I continue to be overwhelmed with grief witnessing the horrific, senseless killing of civilians and quite frankly, the unconditional US support of an occupation and war that needs to stop. I agree with all the statements within the resolution and strongly urge the city council to pass this on Tuesday. We can not be silent and need to stand in solidarity for a call for peace. I hope I can count on your vote.
Wishing you well and sending you kind regards and appreciation for all you do for us in Madison.
Tricia Blanco
2026 E Dayton St

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Thea Boyne <theaboyne@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Gaza Ceasefire Resolution

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Hello Alders,

My name is Thea Boyne and I am a resident of District 13 in Madison. I'm writing today to urge you to vote in support of the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. A ceasefire is critical to save lives and stop the destruction that Gaza is experiencing, and this resolution is one step in the right direction towards achieving this needed ceasefire. Please send me a reply.

Thank you for your time,
Thea Boyne

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Christa Bruhn <christa.bruhn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 4:56 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution Meeting December 5, 2023

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

I have lived in Madison for 23 years. I moved here to give my children a safe and vibrant community where they could thrive. As the mother of three Palestinians, my children live in a democracy in the US but are under occupation when we visit relatives in the West Bank in Palestine. The current crisis has virtually destroyed Gaza and left thousands dead, injured, and/or displaced from their homes. What is most tragic is the tremendous loss of life of innocent children and the devastation those who survive Israeli bombing are witnessing that will leave them with yet more trauma. I congratulate the Madison Common Council for introducing a Ceasefire Resolution in order to send a clear message to American leadership and the world that Madison stands on the side of humanity. I urge you to follow up with calls for democracy for all between the river and the sea so both Palestinians and Israelis can live in safety and security with dignity.

In gratutide,
Christa Bruhn, PhD
Author, Crossing Borders: The Search for Dignity in Palestine (2023)

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Christa Bruhn, PhD
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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jyotsna Dhar <joy.dhar1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 3:22 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please Support Resolution Calling for Ceasefire in Palestine

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Dear Alderpeople,

I am writing in support of the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Palestine to be voted on December 5th. Utilizing U.S. taxpayer dollars to fund the indiscriminate bombing of Palestinian people is inhumane and unacceptable.

Please join other progressive cities in America in calling for a PERMANENT ceasefire.

Be well,
Jyotsna Dhar

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Jyotsna (Joy) Dhar
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Matthias, Isaac L

From: CocoVaa LLC <info@cocovaa.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:03 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Rummel, Marsha; JULIE KAILIN
Subject: Re: Resolution Adopting Ceasefire of Israel's Bombardment of Gaza

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Dear City Council Members,

As a concerned citizen and business owner in Madison, I am writing on behalf of my business and my family, to urge you to consider and accept the resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire to Israel's bombardment of the Palestinian people in Gaza, which has now extended to the West Bank despite Hamas not being in the West Bank. The repercussions of this latest senseless bombardment since Oct. 7, in terms of human suffering, economic burden on us as US citizens, many who are falling deeper and deeper into poverty, and societal impact, are deeply troubling.

The human cost of Israel's retaliatory bombardment is catastrophic, completely disproportionate to the initial attack from Hamas, and our country's complicity as a major financier of Israel's military as we watch them carry out a genocide of an indigenous people, sets an extremely dangerous precedent that diminishes our rights here in the US. What we condone for people abroad is a direct reflection of what will be condoned for people here. While Hamas provides the pretext for this latest attack on all of occupied Palestine, the real attack is on the people of both Israel, occupied Palestine and the world community of objectors to Israel's abuse of Palestinian people and their land. So many Israeli's who stand in solidarity with the plight of occupied Palestine are themselves scared of their own government, as are US objectors who are being fired from jobs and "blacklisted" for speaking up against Israel's actions.

Our aiding and abetting of this "war" that's killing mostly women and children and in breach of international law and very basic rules of war, lowers the bar for democracy the world over since the US is seen as setting the standard as the world's model for democracy. We can no longer point the finger at oppressive regimes after this.

