Matthias, Isaac L

From: Sen.Agard <Sen.Agard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Letter of Support - Ceasefire Resolution
Attachments: Ceasefire Letter of Support.pdf

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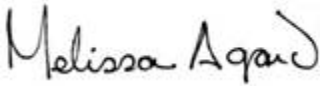
Dear Madison Common Council Members,

I've attached a letter of support on the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Thank you for your consideration.

In Service,



Melissa Agard
State Senator
16th Senate District

MELISSA AGARD
STATE SENATOR

December 4, 2023

Dear Madison Common Council Members,

I write to you today in support of the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza, and I thank you for bringing further attention to this pressing humanitarian issue.

There is no justifiable excuse for Hamas' violent attack on innocent Israeli civilians on October 8, 2023. However, innocent Palestinians in Gaza, about half of which are children, should not bear the lethal brunt of accountability for Hamas' actions. Every death is a tragedy, no matter which side it's on.

In light of continued military action between the Israeli Defense Forces and Hamas militants and the death and displacement of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza, I join local leaders in Madison in calling for a ceasefire. Violence begets violence – lasting peace in one of the world's most tumultuous regions can only be achieved when we recognize the equal value of life of Israelis and Palestinians alike.

I am proud to support this resolution and hope to see its swift passage. With the rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in communities across the nation, including right here in the City of Madison, it is vitally important that those in positions of power and influence step up and prioritize peace and recognize our shared humanity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Service,

Melissa Agard

Melissa Agard
State Senator
16th Senate District

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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Noelle Aladra <noelle.aladra@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:47 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: David Al-Adra
Subject: Please support ceasefire resolution (agenda item 108) tonight

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Dear Alder Conklin and Common Council Members,

I am a resident of District 9, represented by Alder Conklin and **I am in full, unequivocal support of agenda item 108 to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza**. My family has been directly impacted by the violence, death, apartheid conditions, censorship, dehumanization and power imbalance of Palestinians, as sponsored by Israel and a handful of Western democratic countries. We have family surviving in the occupied West Bank and have been in direct communication with those who are being oppressed by the inhumane conditions placed upon the Palestinian people both in the West Bank and more urgently in Gaza.

I am a mother of two small children (9 and 5) and an educator who has learned and taught about apartheid and genocides in South Africa, The Holocaust, Rwanda, Bosnia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Guatemala, Armenia, Residential Schooling, Sudan and the Congo. I have a BA in English and Media studies, and a Bachelor and Master of Education and am well versed on the history of Palestine and events leading up to genocides, ethnic cleansing and apartheid. I am also aware of the impact of propaganda and biased media narratives that dismiss those who are being oppressed, harmed and murdered at alarming rates. The harmful rhetoric, supported by the majority of elected officials, that I have heard against Palestinians over the last couple of months have made me afraid for my family, my children, innocent Palestians and their allies and the future of this country and across the world.

Nothing excuses the lack of action, complicity and silence of our supposed democratic representatives at this time- it is literally the LEAST you can do to stand in support of a ceasefire. **I am begging you to support agenda 108**, calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. I ask this as a mother and someone who has always advocated for the rights, safety and dignity of all children. All children matter. Palestinian lives matter. Please support the ceasefire resolution at tonight's city council meeting. I have Bcc-d many allies and friends on this email and have encouraged them to use their democratic voices to end the death and destruction before it is too late. I do not wish to see another genocide take place in my lifetime nor have my children grow up in a country that is complicit in it. I look forward to seeing you at the virtual meeting and hearing your support, as well.

Thank you for your time,

Noelle Warnock Al-Adra (she/her/hers)

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Lara Amro <amrolara99@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello Madison Alders,
As the ongoing massacre in Palestine continues, I am writing to thank Alder Latimer for supporting the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. This is the bare minimum that we can do to support the lives of innocent civilians in Gaza and bring an end to the destruction.

Sent from my iPhone

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Hala Amro <hmamro4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:04 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Palestinian Ceasefire

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Hello Madison Alders,

I am writing to thank Alder Latimer for supporting the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. The least we could do to save the lives and end the destruction of Gaza and the people who live there.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Samuel A <sam.annis89@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:59 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Thank You, Alder Latimer!

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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,
Sam Annis
2570 Hoard Street
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He/Him/His
sam.annis89@gmail.com
908-477-5707

Matthias, Isaac L

From: 18514@proton.me
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 1:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: CEASEFIRE NOW. HUMANITARIAN AID NOW.

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Alders,

Please support resolution 80848 that calls for a ceasefire in Gaza at the council meeting tomorrow.
It is unconscionable that our government do anything BUT condemn actual war crimes. No state should have the right to murder so many civilians without repercussions. It literally does not matter whose "cause" you "support". What DOES matter is that thousands of children and civilians are DEAD because of the indiscriminate, intentional bombing of the Gaza strip by Israel. Ceasefire and Humanitarian Aid is the least the world can do for the sin of inaction.

Thank you for reading.

-Madison citizen of 2 years, Wisconsinite of 29 years.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: sally moment <sallymoment@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:06 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Yes for Ceasefire Resolution
Attachments: IMG_5989.jpg

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Stand up for the human rights of Palestinians. Take a good look at this child grieving over his dead sister.
Support the ceasefire in Gaza resolution.
Sincerely,
Sarah Atis,
Tag Evers Constituent

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SAMAR ABU E

Khaled Joudeh, 9, mourned his sister last month in Deir al Balah, Gaza. Relatives said 68 of his family members

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Gareth Baldrica-Franklin <baldrica18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:56 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for a Ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alder Rummel and all Madison alders, I strongly encourage you to support the Resolution 80848 Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. As it currently stands, thousands have been killed by the Israeli bombing and invasion of Gaza. We must call for a ceasefire and lift the siege on Gaza and move towards lasting peace in the region.

Sincerely,
Gareth Baldrica-Franklin
District 6
1039 E Gorham St

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jennifer Bastian <jenniferhbastian@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:07 PM
To: All Alders; Evers, Tag
Subject: Calling for Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello Madison Alders,

I am writing for two reasons: 1. THANK YOU to the alders that have sponsored 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. 2. I'm writing to ask Alder Evers to add his support to this resolution. It is on us as residents of the United States, whose tax dollars go to Israeli weapons, to demand an end to the killing of babies, children and families of all ages.

Please send a reply that this email was received.

Best,
Jennifer Bastian
538 W Lakeside St
Madison, WI 53715
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Jennifer Bastian
414.748.8127
http://jenniferbastian.com
Pronouns: she/her/hers

Matthias, Isaac L

From: john bayley <redgreenjohn666@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:00 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support resolution agenda #108 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

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Alder Tag Evers:

As one of your constituents I urge you to support resolution agend #108 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

I recently had a nightmare that literally made me sit up in bed hollering. I was running to rescue my next door neighbor kid who looked severely injured like the Gaza children we are witnessing. My heart is aching.

Please vote to pass this ceasefire resolution as something at least that we can do.

Thank you,
John Bayley

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Nathaniel Beck <nbeck2@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Supporting a ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

I write to you as a long time Madison resident in district 10, asking you to please join the hundreds of other cities, labor organizations, and educational institutions who have used their power to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. This is the least we can do in response to a US funded bombardment that has displaced two million and killed over fifteen thousand of Gazans.