The scale of violence on Gaza has reached an unparalleled level, marked by a deeply concerning number of killings of not only women and children, but journalists, doctors, and United Nations staff. This tragic loss of lives, especially in the manner it is being done, not only represents a humanitarian crisis of a nature I've not seen in my lifetime of 52 years, but also poses a long-term threat to humanitarian efforts worldwide. The profound impact of these events is likely to deter future generations from engaging in crucial humanitarian work, which is essential for preserving the prospects for humanity long term if we have any hope for ever achieving world peace - something I still believe is possible but only if we demand it every opportunity we get: like now.

Israeli officials have made clear their plan to expand and intensify their bombardment of Gaza. Israel loosened its constraints on attacks to allow for the bombing of civilians, targeting apartments, universities, banks, hospitals, in order to exert pressure on civilians, who clearly have no control over Hamas. This is only made possible by US funding. Every year we send $3.5 billion dollars to Israel, an amount that Biden had increased to $14 billion to assist in this attack on an area about as big as Philadelphia that is (or was) extremely densely populated by mostly children.

With our funding, Israel has been able to utilize artificial intelligence to mark targets since 2019 to accelerate target creation in Gaza. The idea is to create as much mass destruction as possible to ensure a shock effect on the Palestinian people under the assumption that they are all terrorists - including newborn babies - and can be traumatized into pressuring Hamas. With our funding, AI is creating targets faster than Israel can bomb. According to an Israeli reporter who spoke to Israeli military officials, 12,000 targets have already been generated by AI in this war. This leads me to believe that the loss of life far exceeds what's been officially reported.

What's been documented is that over 6000 children have been killed. Children who are still alive are writing their names on their little bodies in preparation for death so they can be identified if and when their bodies are found. On Dec 2, just after the ceasefire ended, Israel continued bombing apartment buildings. Infrastructure bombings are described as "power targets" which are primarily residential high rises where there are concentrations of civilians. The claim that there is even 1 actual military target legitimizes bombing an entire building full of people. These are indisputable facts and people all over the globe can simply tune in to see this genocide in real time, being bravely reported by a handful of vibrant young Palestinian journalists who are on the ground live-streaming the bombardment on various social media platforms as it happens so the world can see what we are doing to them…as they await their own deaths. Even Israeli defense force members have been speaking to reporters under anonymity describing Israel's actions as a terror tactic against the Palestinian people under the assumption that this will force them into putting pressure on Hamas. A sick and perverse strategy and one that clearly hasn't worked.

The attack on Gaza is now being described by some as the first "AI generated genocide in history" or as one Israeli combatant calls it: "a mass assassination factory" to describe how they're using artificial intelligence to select targets. As of Dec 1, the day the ceasefire ended, there were more than 15,000 casualties - including 6100 children and many many more injured who can't be treated because every hospital has been bombed - not just Al Shifa where we're still awaiting credible evidence that it was used as a command post for Hamas.

Another hospital, Al-Nasr, was seized by Israel and doctors were forced to leave or stay and be killed. When journalists recently went in weeks later they found the horrific sight of infants who were found dead and in a state of decomposition after being left alone for three weeks. This is in stark contradiction to Israel's propaganda which include pics of IDF soldiers bringing incubators to Gaza. They clearly have no regard for human life.

Contrary to International law and the "rules of war," Israel has been primarily targeting civilians, under the guise that Hamas is using the civilians as human shields. In one case, Israeli officials approved an attack they knew would kill up to hundreds of civilians in a bid to assassinate a single Hamas military commander. More than 120 civilians were killed in the October 31 bombing of the densely populated Jabalia refugee camp with at least two 2,000-pound bombs.

Economically, as a black business owner, I am particularly concerned about the financial strain this conflict places on our economy and how it's diverting funds from our communities. How can we afford this "war?" Why are we even funding Israel when our own people can't meet their basic subsistence needs at home?

The millions of dollars being spent on this war are funds that could significantly benefit vital city services and infrastructure. As a taxpayer, I am disheartened to see my hard-earned money diverted to support a cause that brings about destruction rather than growth and prosperity.

The nature of the weapons used in this conflict, especially the deployment of highly destructive bombs, raises severe humanitarian, ethical and also fiscal concerns about the legitimacy of what is going on. Aside from the fact that these weapons, including the use of white phosphorus and bombs that literally eject blades, cause

widespread damage and are extremely costly. We are now learning that Israel's reign of terror on Palestinians serves another purpose: to test the latest greatest tools of mass destruction, using Palestinians as guinea pigs. I'm beginning to believe this has nothing to do with Hamas, and given that Israel has now been found to be responsible for many of the Oct 7 deaths of its own citizens, I don't believe that their siege of Gaza has anything to do with keeping Israeli people safe.