About every 15 minutes since October 7th, a child has been killed in Gaza, their average age was five. Every 15 minutes. I have a five and a nearly two year old. I know all of you have children in your lives or communities as well. Please, on behalf of them and their right to live, vote to support a ceasefire.

Nathan Beck,
4341 Crawford Drive
Madison, Wi 53711

Matthias, Isaac L

From: fatima Bendada <fatima_bendada@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: ceasefire is a must

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Dear honorable elders:

As a resident of District 7, I cannot thank you enough for the giving me and others the opportunity to speak in support of the oppressed people in Gaza. Over almost two months, the globe has been witnessing the massacre and the genocide against the people of Gaza. While I strongly believe all people have the rights to freedom, safety, and existence, I equally believe the root cause should be treated so all people can live and enjoy a better life. The historical context of the Palestinian and the Jewish people should have been used to resolve the Middle East problems. I have many Jewish and Palestinian friends from all over the world and share the same vision for solving the problem. The Jews and the Arabs have lived together for many centuries across the Arab region extending from Iraq to Spain as neighbors, coworkers, spouses, business partners, and others, and all their conflicts were solved in a very peaceful and fair manner.

To accomplish such an achievement, a ceasefire is a must. Therefore, I support the efforts of elder Nasra Wheelie and others to pass the Ceasefire Resolution. This will provide the foundation necessary to end the war and the conflict in the region.

Sincerely yours, Fatima Bendada

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Abdallah Bendada <bendadaa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear honorable Elders:

Many thanks for giving us the opportunity to speak in support of the oppressed people in Gaza. Over the last 55 dates, the world has been witnessing the massacre and the genocide against the people of Gaza. While I strongly believe all people have the rights to freedom, safety, and existence, I equally believe the roof cause should be treated so all people can live and enjoy life better. The historical context of the Palestinian and the Jewish people should have been used to solve the Middle East problems. I have a lot Jewish and Palestinian friends from all over the world and share the same vision for solving the problem. The Jews and the Arabs have lived together for many centuries across the Arab region extending from Iraq to Spain as neighbors, coworkers, spouses, business partners, and others, and all their conflicts were solved in a very peaceful and fair manner.

To accomplish such an achievement, a ceasefire is a must. Therefore, I support the efforts of elder Nasra Wheelie and others to pass the Ceasefire Resolution. This will provide the foundation necessary to end the war and the conflict in the region.

Sincerely your Abdallah Bendada

When it comes to choices, follow your scientific reasoning. If this does not lead you to a complete solution, it will open your eyes to different paths.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Sarah <sjbetzler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 11:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In Support of the Ceasefire Resolution, Agenda Item 108 80848

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To all Alders -

I urge you to support Agenda Item 108, Issue 80848, Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza; and to those who already support it, thank you.

More than 15,000 people are dead as a result of Israel's attacks, half of them children; and there is no end in sight. Whatever else you think of this war, it is not possible to view Israel's strategy as an effective means to a reasonable end; and since US tax dollars are enabling the violence, it's our responsibility to speak out against it.

I applaud the Common Council for taking this step, and I ask you again, from the deepest part of my soul, to please approve the resolution.

Sarah Betzler
Madison, WI

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 7:50 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Legistar# 80848- Resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alders,

I ask for your support of the resolution as I believe despite disagreements on particular words and wording, we all hold a common value: no civilian, no child should ever be subject to war and indiscriminate killing. I hope that most importantly as our local government representatives, you will continue to focus on bringing our community together in Madison to engage in respectful dialogue that acknowledges our common humanity and rejects discrimination and bigotry as expressed in the last whereas clause of legistar file 80894 -

Condemning Islamophobia and Antisemitism.

Thank you for your service,

Shiva Bidar
Kendall Ave
District 5

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Elena Bird <elena.bird167@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support resolution 80848

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Hello,

I am a constituent of Marsha Rummel in Madison's 6th district. I want to thank Marsha Rummel for supporting resolution 80848 in support of a ceasefire in Gaza. I am also writing to the Common Council to ask you to please support this resolution.

I lived in Israel-Palestine for a year of research after college. A Gazan friend of mine now living in Boston has lost over 35 family members and the home and farm he grew up on since October 7th. Another friend has been trapped in southern Gaza for weeks, where Israel's indiscriminate bombing is now taking place. Friends in the West Bank have faced increasing violence from Israeli settlers, and Israeli friends see no future safety in their governments' ongoing bombing and repression of Palestinians. Madisonians want their collective voice to be backing civilian lives and *real* peacebuilding efforts, not further political negligence and enabling of apartheid practices from US politicians.

Thank you for supporting this critical resolution.
Elena Bird

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Megan Bjella <mbjella@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:47 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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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.

Thank you,

Megan Bjella
109 N. 2nd St.

Matthias, Isaac L

From: e blessing <emfblessing@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:01 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Hello members of the Common Council,

I am writing to thank my alder, Marsha Rummel, and the other sponsors of resolution 80848, for putting forth this call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Responding to the interests of your constituents in this way is an important model for our federal representatives. This is particularly true for our senators, who have refused to act on behalf of the majority of Americans in support of a permanent ceasefire.

This is a crucial first step towards preventing further loss of life. I hope you will also urge President Biden, Senator Johnson, Senator Baldwin and Representative Pocan to end financial and military aid to the Israeli government. If we do not divest from the Israeli apartheid state, any ceasefire will be temporary and we will continue to be complicit in the war crimes and acts of genocide committed against the Palestinian people.

Thank you for advocating for human rights during this time when many choose to stay silent. Please continue to do everything in your power to end the horrific violence that Palestians have been subjected to for decades.

In solidarity,
Jamie Blessing
Madison, WI 53704

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Sherry BonDurant <fitforyou01@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 2:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support a Resolution for a Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Council Members,

I implore you to pass the resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza. It has been utterly traumatizing to watch the horrors unfold against the civilians. Just this past weekend, I saw things that I thought I would never see – a toddler being rushed to the hospital with her intestines hanging out and a newborn baby that had been turned to ashes. They no longer even have the capacity to treat the injured. This is a one-sided war against unarmed civilians with thousands of children already dead, and those still lucky enough to be alive are starving with little to no food or water while sleeping in tents. We can't take care of our own people, yet our current administration continues to send more weapons to Israel. Please pass this resolution to save the people that have survived to this point, and to stop making the U.S. responsible for more deaths.

Respectfully,
Sher BonDurant

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Fields, Debbie
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:59 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha; All Alders
Subject: FW: Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza

I'm forwarding along a message received in the council@cityofmadison.com inbox.

Thanks,
Debbie Fields
Program Assistant 2
Common Council Office
608-266-4297

From: Angela Brekalo <brekalo@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha <district6@cityofmadison.com>; council <council@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alder Rummel and all Madison alders,

Thank you, Alder Rummel and others for co-sponsoring the resolution 80848 Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza. To the rest of the council, I strongly encourage you to support the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. As it currently stands, thousands of civilians have been killed by the Israeli bombing and invasion of Gaza. This is nothing short of a genocide, ethnic cleansing we are watching in real time, supported materially by U.S. military aid to Israel and U.S. investments in Israeli operations. We must call for a permanent ceasefire and lift the siege on Gaza. We must say no to apartheid and no to ethnic cleansing of a population that, even before the most recent bombings, has been identified as living in an open air prison. Supporting Resolution 80848 is a crucial first step for the city of Madison to stand against the ethnic cleansing of Palestine.