Moreover, this war is creating divisive rifts in our own community. Instead of fostering unity and cooperation, it breeds hostility and division, which is detrimental to the social fabric of our city and what we claim to stand against.

I urge you, as our elected representatives, to voice the collective desire of our community for peace. By adopting a resolution for a ceasefire, our city can lead by example, championing the cause of peace and demonstrating our commitment to the welfare of our citizens over the destructive costs of war.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I trust in your commitment to act in the best interests of our community and to take a stand for peace and unity.

Sincerely,
Syovata Edari
Attorney at Law and founder/owner/maître chocolatier at CocoVaa Chocolatier

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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Hamwy, Sarah <shamwy@madisoncollege.edu>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:46 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Now

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Dear esteemed alders,

I'm writing to urge you to vote in favor of the ceasefire: agenda item #108, issue 80848.

People depend on your moral clarity. We all do.

Best,

MATC Student

Matthias, Isaac L

From: NOOR MAY HAMWY <nhamwy@wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:46 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Now

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Dear Esteemed Alders,

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Best,

Noor
UW Student

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Amanda Jane Hoffman <amandajhoffman23@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 8:37 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please stand for humanity and against funding genocide

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Hello!

I am an American Jew, I have lived in Madison for 8 years now.

I am thanking you for pushing for a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. The Israeli govt is committing war crimes against Palestinians.

If we let these genocidal attacks continue, then we are saying it's ok to treat people and civilians like this. We are ultimately endangering our own lives.

This resolution is the very very least we can do to support this fight for humane engagement with Palestinians, Arabs, and Muslims - and it is a crucial step.

I will stand by members who shepherd this resolution into passing. It will all work out - it is the right thing - it is the world we all need to feel safe.

It is NOT anti-Semitic to condemn the Israeli Government's war crimes, and illegal occupation.

Please reach out if I can be of further support around this.

Best wishes,

Amanda Hoffman
812 Jenifer St
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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Sunshine Jones <sunshinedjones@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:30 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Strong-hearted support for the Ceasefire Resolution

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Sunshine Jones

4333 Crawford Drive

Madison, Wisconsin

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Dear Alders of Madison Common Council,

I am writing to join with our human family across the world, shaken to the core, heartbroken and grieving the inhumanity we are presently witnessing with the collective punishment of Palestinians in Gaza (2.2 million people systematically trapped in an open-air prison) and wide scale indiscriminate killing of babies, children (5, 840) women (3,920) elderly, medical staff, care workers, journalists (72) using U.S. weapons whose primary victims are 15,000 innocent Palestinian civilians.

Thank you for hearing the heart call of Madisonians and demonstrating our shared humanity in the Ceasefire Resolution drafted by Council Members. I offer my strong support for the Ceasefire Resolution and ask each of you to vote for it. In so doing, Madison joins with a growing chorus of cities across the United States standing on the side of Peace, Accountability, Reparation and Healing.

I call for a permanent ceasefire, humanitarian aid, release of all hostages and ending a 75-year military occupation. No one, Jew, Muslim, Christian is made safer by such merciless destruction as we have been witnessing. Within the States, we are seeing the wrenching and horrific cost of U.S. support for such dehumanization through the rise of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian racism. We must say Enough. We are ONE human family, all deserving human rights.

I grieve all civilian lives lost, Israeli and Palestinian. I believe there is another way possible and know that true Justice and Peace walk hand in hand. All people deserve freedom and safety. May we never close our hearts to injustice and human suffering.

Thank you again for your leadership in standing on the side of Peace and calling for a Ceasefire.

Kindly,

Sunshine Jones

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Tsela Barr <tsela@tselabarrdesign.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:32 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: JVP Madison, in support of the Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

We, as Jewish Voice for Peace - Madison, call on you to add our city's voice and energy to the global push for a ceasefire in Gaza.

The Israeli government's attacks on Palestinians in Gaza constitute war crimes, as defined by international law. These war crimes are carried out in the name of Jews around the world.