Sincerely,
Angela Brekalo,
District 6,
Helena St., zip code 53704

Matthias, Isaac L

From: bribuhr@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello Alders,

I am writing to ask that you all support the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. The situation in Gaza is dire and we need to take immediate action to end the crisis there. Please support the call for a ceasefire.

Best,

Brianna Buhr
4357 Crawford Drive
Madison

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Savannah Carr <savannahkc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:22 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Issue 10848

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I support a ceasefire in Gaza

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Samantha Carter <slcarter.violin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 5:48 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In Support of the Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alder Rummel,

My name is Samantha; I am a constituent of the Marquette Neighborhood. Thank you for signing the Common Council's Ceasefire Resolution to help end the catastrophic destruction and slaughter of innocent lives in Gaza. I am not of Palestinian or Arabian heritage, but I can easily recognize the Palestinian people as equal members of humanity, a beautiful indigenous people of rich culture, intellect, faith and communal resiliency, no less deserving of human rights, peace, and self determination than you or I. Please do not let up your support. We must join the example set by other US city councils; passing local ceasefire resolutions is the very least we can do to continue pressuring the Biden administration and Congress to humanize and protect the people of Gaza and Palestine. Our efforts are needed now more than ever. In love and solidarity. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Samantha

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Ashley Cheung <ashleysycheung@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:40 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Agenda Item 108

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Hello,

I am a resident of Madison in District 8 and I support this agenda item.

Thanks,

Ashley Cheung

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jessica Courtier <jmcourtier@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 7:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support ceasefire resolution

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Dear Madison Alders,

I'm writing to voice my strong support for the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

The more we learn about what is happening in Gaza, the more clear it becomes that the world is facing a humanitarian disaster. In addition to the death toll from direct violence, the lack of basic necessities such as fresh food, clean water, and essential medical care is creating a horrific humanitarian crisis and killing thousands of innocent civilians.

I understand that one town's resolution may not change the world, but I think it is critical that our city join the growing chorus of voices that calls for the end of violence. Thank you to my alder, Dina Nina, for being one of the co-sponsors of this resolution.

Sincerely,
Jessica Courtier

Matthias, Isaac L

From: City of Madison <noreply@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Proclimation regarding the Problem in Gaza

Recipient: All Alders:

Tue, 12/05/2023 - 13:59

Jerry and Bonnie Darda
15 Sturbridge Circle
Madison, Wisconsin. 53717 Yes, by email. jerryxdarda@gmail.com All Alders Proclimation regarding the Problem in Gaza Please do not waste your time in declaring a useless proclimation about an issue (Peace in the middle East) that you have zero power or responsibility over. This would be similar to our US congessional representatives making a proclimation about
the poor management of the city by delaying policing during the BLM riots a few years ago resulting in unnecessary property damage.

In addition you're currently considering a wage increase for yourselves in an effort to recruit working folks to the council. Frankly, if you made a serious effort to focus on basic services, and time limit your debates to serious discussion over what you actually control you could significantly shorten your meetings; and that alone might be enough to attract others to seek seats on the council. You might even conclude that you are actually overpaid at your current rate.

Our concerns about the Middle East and International policy are the responsibility of the US Congress not the Madison City council.

If you really want to do something positive, we suggest you reduce wasteful spending as well as the barriers to development if you're serious about affordable housing.

We suspect you will all prefer to FEEL BETTER by wasting time with a unanimous meaningless proclamation.

Jerry & Bonnie Darda
15 Sturbridge Circle
Madison WI 53717
608-219-1623--Jerry's cell

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Edna Dawit <edna.dawit@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire now

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Hello,

I support the resolution of a ceasefire in Gaza.

Please join me in support.

Edna

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Cassie Doody <cassie3121@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:03 PM
To: All Alders; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Vote to Support the Ceasefire

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Dear Alders,

My name is Cassie Doody, I live in District 6 of Madison as a constituent of Alder Marsha Rummel. Please, please vote for the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Israel is engaging in genocide of the Palestinian people, and our nation is supporting it by funding this horrific violence. Our tax dollars are being used to fund this war against Palestine and it must stop. Urge for serious change in our country's stance in this matter, and be outspoken in recognizing the atrocities being committed against the Palestinian people.

Thank you,
Cassie Doody

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Dean Dvorak <dadvorak@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Supporting the Call for a Ceasefire

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Good afternoon alders,

I am writing as a Dane County citizen urging you to support the resolution calling for a ceasefire. This ongoing genocide must to stopped to save the few remaining Palestinians as part of a wider Land Back movement. Please take our voices into account when making these life altering policy decisions!

I look forward to hearing news,
Dean Dvorak
they/them

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jack Elderman <jelderman836@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alders of Madison,

Please do everything you can to support and pass the Gaza ceasefire resolution.

I've been a resident of the City of Madison for over 20 years. I'm currently a constituent of Alder Verveer. Myself and many others from diverse organizations are disgusted with the death and destruction unfolding in Gaza.

Voting for and supporting the ceasefire is the absolute least you can do to end the suffering. Even for those who aren't Muslim or Arab, these events are unbearable to witness and we must do everything possible to ensure a ceasefire.

Please reply to this message and verify your commitment to supporting the ceasefire resolution.

Kindly,

Jack

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Patricia Elson <pattyelson@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:10 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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I am writing in support of the Ceasefire Resolution. Our city must step up and join in the call for ceasefire now. It's the right thing to do.
Patty Elson

Sent from my iPhone

Matthias, Isaac L

From: TABITHA J FABER <tjfaber@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:07 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: 80848 support for ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello,

I am writing to support Issue #80848 calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

What we are witnessing is an ongoing violent displacement and genocide of Palestinians, supported by international superpowers that have perpetrated this same crime over and over against countless peoples. This violence is unnecessary -- it is wrought by greed and domination, justified through xenophobia and misplaced reparations.

A ceasefire is just the beginning to righting the wrongs that have occured in Palestine. But for the sake of thousands of Palestinians that have already lost their lives, and thousands more who fear they will be next, we need a ceasefire immediately.

Thank you,
Tabitha

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Lauren Fine <lfine353@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 2:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire

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Hello,

My name is Lauren Fine. I live in Madison and am a constituent of Regina Vidaver.

I'm writing to urge the Madison Common Council to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza by passing the resolution tomorrow evening. The violence inflicted on the civilians of Gaza by Israel is a violation of international human law. We cannot continue to support further military funding for Israel's genocide of the people of Gaza. City councils have been passing ceasefire resolutions around the US, for example in Atlanta, Detroit, Oakland, Richmond CA, and several others.

Supporting this resolution is the least you can do to save lives and end the catastrophic destruction of Gaza. It's very important to me that you take action in this critical time.

I would appreciate a reply to this email.

Thank you for your time,

Lauren Fine

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Courtney Fine <cfine353@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 2:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Now!

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Hello,

My name is Courtney Fine. I live in Madison and am a constituent of Marsha Rummel.

I'm writing to urge the Madison Common Council to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza by passing the resolution tomorrow evening. The violence inflicted on the civilians of Gaza by Israel is a violation of international human law. We cannot continue to support further military funding for Israel's genocide of the people of Gaza. City councils have been passing ceasefire resolutions around the US, for example in Atlanta, Detroit, Oakland, Richmond CA, and several others.