That is why, as Jews and allies of the Jewish community, we cannot remain silent while Palestinians are dehumanized and murdered by the tens of thousands, and displaced by the millions.

Moreover, the extensive destruction of the civilian infrastructure of Gaza, including homes, schools, and hospitals, has left Palestinians in Gaza particularly vulnerable to dehydration, malnutrition, and disease due to inadequate supplies of food, water, electricity and fuel.

We also value the lives and well-being of Israelis, and mourn Hamas fighters' attack on Israeli civilians and foreign nationals on October 7th of this year.

However, the Israeli government's collective punishment of Palestinian civilians does nothing to ensure the safety of Israeli civilians, nor does it discourage continued recruitment of more Hamas fighters.

Indeed, the Israeli government's war crimes only encourage antisemitic acts and rhetoric around the world. Israel's actions promote safety for no one.

These war crimes are further exacerbated by the root causes whereby the Israeli government has
- forcibly displaced millions of Palestinians from their ancestral homes since 1948
- maintained an illegal military occupation of the West Bank since 1967
- imposed an illegal blockade on Gaza since 2007
- deprived Palestinians of civil rights through an illegal apartheid regime.

International experts agree that the Israeli government's current war on Gaza constitutes a genocide of Palestinians, unfolding in real time. Ongoing settler attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank, coupled with nightly raids and arrests, also constitute violations of international law.

The United States of America sends billions of dollars of our communities' taxes to the Israeli government every year. As Americans, we are funding this genocide. This money could go to help rebuild Gaza and its destroyed infrastructure.

We urge you to call for an end to US complicity in this genocide. By demanding a ceasefire you will help add pressure on the Biden administration to end the Israeli attacks on innocent civilians and allow humanitarian organizations to tend to the dire situation on the ground in Gaza.

Moreover, a ceasefire will create space to envision a shared future where both Israelis and Palestinians can live in safety and security with dignity.

Thank you for taking the side of humanity!

Jewish Voice for Peace - Madison
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Matthias, Isaac L

From: jo kelley <jokelley360@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 8:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alders of the Madison Common Council,

I deeply appreciate alders Nasra Wehelie, Marsha A. Rummel, Barbara Harrington-McKinney, Amani Latimer Burris, Isadore Knox Jr., Charles Myadze, Michael E. Verveer, John W. Duncan, Juliana R. Bennett, Jael Currie, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford for sponsoring the "Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza" resolution and ask all alders to vote to pass this important resolution.

The horror that over 15,000 people, including thousands of children, have been killed while being systematically trapped in a war zone and denied food, water, electricity, and heat has shaken me to the core. Calling for a ceasefire is not "taking sides" in a conflict. Rather, it is a human plea to stop the killing and to provide aid to families living in desperate conditions. A ceasefire is taking the side of peace and preventing more death and destruction.

Kindly,
Joann (Jo) Kelley
4333 Crawford Dr
Madison, WI

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Awais Khaleel
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 10:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support: Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza

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As a constituent of Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole and former constituent of Marsha Rummel, I am writing to the Common Council in support of the Gaza Ceasefire resolution that the Common Council will vote on this upcoming Tuesday, December 5.

There is no defense for what Hamas did October 7, when 1,200 innocent people were killed and over 200 people were kidnapped. I grieve for those lost lives and pray that every Israeli hostage is returned safely and quickly. Despite the understandable pain of its people and the inherent right of any people to defend themselves, there must be limits to what the Israeli government is allowed to do in response to Hamas's attack. Instead of surgically attacking Hamas' leadership, most of whom reside in other parts of the world, the right-wing Israeli government has bombed Gaza on a near unprecedented scale and killed more than 15,000 Palestinians. Over 10,000 of those killed in Gaza were women and children. Sadly, this number is certain to go up regardless of a ceasefire because it does not include bodies not yet found under the rubble. Without a ceasefire, with 2.3 million Palestinians crowded into southern Gaza and with nowhere else to go, the number of civilian deaths is certain to become much higher.