Supporting this resolution is the least you can do to save lives and end the catastrophic destruction of Gaza. It's very important to me that you take action in this critical time.

I would appreciate a reply to this email.

Thank you for your time,

Courtney Fine

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Ciaran Gallagher <ciaran.l.gallagher@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:48 PM
To: All Alders; Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Agenda item 108

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Dear City of Madison alders,

I urge you to support the Common Council Agenda item 108: calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Israel's military response to the Hamas attacks are indiscriminately killing innocent civilians, both directly through their bombs and indirectly through the humanitarian crises they have forced. I fear we are witnessing a genocide.

This is a moment of crisis, and I call on you to have the courage to call for a ceasefire.

Thank you,
Ciaran Gallagher
211 N Paterson St. Apt 1
Madison, WI 53703

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Yunna Gopan <ydgopan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:35 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Urging Israeli Ceasefire

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Dear Alder Slack,

I am writing to you as your constituent and a concerned citizen and human to urge you to vote in favor of a resolution urging for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza this Tuesday, December 5th.

The Israeli military is currently causing a **humanitarian crisis** in Gaza through indiscriminate air strikes. The military actions of Israel constitute **war crimes** as they repeatedly kill civilians and **the United States must actively oppose this**. Besides the harm it brings to Palestinians, Israel's **collective punishment** of Gaza also endangers the over 100 hostages being held by Hamas. **A ceasefire is critical** as Israel's attacks have reached such an intensity that there is currently nowhere in all of Gaza to seek shelter from the bombing – even the refugee camps and hospitals get targeted as we see in the attacks on Jabalia and the gut-wrenching reports from Doctors Beyond Borders. While Israel has the right to protect its citizens from the terrorist actions of Hamas, I believe that indiscriminate attacks on Gaza do not achieve this and, instead, only increase tension and resentment between Israelis and Palestinians, further delaying a fair, peaceful, and reasonable long term resolution to this decades-long conflict.

This resolution is an opportunity to move towards lasting peace and stability in the region and towards positive change in the world. Please reply to me and let me know your thoughts.

Thank you,
Yunna

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Miriam Hasan <miriamhasan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:51 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: In support of calling for a ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alders,

Please pass the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Every day of continued bloodshed further endangers precious Jewish and Palestinian lives now and for generations to come. We must demand a just peace through every platform.

Thanks,
Miriam Hasan
2722 Sommers Ave
Madison WI 53704

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Douglas Haynes <douglashay@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support the Gaza ceasefire resolution

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Dear Madison Alders,

I would like to thank all of the alders, including my own alder Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford, who co-sponsored the Common Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I am writing to urge all of you to support this resolution at tonight's Common Council meeting.

Like many Madisonians (including many of my fellow members of local Jewish Congregation Shaarei Shamayim), I have often felt helpless to stop the human suffering unfolding in Palestine and Israel these past two months. This resolution offers you the chance to speak for me and so many others who want our voices for peace heard. This is an easy way for the Common Council to show that it is committed to standing up for peace and justice. Joining other civic bodies across the country calling for a ceasefire in Gaza would also help contribute to the growing U.S. movement for a peaceful resolution of the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Thank you for considering my thoughts. I hope you support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Douglas Haynes
146 Harding St.
Madison, WI 53714

Matthias, Isaac L

From: John Herbst <jmherbst76@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:58 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Latimer Burris, Amani
Subject: 12-5-23 virtual Madison Common Council meeting Resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza

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I'm calling out to my Alder for District 12, Amani Latimer Burris, to thank her for sponsoring the resolution Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Thank You very much for making your voice loud and clear on this matter of such great gravity in our world.

Also, thank you to the other co-sponsors, there are 9 of you and I won't mention them. However, thank you 9 also for taking this opportunity to stand out from the crowd and stand up for what you believe in.

And to the other alders, not co-sponsoring the resolution, if you can support the efforts of these 10 souls who are trying to limit the destruction, and bloodshed of mostly innocent non-military persons, please vote to SUPPORT this resolution.

Thank you for ALL you do, not only this resolution, but keeping our city operating fairly and smoothly for all. Your sum total of energies are appreciated greatly, rest assured.

John Herbst

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Rep.Hong <Rep.Hong@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:31 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In Support of the Ceasefire Resolution
Attachments: Rep Hong Letter for Ceasefire.pdf

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Hello,

Attached please find a letter from Representative Francesca Hong in support of the Ceasefire Resolution coming before the common council tomorrow.

Let our office know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nada Elmikashfi
Office of Representative Hong
(608) 266-5342

FRANCESCA HONG
State Representative · 76th Assembly District

December 4th, 2023

City of Madison Common Council
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Madison, WI 53703

RE: In Support of the Ceasefire Resolution

Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing to you to express my wholehearted support of the resolution that will come in front of you tomorrow calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

In the events during and since October 7th, a horrific loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives has occurred at the hands of Hamas's vigilante terrorism and the Israeli government's indiscriminate and criminal bombardment of the Gaza strip.

Well over 15,000 Palestinians, most of them women and children, have now been killed with thousands more missing under the rumble. As reported by the New York Times, experts say that even a conservative assessment of the Gaza casualty figures shows that the rate of death during Israel's assault has few precedents in this century.

What's more, 136 Israeli hostages have yet to be released by Hamas and the UNWRA has observed significant increases in communicable diseases in the area as the result of a massive internal displacement of about 1.2 million people. Gaza, akin now and before to an internment camp, is one of the most densely populated areas of the world — the continued systematic and relentless destruction of the occupied territory by the IDF has ushered in a horrific humanitarian crisis that will only worsen without a shift of the status quo.

For the long-term safety of both Israelis and Palestinians, a ceasefire is a vital first step in a long series of diplomatic processes that should, over time, guarantee the safety and statehood of all civilians going forward.

Disproportionality of violence, forced displacement, and a plethora of violations of international law continue to taint the legacy of the Israeli government and its military operations. In order to work toward appropriate and effective peace negotiations in Gaza, there must be an end to the constant violence which has already taken irreplaceable lives and intensified the lack of access to basic resources, freedoms, and infrastructure in the strip. As both national and international humanitarian organizations continue to call for a ceasefire, it's time for Madison to support an end to the violence. And as a city whose identity is built largely on peace activism, progressivism, and humanitarianism, we must take a stand. I urge all of you to support the resolution calling for a ceasefire, including hostage exchanges, de-escalation, reconciliation, and humanitarian aid to Gaza.

In service and solidarity,

Francesca Hong
State Representative
76th Assembly District

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Sol Kelley-Jones <solkelleyjones@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:39 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support resolution "Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza"

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Dear Alders,

I write to you today as a resident of Madison in District 10, a parent, an educator, and as a human rights advocate who has worked extensively on the ground in Israel/Palestine in 2008 and 2015. I strongly urge you to vote for the resolution "Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza." I am deeply troubled by the ongoing war on Gaza and the deteriorating humanitarian situation - the level of death and destruction is unconscionable. Likewise, I am concerned about the grave consequences this will have not only for Gaza and the Palestinian people, but, also, for the safety and security of Israeli people, and the possibility of a just peace in the region. And, as we American taxpayers bankroll a war in Gaza to the tune of billions of dollars, it has consequences for what we can invest in to support residents in our own communities.

With advisory resolutions such as this, Madison has a history of taking a principled stand for human rights, against oppression, and for the kind of world we are seeking to build. I urge you to continue this tradition by voting for this resolution and joining leaders from cities across the country like Detroit, Atlanta, Oakland and a dozen others that have passed Ceasefire resolutions. You will be in good company along with hundreds of human rights organizations including the United Nations, Doctors Without Borders, Amnesty International, The World Health Organization, workers' unions such as the United Auto Workers, and the American Postal Workers, and educational, faith, and civil society organizations, and leaders across the world that are standing for an end to this assault on Gaza and for a political solution that can make way for a lasting, just, peace.

As of this morning, December 4th, 6,600 children have been killed in Gaza. Recent figures showed that the most common age of a casualty in Gaza was five - 5 years old. I have my own 5 year old, Reyah, who is concerned about the situation in Gaza and understands with clarity how dropping bombs will never make anyone safer and certainly will not bring peace. Reyah, and kids like them, deserve to be safe, to have access to clean water, shelter and food, to be able to play (and sleep) without fear for their lives, to envision a future, and to live free from war and occupation. Reyah would like to ask you to "Please support a ceasefire. We need you to be leaders for peace."

Thank you for your leadership,

Sol Kelley-Jones

4341 Crawford Drive
Madison, WI
53711

Matthias, Isaac L

From: City of Madison <noreply@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 1:34 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Ceasefire

Recipient: All Alders:

Mon, 12/04/2023 - 13:29

Sanne Kelly
She
825 Lake St
baraboo, Wisconsin. 53913 No, do not contact me. All Alders Ceasefire Please vote for a ceasefire at city council meeting tomorrow! No more tax dollars towards genocide and war crimes in Palestine!

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Megan Kennedy <megan.marianne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:21 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire now!

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Hello Alder Amani Latimer Burris,

I've been made aware that a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza has been introduced into the Madison Common Council. I believe it is scheduled to be voted on Tuesday Dec. 5 in a virtual council meeting. I would like to voice my STRONG SUPPORT for this resolution calling for a ceasefire.

In the face of the ongoing crisis and humanitarian devastation in Gaza, I believe it is crucial for our community to stand up and advocate for a halt to the violence. This resolution, though limited in scope, aligns with the growing consensus across the nation urging the Biden administration and the federal government to take concrete steps towards achieving a ceasefire and ending the loss of innocent lives.

As a resident of Madison and a member of your district, I implore you to support this resolution. It represents the least we can do to contribute to the global call for peace and to prevent further catastrophic destruction in Gaza. Every life lost is a tragedy, and it is within our power to play a role in preventing further suffering.

I am deeply invested in this issue because I understand all oppression is connected. As a white person it is my responsibility to advocate for and with people experiencing oppression across the world. It is my sincere hope that you will consider the urgency of this matter and cast your vote in favor of the resolution.

I kindly request that you respond to this message to inform me of your stance on this crucial matter. Your commitment to promoting peace and justice is greatly appreciated, and I trust that you will represent the values of our community in the upcoming vote.

Thank you for your time and dedication to public service.
Megan Kennedy

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Megan Kennedy
(she/her/hers)
PhD Candidate - Slavic Languages and Literatures
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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Sasha Kerlow <sasha_ilena@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 12.5.2023 - Ceasefire Resolution - 108

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Dear Council Members,

I can understand the desire to do something to ease the suffering in the present conflict between Israel and Hamas and at the same time am dismayed at the blatant bias of this resolution. Calling for a ceasefire without any recognition of the atrocities that ended the ceasefire that was in place on Oct 6 or of Hamas's missile and terror attack on Israel that broke the recent ceasefire is to not acknowledge or reckon with the full reality. In addition, to only demand a ceasefire loud and clear without any mention of the need to uproot Hamas does not center the freedom of Gazans. The Palestinian people in Gaza live under the heavy, oppressive, militant, terrorist, and extremist Islamic rule of Hamas with none of the freedoms we take for granted. Since Hamas violently took full control over Gaza in 2007, it has controlled all aspects of life in the strip and ruthlessly represses all opposition.

This resolution is well beyond the scope of the City of Madison's business. And I have to ask - has there been similar resolutions passed for every world conflict of this kind, or is it only when it concerns Israel that it is even addressed? Choosing which conflict to respond to sets a terrible precedent for the City of Madison. I am deeply saddened by the recent death of 9,000 people in Sudan and am very concerned about the escalation of violence given the history in Darfur. Yet this is not on the agenda at the Common Council, nor, like this ceasefire resolution, do I think it should be.

Thank you,

Sasha Kerlow

Adams St

Madison WI

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Annie K Creative <annie.kubena@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:00 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution for ceasefire from the Madison Common Council

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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,
Anne Kubena
2621 Hoard Street

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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Greta Landis <greta.k.landis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:29 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: please support resolution 80848

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Dear Alders,

I'm writing to ask that the Madison Common Council pass the resolution 80848 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Even if only symbolic, this resolution would join Madison with communities around the world calling for an end to the violence and for the sovereignty for indigenous peoples, and continue to put pressure on international powers. We are paying attention and will not look away.

I would like to thank my Alderperson Marsha Rummel for her support on this resolution, and ask the rest of the Common Council to join her.

Thank you for your consideration.

Greta Landis
108 N Brearly St
53703

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Maddie Loeffler <madelyn0312@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:27 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Hello Madison Alders,

My name is Maddie Loeffler and I live in District 4. I am asking that you all support the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

I'm 23 years old, and never imagined I would be sitting here in the city I've lived in nearly my entire life watching a genocide happen in real time. It is on all of us to help stop this atrocity.

Thank you,
Maddie

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Maddie Loeffler *(she/her)*
E: madelyn0312@gmail.com
C: 608-322-9654

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Melina of Wisconsin, EEUU <melina@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 1:13 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: let's help Gaza please!!

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Dear Alder Dina Nina & any others who haven't signed, I'm a constituent of yours, (district #15)
Please become a sponsor or at least pledge to vote for the resolution.
This is the **least** that we can do to save lives and end the catastrophic destruction of Gaza; this is important to me and to all the peace-loving organizations I work with because it's the moral thing to do. Please let me know your thoughts**.**

Dr. Melina Lozano

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Clarissa Lynn <clharleykitty89@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Agenda Item 108, Issue 80848

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Hello,

I am a resident of Madison. This is my 4th year living here and I love this city, so let me start by thanking you for the work you do to keep it running. I want to voice my support for calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. The attacks on civilians have been reprehensible, and a very disturbing deterioration of international norms. It seems very clear from the attacks on civilians, schools, hospitals, and places of worship that the Israeli military seeks to destroy Gaza and its people, not just Hamas. Who are we if we don't speak up against such violence? Furthermore, this kind of violence only creates more tension between Israel and its neighbors, putting peace for Israel even further out of reach. This war has also been used to trample the rights of Israeli citizens. My Israeli friends have been telling me stories about their friends, Jewish Israelis, who are being arrested for Tweeting that they don't want children in Gaza to die, and stories of other peaceful dissenters being beaten by police. What kind of democratic government does these things?

I want to see peace between Palestine and Israel in my lifetime. I want a safe future for Israeli and Palestinian children. A ceasefire has to be the first step.