Your local Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim communities have been devastated by the number of bombs dropped on and the number of people killed in Gaza. The people in Gaza are being subjected to collective punishment, which is amoral and a violation of international law. The people being killed include family members, friends, and others close to members of our community. More pointedly, Arabs, Palestinians, and Muslims are being thoroughly dehumanized throughout this process by the tremendous scale of these killings and the words of several high level and right-wing Israeli government officials and right-wing members of the U.S. Congress who have blamed every Gazan for Hamas's attack and called for Gaza to be turned into a parking lot. This awful, inflammatory rhetoric has led to a huge spike in hateful language and even hate crimes right here in Madison, most of which is going unreported because of continued fear within our community. We have been dealing with unrelenting hate directed towards us since 9/11, and it has gotten much worse over the last several weeks.

By failing to pass this resolution, which simply calls for an end to the deaths of innocent civilians, you will be affirming the lack of value in Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim lives. This will further dehumanize every single one of us. Consequently, you will be perpetuating anti-Arab hate, anti-Muslim hate, and Islamophobia.

We ask that you do the right thing and stand with cities across the country like Detroit, Oakland, and Seattle, as well as 49 members of Congress, including our very own Mark Pocan, and pass this resolution calling for a ceasefire. In doing so, you will also be standing with two-thirds of Americans and over 75% of Democrats. Supporting a ceasefire also means that you stand against anti-Arab and anti-Muslim hate. It further confirms that you believe in security for all Palestinians and Israelis, because common sense and history show us that peace and security will not be gained through additional killing of innocent civilians.

Awais Khaleel
3001 Nottingham Way
Madison, WI 53713

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Maqsood Khan <mkhangi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 10:21 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please vote for ceasefire

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Hello Alders of Madison City Council,
I request you to please vote yes for the cease-fire now resolution being presented on December 5 in the city concil.

Maqsood Khan MD FACG

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Peter Kirschmann <peter.kirschmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 12:44 PM
To: Latimer Burris, Amani
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Gaza Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alder Burris,

I am writing to thank you for sponsoring the resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and to urge other alders to vote to pass this resolution.

Israel's response to Hamas has killed more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza. Every day, every hour sooner that there is a ceasefire will mean lives saved, children saved. It is the least that the Madison Common Council can do to call for justice and peace.

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

Peter Kirschmann
Eken Park

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Ryan Miller <ryanmillerm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:46 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello,

My name is Ryan Miller from 17 Powers Ave, and I am writing to thank Alder Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford for supporting the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you so much,

Ryan

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Megan Miller <megraemiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 6:59 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Now

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Hello Madison Alders,

I'm writing to thank Alder Martinez-Rutherford for supporting the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. This situation has been incredibly painful to witness and I am grateful to see Madison's leaders taking stand. This is the least we can do to save lives and to end the destruction of Gaza and the people who live there.

Thank you,

Megan Miller

17 Powers Ave, Madison WI

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Mona Mogahed <memogahed@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 2:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire now

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I am writing to the Common Council, as a constituent of Alder Nasra Wehelie in support of the Gaza Ceasefire resolution that the Common Council will vote on this Tuesday, December 5.

The Israeli government's response to Hamas's October 7 attack, in which Hamas killed 1,200 people and kidnapped more than 200 people, has been to kill more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza. Over 10,000 of those killed in Gaza were women and children. Sadly, this number is certain to go up regardless of a ceasefire because it does not include bodies not yet found under the rubble. Without a ceasefire, with 2.3 million Palestinians crowded into southern Gaza and with nowhere else to go, the number of civilian deaths is certain to become much higher.

Your local Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim communities have been devastated by the number of bombs dropped on and the number of people killed in Gaza. The people in Gaza are being subjected to collective punishment, which is a violation of international law and norms. The people being killed include family members, friends, and others close to members of our community. More pointedly, Arabs, Palestinians , and Muslims are being thoroughly dehumanized throughout this process by their treatment and the words of several high level and right-wing Israeli government officials and right-wing members of the U.S. Congress who have blamed every Gazan for Hamas' attack and called for Gaza to be turned into a parking lot. This awful, inflammatory rhetoric has led to a huge spike in hateful language and even hate crimes right here in Madison, most of which is going unreported because of continued fear within our community. We have been dealing with unrelenting hate directed towards us since 9/11, and it has gotten much worse over the last several weeks. By failing to pass this resolution, which simply calls for an end to the deaths of innocent civilians, you will be perpetuating anti-Arab hate, anti-Muslim hate, and Islamophobia.