Thank you for your time.
Clarissa

Matthias, Isaac L

From: connie mcguigan <conniemcguigan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:22 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: ceasefire in palestine

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please stand on the side of the innocent people being murdered in palestine. the u.s. government is spending billions of our tax dollars on suppling israel's war machine with weapons that are destroying an entire people. are you on the side of innocent people or are you in league with genocide?

take a moral and ethical stand. ceasefire in Gaza now
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Sara Meredith <smeretactics@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Hello Common Council Members,
I'm a constituent of Charles Myadze and thank him for sponsoring the resolution calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza. I urge you all to vote in support of this resolution. I have been watching the ongoing catastrophic destruction of Gaza and its people. It's horrific and unnecessary. Like other cities, Madison has a responsibility to pass a resolution for Ceasefire to put further pressure on the federal government to push for a Ceasefire.

This is extremely important to me and the non- profit arts organization Communication that I help run (we're all volunteers). Our mission as an arts org is to create safe space for folks to experience and demonstrate creative community. What is happening to the people in Gaza is the antithesis of our work building community here in Madison and beyond. Community support can connect us far beyond our neighborhoods, cities, states, countries and the world at large. The devastation of an entire group of people is unacceptable. A resolution calling for a ceasefire is the bare minimum we can do as a city. Please vote in support of a Ceasefire in Gaza.

Thanks for your time.

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Sara Meredith
Communication Shop Manager, Artist Smere Tactics
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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Kelsie <kmorschauser619@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Save lives-ceasefire now

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Hello Alders of Madison

Thank you for your work to help Madison continue to run smoothly. Im writing you all today to urge you to vote for a ceasefire. Every minute matters and we must do everything we can to stop the extermination camp that is the gaza strip and help Palestinians survive genocide, apartheid and occupation. Please please help set an example for other cities and elected officials around the world to stand up and a speak out against the unspeakable horrors, dismemberment, and starvation as a result of US bombs and tax dollars. We Madisonians know you will make the right choice and stand with us against the brutal murder of an entire population of Palestinian people.

Kelsie Morschauser
West side of Madison
53717

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Timothy Moye <tjmoye@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:18 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution in support

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Juliana Bennett represents my district and I want to thank her for standing up for the Palestinian people and for co-sponsoring the ceasefire resolution. I am a supporter of our sister city, Rafah and the Madison-Rafah-Sister-City Project. I hope that our entire council will stand in support of Palestinian human rights, international law, and the right of women, children, men, medical staff, teachers, UN agency staff, and all others in Gaza to be free from the genocidal bombing/military campaign of the Israeli military (which is paid for with US tax dollars). I believe it is our democratic duty to call for a cease fire, at the very least. The Madison Common Council has a long history of standing in solidarity with victims of oppression, especially when that violence is sponsored by our government and carried out in our name. I urge you all to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people and call for an immediate ceasefire. Thank you for supporting the Ceasefire Resolution.
In solidarity,
Tim Moye

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Megan Mrozek <meganmrozek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:48 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Re: Support the resolution for permanent ceasefire

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Dear all,
I wanted to follow up on the comment I submitted on 23-12-02. At the time I hadn't been able to locate the text for Resolution 80848. I have now read it, and I stand by my support of this Resolution. I hope each of you will vote in support of it. Thank you,

On Sat, Dec 2, 2023 at 2:18 PM Megan Mrozek <meganmrozek@gmail.com> wrote:

> 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?
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> 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
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> Free Palestine PS

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Megan Mrozek
(815)-990-3702

Free Palestine PS

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Rachel Niesen <rachmnies@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:25 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alders,

My name is Rachel Niesen and I am a social worker and psychotherapist here in Madison. I am first writing to thank the 12 of you who are co-sponsoring this resolution. Sincerely, thank you. I am also asking that the rest of you support this resolution.

Once this resolution is passed I encourage you to please draft up a resolution in support of ending all military aid to Israel and ending the occupation. Let's be a model for the rest of Wisconsin. A ceasefire is absolutely necessary. A ceasefire is also the bare minimum. We must take a real stand for the sake of humanity during this genocide. As Jewish Voices for Peace have been reminding us "The Roots of Violence are Oppression."

Thank you,
Rachel

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Fields, Debbie
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:55 PM
To: Matthias, Isaac L
Subject: FW: Support Resolution: Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza & Decolonize our policies and practices

Hi Isaac,

Here's a public comment that came into the Council inbox.

Thanks!

Debbie

From: Nina Collective <connect@ninacollective.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:01 PM
To: council <council@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Alia Stevenson <alia@ninacollective.com>; Jordan Bingham <jordan@ninacollective.com>; Jacquelyn Boggess <jacquelyn@ninacollective.com>; Colleen Butler <colleen@ninacollective.com>; ananda@nINA mirilli <ananda@ninacollective.com>; nina collective members <members@ninacollective.com>
Subject: Support Resolution: Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza & Decolonize our policies and practices

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Dear Members of the Madison City Common Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to express the support of the nINA Collective for the proposed ceasefire resolution. At nINA, we are committed to fostering a community of learning and building together, and we believe that endorsing a ceasefire is a crucial step toward addressing the deep-seated colonization that persists around the world and, specifically, in Gaza.

In our recent Community of Practice sessions, we have delved into the painful histories and current realities of displaced Indigenous communities. Through insightful presentations by Kamewanukiw Rabineaux of the Menominee Nation and a panel discussion on Palestine with Othman Atta, Deanna Othman, and Mouna Algahaithi, we have confronted the brutal truths that underscore the displacement and genocide of Indigenous communities.

What became evident in both sessions is the stark contradiction between the narratives that justified the displacement and genocide of these communities and the ideals that European settlers and Jewish survivors of the Holocaust held dear. The transformation from seeking refuge to becoming persecutors raises poignant questions about the moral complexities surrounding these issues.

At nINA, we understand the importance of honoring people's lives globally, including those in Israel, while acknowledging the need to disrupt narratives that fuel conflict. We align ourselves with organizations like Jewish Voices for Peace, who actively challenge narratives perpetuating harm.

Decolonization, for us, is an ongoing commitment to truth-seeking, listening, and grappling with our history of violence and colonization. It is a process of questioning deeply ingrained narratives and leaving behind beliefs that do not align with our values. We recognize that the mental and psychological elements of genocide and colonization persist within us, and we must actively inspect and challenge our thought patterns and actions.

We encourage the members of the Madison City Common Council to reflect on the narratives that may be influencing your perspectives. Ask yourselves what stories you believe without critical reflection and how you can excavate these narratives to be more intentional about the values you uphold. We invite you to join us in decolonizing your thoughts and ways of being.

The presentations and resources from our Community of Practice sessions are available on Sutra, our virtual platform, for those interested in engaging in this reflective journey. We urge you to consider the ceasefire resolution as a step toward promoting dialogue, understanding, and, ultimately, peace and justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We can contribute to a more just world together.

In Community,

Member Directors of the nINA Collective
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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Mason Paccione <mason.paccione@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasfire in Gaza Resolution - Martha Rummel Constituent

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Dear Marsha A. Rummel,

Truly, thank you so much for your sponsorship of the Madison Common Council resolution "Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza". I am your constiuent, and urge you to continue and redouble your support. Your participation has so far been essential and I am truly grateful for your representation on this matter.

To be clear - this is the most important issue I will consider when voting for the forseeable future. Anyone not in support of a ceasefire will not receive my vote or support, regardless of their stance on other issues. This is the absolute minimum that can be done to save lives and end the catastrophic destruction of Gaza.

I have voted in and been active in door knocking, calling, and campaigning in every election since my majority, and will continue to do so. I hope to be able to support you and many others in the future.

Best regards,
Mason Paccione

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Susan Pastor <skpastor@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Yes on Agenda Item 108 - ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alders,

Thanks very much to those of you who have sponsored this resolution. For those who have not, or are uncertain about a yes vote, I do realize that some may question the value of considering and adopting a resolution that addresses international issues far away. I appreciate you reading this.

Gaza is geographically far away but it is close to people who live here – people who have already suffered the loss of loved ones and who continue to fear for the lives of family and friends in Gaza. The death toll, including so many children, is staggering, horrifying.

I ask that you vote yes, not only for the extremely compelling humanitarian reasons of what has been inflicted upon the people of Gaza in retaliation for the actions of a group they did not elect and do not control. But also because of the acknowledgement that this affects people in our community. To be in favor of a ceasefire is not to be "pro" or "against" anyone. It is to be in favor of stopping the tide of destruction beyond anything most Madisonians could imagine. Please vote yes.

Sincerely,
Sue Pastor

4530 Turquoise Lane
Madison Wi 53714

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Nola Pastor <nrbpastor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:09 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear alders,

I just wanted to say thank you to those of you who sponsored the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza (agenda item #108 for tonight's meeting). Please know that you have constituent support from the many of us who are deeply concerned about the brutal loss of human life and ongoing dehumanization in Palestine. It has been especially devastating to witness the ambivalence of our national- and state-level representatives and to feel powerless to make a difference as an individual. Just knowing that local leadership values Palestinian and other marginalized lives gives me some hope.

Sincerely,
Nola Pastor (she/her)
53703

Sent from my iPhone

Matthias, Isaac L

From: El Poché <elainepoche@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:25 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Wehelie, Nasra H
Subject: Support for #80848

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Hello,

I am a resident of district 7, writing to thank Alder Wehelie for sponsoring #80848, the ceasefire in Gaza resolution. I hope all our Madison alders support this resolution, and that our collective action may yet change the mind of Senator Baldwin and other state and federal officeholders.

Thank you again. It is a comfort amongst all the horror unfolding that this resolution exists and appears to have broad support.

Sincerely,
El Poché

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Karen Polnitz <karenpolnitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza Resolution

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Monday, December 4th, 2023

Hello Alder Madison,

Thank you for all of your work and outreach with our community. I am a member of your district and grateful to have you as our representative.

As the crisis in Gaza enters a third month, my heart continues to break at the level of destruction and loss of life. I am especially distraught to see the continued harm upon children: the dead, the injured, and those left behind, to carry forever the wounds of this violence upon their souls.

Thank you for supporting the resolution calling for a permanent, lasting ceasefire in Gaza. I appreciate you co-sponsoring and voting in favor of this resolution as a simple step towards peace.

Thank you for your representation and being part of this important message. I look forward to hearing more about how the council will continue to support our siblings in Palestine.

In community,
Karen Polnitz
karenpolnitz@gmail.com

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Vignesh Ramachandran <viggyram@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:49 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Permanent Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alder Rummel and Madison Alders,

I want to express my support for the ceasefire resolution (Legistar File #80848). The ongoing Israeli bombardment of Gaza is one of the largest travesties in human rights in recent memory. The Israeli Defense Forces have killed or injured over 50 journalists, bombed universities and other critical social infrastructure, and instituted communications blackouts in Gaza, not to mention killed over 15,000 civilians in Gaza. This ethnic cleansing and genocide has been met with an increase in violence in the West Bank, by settlers and occupation military forces, against Palestinians. Life under Israeli occupation in Palestine is a constant attack on human rights.

The current resolution for a ceasefire is the least that we can call for. Alongside a permanent ceasefire, it becomes clearer everyday that we must also call for an end of the siege on Gaza and an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

Thank you,
Vignesh Ramachandran
District 6
1010 E Gorham St., Apt. 1
Madison, WI 53703

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Jules Reynolds <reynolds.juliam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 2:53 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Written comment in support of Resolution 80848

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Dear Alder Rummel and Madison alders,

I strongly encourage you to support the Resolution 80848 Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. As it currently stands, thousands have been killed by the Israeli bombing and invasion of Gaza. We must call for a ceasefire and lift the siege on Gaza.

Sincerely,
Jules Reynolds

District 6,
1246 Spaight St APT 2
Madison, WI 53703

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Jules Reynolds, PhD Student
Department of Geography
Environment & Resources, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
University of Wisconsin - Madison

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Hannah Sandvold <hcsandvold@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:14 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Good morning,

I would like to add my voice on Agenda item 108, issue 80848, in support of a full ceasefire in Gaza. The escalations in this conflict do nothing but further the destruction of innocent civilians. This is a humanitarian catastrophe and our tax dollars should not contribute to the destruction of the people of Palestine. Please support the call for ceasefire. This cannot go on a day longer.

Peace,
Hannah

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Rachel Schlueter <schlueter.rachel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:11 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for Permanent Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alder Rummel and Madison Alders,

I want to express my support for the ceasefire resolution (Legistar File #80848). The ongoing Israeli bombardment of Gaza is one of the largest travesties in human rights in recent memory. The Israeli Defense Forces have killed or injured over 50 journalists, bombed universities and other critical social infrastructure, and instituted communications blackouts in Gaza, not to mention killed over 15,000 civilians in Gaza. This ethnic cleansing and genocide has been met with an increase in violence in the West Bank, by settlers and occupation military forces, against Palestinians. Life under Israeli occupation in Palestine is a constant attack on human rights.

In addition, as a healthcare worker and future nurse, I am heartbroken by the mass violence targeting hospitals and patients in Gaza. The basic conditions for life (clean water, food, shelter) are controlled by Israel under the occupation and are currently being withheld. We need to act now to prevent further death.

The current resolution for a ceasefire is the least that we can call for. Alongside a permanent ceasefire, it becomes clearer everyday that we must also call for an end of the siege on Gaza and an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

Thank you,
Rachel Schlueter
District 6
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Madison, WI 53703

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Katie Schofield <schofield.k@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 1:51 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support the ceasefire resolution

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,
I want to thank all the alders who have signed on in support of the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I am a constituent of Alderperson Charles Myadze and I want to thank him for cosponsoring the resolution.

The resumption of the massive bombardment of civilians in Gaza shows the absolutely urgent need for the ceasefire, and I 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. This must stop!
Again, I 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.

Thank you,

Katie Schofield

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Rama Shoukfeh <ramashoukfeh23@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Ceasefire resolution

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Hi,

I am a resident in Madison Wisconsin and am emailing to support the ceasefire resolution in Gaza. The ongoing genocide and complete disregard for human life is unacceptable. The very least we can do as citizens of the country that is sending billions and arming Israel to be able to engage in genocide is demand a ceasefire. Please make my voice heard.

Rama Shoukfeh

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Rep.Stubbs <Rep.Stubbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:54 PM
To: All Alders
Cc: Bonds, Danesha; Johnson, Grace
Subject: Letter of Support for Ceasefire
Attachments: Rep. Shelia Stubbs Letter of Support for Ceasefire.docx

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Hello all,

Attached please find Representative Shelia Stubbs' letter of support for the Madison Common Council's call for a ceasefire. Thank you!