We ask that you do the right thing and stand with cities across the country like Detroit, Oakland, and Seattle, as well as 49 members of Congress, including our very own Mark Pocan, and pass this resolution calling for a ceasefire. In doing so, you will also be standing with ⅔ of Americans and over 75% of Democrats. Supporting a ceasefire also means that you stand against anti-Arab and anti-Muslim hate. It further confirms you believe in security for all Palestinians and Israelis, because common sense and history show us that peace and security will not be gained through additional killing of innocent civilians.

Thank you,
Mona Mogahed

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Megan Mrozek <meganmrozek@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 2:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support the resolution for permanent ceasefire

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,
My name is Megan Mrozek, and I am a constituent of District 15, Alder Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford. Thank you to Alder Martinez Rutherford, and to the other alders who have signed on in support of this resolution.

To those of you who haven't, why ever not? What subtle nuances are you aware of that preclude you from calling for a permanent cessation of violence? It's possible you haven't sponsored it because, as far as I can tell, a written version of the resolution has not been drafted, and perhaps it would be irresponsible to endorse language that doesn't exist yet. This I understand. But if you are opposed to the truths underlying the call for a ceasefire--that state-sanctioned mass murder is wrong, that Palestinians have the right to live free, dignified, healthy lives--then you should not be an alderperson, and I hope you are voted out.
I implore you to use your power and influence to support peace, justice and liberation for Palestine. It seems to me that supporting this resolution is the minimum gesture one could make to that end.

I also see that some of you (Alders Vidaver, Field, Tishler, and Govindarajan) who do not yet support Resolution 80848 *do* support Resolution 80894 re: Condemning Islamophobia and Antisemitism. But what good is condemning hatred if you don't support the cessation of actual violence?

Finally, if you don't support Palestine, please have the backbone to share your reasons publicly and candidly.
Thanks for reading,

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Megan Mrozek
(815)-990-3702

Free Palestine PS

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Moniba Nazeef <moniba.nazeef@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Common Council Agenda 80848

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Dear Alders of city of Madison,

I hope this message finds you well. My message is directed at all alders and most specifically to district 19 alder Kristen Slack. I am writing to urgently bring your attention to the devastating situation in Gaza. **As a healthcare provider, recent attacks on hospitals, healthcare infrastructure, and innocent civilians, including children and healthcare professionals, are deeply concerning for me. The assaults on MSF (Doctors Without Borders) convoys are particularly alarming and demand immediate action.**

As your constituent, I urge you to strongly consider supporting a ceasefire resolution to halt the ongoing genocide in Gaza. The current situation calls for swift intervention to prevent further loss of innocent lives and preserve essential healthcare services. Your support for this resolution is crucial in advocating for peace and preventing further humanitarian catastrophe.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Your action can make a significant difference in alleviating the suffering of countless individuals in Gaza. Let the city of Madison stand on the right side of history on this crucial matter pertainity to humanity.

Sincerely, Moniba Nazeef Madison, WI

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Susan Nossal <smnossal@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:22 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Susan Nossal
Subject: urging support for the Madison Common Council Ceasefire resolution

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

I most strongly urge you to vote for the Madison Common Council resolution supporting a ceasefire and other humanitarian measures in Israel-Palestine.

I write to you as a Madison resident and Jewish American to express my utmost horror at the atrocities that the Israeli government is committing against Palestinians in Gaza and through allowing settler violence against Palestinians in the West Bank. The crimes of Hamas do not justify collective punishment and the mass murder of Palestinian civilians by the Israeli government with the aid of the United States.

The resolution before the Common Council is in alignment with the calls of medical humanitarian organizations such as Doctors Without Borders who state that "working purposefully to reach a ceasefire is the most effective way to ensure the protection of civilians." Doctors Without Borders implores the global community stating that "the truth is that our colleagues are running out of words to describe the extent of the pain and suffering in Gaza right now. How do we remind the world that these people on their television screens—bloodied and laid out on hospital floors, rescued from under the rubble of bombed-out buildings—are human beings, with dreams and lives and loved ones? How many more civilians will be killed before the world says enough? As humanitarians, we stand with our colleagues and our patients in Gaza to call for an immediate ceasefire now to save lives."

Please pass this resolution and then forward it to our elected federal representatives including Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Sen. Ron Johnson and Rep. Mark Pocan.

Sincerely,
Susan Nossal

In Alder Tag Evers district 13
Madison, WI

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Marika Olijar <olijar.marika@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please Support the Resolution for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza (Item #108, issue 80848)

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Greetings,

I am writing to the Common Council to urge that you pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza (agenda item #108, issue 80848). At this point, over 15,000 civilians have been killed in Gaza, due to the Israeli government's use of collective punishment measures.

Please take this opportunity to signal to the federal government that we do not stand for collective punishment.

I am a constituent of Alder Juliana Bennett in Madison's 2nd district. I commend my alder, Juliana Bennett for signing on to this resolution, and I urge the Common Council to pass it.

Best,

Marika Olijar
122 E Gilman St. Madison, WI 53703

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Madison-Rafah Sister-City Proj <rafahsistercity@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 11:19 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

We want to thank all the alders who have signed on in support of the recent resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Today's resumption of the massive bombardment of civilians in Gaza shows the absolutely urgent need for the ceasefire, and we urge those who have not yet signed on to do so immediately.

A large majority of Americans support a ceasefire, and this is the very MINIMUM that you as elected officials can do in opposition to the death and devastation that our tax dollars are unleashing upon 2.3 million human beings trapped in an area just slightly larger than the City of Madison. Since the resolution was drafted, the death toll is approaching 20,000, of whom over 6,000 are children. Every day that Israel's assault continues, more people die from bombing and shelling, from untreated injuries, from disease, from lack of medical care, food, water, shelter and fuel. This is a crime against humanity that nothing can justify. It must stop.

Again, we ask you to pass this resolution, and then to forward it to our elected federal representatives including Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Sen. Ron Johnson and Rep. Mark Pocan.

Sincerely,

Rowan Atalla
Tsela Barr
Cassandra Dixon
Samir El-Omari
Lisa Masri
Barbara Olson
Donna Wallbaum
Kathy Walsh

Members of the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Marguerite Rapp <rapp.marguerite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:40 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza resolution

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Hello Alders of Madison,

I am writing to express my support for the City's resolution "Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza" and to recognize and thank Alder Charles Myadze for co-sponsoring this resolution. As a resident of the Northside, it is reassuring to see that my elected representative stands on the right side of history in calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Sponsoring this resolution is an important act the City can take to show that it values the humanity and right to life of Palestinians in Gaza. This type of local government action is critically needed to pressure the Biden administration to do the same.

Alder Myadze, please continue supporting this important resolution and know that you are supported by this Northside resident.

Please reply to acknowledge receipt of this message.

Respectfully,
Marguerite

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Lailah Shima <lailah.shima@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:28 PM
To: Evers, Tag; All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alder Evers,

As the Common Council prepares for this Tuesday's resolution vote, I urge you in the strongest, most loving way possible to demand an immediate and total ceasefire in Israel / Palestine.

As a granddaughter of pogrom survivors, as a grand-niece of humans who perished in the holocaust, as a Jewish Madisonian, I know that NEVER AGAIN means never again FOR ANYONE. My ancestors call upon me to speak on behalf of all the world's children: please stop the slaughter.

As a Zen priest, I devote my life to ending the suffering of all sentient beings. This includes all Palestinians AND all Jews. Freedom and reverence for life are not zero sum games. When, with skill and great care, we create the conditions of genuine freedom and wellbeing for some, we create those conditions for all.

Please, I beg of you, use the platform to which I helped elect you to speak out on behalf of protecting life: call for an immediate and total ceasefire. Call on the U.S. government to cease arming those who are decimating and terrorizing an entire people. For the love of all this is sentient. Please. Now.

B'Shalom,
Lailah Dainin Shima
2434 Fox Ave
Madison, WI 53711

Matthias, Isaac L

From: B.E. Smith <conlonsmithbe@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 3:05 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support: Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alders,

Please support Resolution 80848. It is urgent now that local elected officials call on the nation's highest leaders, including President Biden, to support a cease fire. We need to support preservation of human lives and international law. Urging from the United States could encourage a cease fire. This will benefit all people living in the Middle East.

Thank you.
Barbara Smith
456 N. Few St.
Madison WI
District 6

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Katrina Thompson <yaghaffar.yaghafur@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:22 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire resolution

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I am writing to the Common Council, as a constituent of Alder Evers in support of the Gaza Ceasefire resolution that the Common Council will vote on this Tuesday, December 5.

The Israeli government's response to Hamas's October 7 attack, in which Hamas killed 1,200 people and kidnapped more than 200 people, has been to kill more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza. Over 10,000 of those killed in Gaza were women and children. Sadly, this number is certain to go up regardless of a ceasefire because it does not include bodies not yet found under the rubble. Without a ceasefire, with 2.3 million Palestinians crowded into southern Gaza and with nowhere else to go, the number of civilian deaths is certain to become much higher.

Your local Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim communities have been devastated by the number of bombs dropped on and the number of people killed in Gaza. The people in Gaza are being subjected to collective punishment, which is a violation of international law and norms. The people being killed include family members, friends, and others close to members of our community. More pointedly, Arabs, Palestinians , and Muslims are being thoroughly dehumanized throughout this process by their treatment and the words of several high level and right-wing Israeli government officials and right-wing members of the U.S. Congress who have blamed every Gazan for Hamas' attack and called for Gaza to be turned into a parking lot. This awful, inflammatory rhetoric has led to a huge spike in hateful language and even hate crimes right here in Madison, most of which is going unreported because of continued fear within our community. We have been dealing with unrelenting hate directed towards us since 9/11, and it has gotten much worse over the last several weeks. By failing to pass this resolution, which simply calls for an end to the deaths of innocent civilians, you will be perpetuating anti-Arab hate, anti-Muslim hate, and Islamophobia.

We ask that you do the right thing and stand with cities across the country like Detroit, Oakland, and Seattle, as well as 49 members of Congress, including our very own Mark Pocan, and pass this resolution calling for a ceasefire. In doing so, you will also be standing with ⅔ of Americans and over 75% of Democrats. Supporting a ceasefire also means that you stand against anti-Arab and anti-Muslim hate. It further confirms you believe in security for all Palestinians and Israelis, because common sense and history show us that peace and security will not be gained through additional killing of innocent civilians.

Be well,
Katrina
(Sent from my phone)

Pronouns: they/them

Katrina Daly Thompson

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Claudia Thomson <cjthomson8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Dec 5 Gaza ceasefire resolution

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Hello,

I am a resident of District 5, my Alder is Regina Vidaver. I learned about an upcoming vote that will take place on December 5th calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and I wanted to reach out to voice my support for this resolution. I have been horrified by the violence that has taken place in Gaza and am upset knowing our government's role supporting it. Any action that could get us closer to a permanent ceasefire is incredibly important.

Thanks so much! I would love to hear back from you.

Claudia Thomson

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Phil Trachtenberg <philtrachtenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:14 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire

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Hi - I live in Fitchburg but I am a Jewish resident of the area and feel incredibly strongly that the alders call for an immediate ceasefire. Israel has started their bombing campaign again with no regard for civilian life, and the best way to stop the attacks is for the US to stop its aid to Israel and call for a ceasefire. As an American Jew, I feel infinitely more unsafe when Israel bombs innocent life than when people protest against Israel.

Please, call for a ceasefire immediately.

Phil

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Donna Vukelich-Selva <DVukelich-Selva@edgewood.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 7:35 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: ceasefire resolution

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Thank you to the alders who support resolution #80848 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I urge all of you to support the resolution.

The death toll in Gaza stands at nearly 15,000, with children more than a third of the dead, and it continues to rise.

The World Health Organization says more than 250 health care facilities have come under attack by Israeli air strikes, and the head of the United Nations says Gaza is facing an “epic humanitarian catastrophe”. The head of the International Red Cross warns that the renewed attacks on Gaza (already underway), are “a new layer of destruction coming on top of massive, unparalleled destruction of critical infrastructure, of civilian houses and neighborhoods."

Enough war. Enough death. Enough destruction.

Please support resolution #80848.

Donna Vukelich-Selva
(District 11 resident)

Donna Vukelich-Selva
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Edgewood College respectfully acknowledges our local First Nation, the Ho-Chunk, and the additional 11 Indigenous Nations of Wisconsin that have shaped our state's history