Best,
Grace Johnson
Legislative Assistant
Office of Rep. Shelia Stubbs

WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Shelia Stubbs
77TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Dear Madison Common Council,

Between October 7 and November 13, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 11,000 Palestinians, of which at least 4,000 are children, and over 1,400 Israelis, including children, and wounded thousands more. On either side of the conflict the number of hostages and casualties is growing. In addition to the countless lives claimed by bombings, countless more hang in the balance as access to food, water, and medical aid grows more and more restricted. Gaza is one of the most densely populated areas in the world with approximately 2.2 million people. Each of those 2.2 million are at ongoing risk until a ceasefire can be achieved and humanitarian aid is allowed to reach everyone in need.

International humanitarian law acknowledges and stipulates that military action against civilians is impermissible and will not be tolerated. Every human life is invaluable. In order to prevent further catastrophic losses in Gaza, we must all lift our voices and call for an immediate ceasefire and de-escalation.

The federal government is in a position of immense diplomatic power to save the lives of all innocents in the region. As local and state legislators, it is our duty to advocate our concerns and the concerns of our constituents to policymakers on a national level, especially when hundreds of thousands of lives are at stake.

In an effort to halt the needless loss of life, I support the Madison Common Council's resolution calling for an immediate and necessary ceasefire and de-escalation in the region. This resolution, in addition to many others created by municipalities across the country, will help make clear the growing consensus that the horrific violence in Gaza must be stopped.

For the sake of all those whose lives and families are endangered by this conflict, we as elected officials are compelled to demand de-escalation and a path toward peaceful negotiations.

Sincerely,

Shelia Stubbs
Wisconsin State Representative
77th Assembly District

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Matthias, Isaac L

From: Casey Thompson <thompcas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6:31 AM
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, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford, 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,

Casey

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Michael F. Thompson <michaelft@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:57 PM
To: Tishler, Bill
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Please Support Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Alder Tishler,

As a resident of Madison living in your district 11. I strongly urge you to support the proposed resolution to call on the US government to demand an immediate ceasefire and de-escalation of the War taking place between Israel and Hamas. This is crucial to allow humanitarian aid and to secure safety for the people of Gaza and Palestine.

Residents of Palestine are being killed and hurt in the thousands and are extremely vulnerable victims of terrible and escalating violence. After decades of occupation without the independence and security of its own state, I have met and become friends with Palestinians who have had to endure terrible living conditions and exile. It is unsurprising that a terrible terrorist organization would arise out of such a long occupation and deplorable living conditions but by no means does this justify an indiscriminate military response from Israel. The US has the power and influence to promote peace and to insist on an independent Palestinian state so resolutions like this keep the pressure on the federal government to act.

I urge you to listen to your conscience and to vote in support of this resolution.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Michael

Michael F. Thompson
Cell: 812-340-9341 / E-mail: michaelft@gmail.com

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Reem Totonchi <reem.totonchi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:14 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support for ceasefire resolution

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Hello,

My name is Reem Totonchi, and I am an Arab-American living in Madison. I am writing today to ask and encourage my alder, Derek Field, to become a sponsor of this resolution, and/or pledge to vote to support the resolution to call for a ceasefire in Palestine.

The effects of war are horrific and atrocious, and the actions of the Israeli army equate to the genocide of Palestinians. We have seen numerous wars in the Middle East; the closest to my heart is the wars in Iraq, which is where my father is from. We have watched my father's country go from one of the most advanced and educated nations to being torn apart by war and destruction. We cannot allow this devastation to happen again to another incredibly rich and beautiful country, Palestine. Palestinians are already living under such horrible conditions enforced by Israel's occupation - the very least we can do in solidarity and attempts at protection and support is call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. The longer we ignore this, the more innocent people murdered. Please call for a ceasefire immediately.

I look forward to hearing back from you, and again, encourage you to vote with humanity and compassion on Tuesday 12/5, and to call for an immediate ceasefire.

Thank you,
Reem Totonchi
she/her/hers

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Stepha Velednitsky <stephanie.velednitsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:17 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In support of a Gaza ceasefire

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to thank you for the important work that you do that keeps our city so beautiful and vibrant. As a Jewish Madisonian, I am also writing to urge you to publicly call for a ceasefire now by supporting Agenda Item 108.

When they were little girls, my grandmothers (both the Jewish and the Slavic one) barely survived the blockade of Leningrad. During this gruesome, multi-year siege, the Nazi army starved 1.5 million people to death - 80% of the city. I grew up hearing their stories and feeling their fear in my body. From a young age, I have wondered what I would do to prevent something like this from ever happening again.

Now is that moment. I am writing to urge you to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. As someone raised by survivors of xenophobic violence who, at times, resorted to boiling shoe leather and eating tree bark for sustenance, I am deeply affected by the stories that I hear of Palestinians resorting to drinking sea water, searching for their loved ones in the rubble. I am horrified by what is happening in Gaza's hospitals and streets and across the West Bank. This living nightmare has to end, and you have the power to help make that happen.

I hope that you call for a ceasefire as soon as possible. Every day, hour, and minute matters.

Thank you for your time, attention, and the important work that you do.

Sincerely,
Stepha Velednitsky
937 E. Gorham St, Apt 2
Madison, WI 53703
District 6

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Kathy Walsh <madderhorn17@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 11:03 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution on a ceasefire for Gaza

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To all members of the Madison City Council, and to my own alder**, Bill Tishler**,

I am writing in support of the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I am a member of the Madison-Rafah Sister City Project (MRSCP), but this letter is my own and contains my personal views.

I apologize for the length of this letter. This subject is very personal to me because in January 2005 my daughter and I visited Rafah in the Gaza Strip. I made this trip because MRSCP had raised money for a playground to be built for the children of Rafah and it looked like we had a brief window to get someone from our group into Gaza to see for ourselves what life was like there. The events occurred more than 18 years ago, and while I am doing my best to be as accurate as possible my memory is not perfect. What we experienced there cemented my views on human rights, and in particular, the rights of children. I am always appalled when I hear Palestinians referred to as sub-human or worse. The Palestinians I met on this trip were 100% human, no more, no less, and the children were 100% human children, deserving of the rights of children everywhere.

On January 31, our first full day in Rafah, our host, an agent for the al-Mezan Center for Human Rights received a call that a child at a school had been killed by live fire from an Israeli position on the Rafah border. Thsi was "the fifth such fatal incident in the territory in the past two years." * Our first official stop in Rafah was the morgue, so my host could document the death. The child's name was **Noran Iyad Deeb.** She was 10 years old. Later that day we visited the hospital, where a second child who had been shot in the hand was being treated. Her name was **Aysha Isam El-Khatib.** We also visited the school where the shootings occurred. The schoolyard was mobbed with children waiting to attend the afternoon school session. Please remember their names as you decide on this resolution. I don't think I can ever forget their names or their images.**

During our stay in Rafah we met a lot of children in a lot of places. I folded origami birds for and with my host's nephews. We visited the site of the playground often. It was always mobbed with children, even before the equipment was unpacked and the first holes were dug. The children played like children everywhere. They laughed, they ran, they climbed equipment left on the ground. They pushed and shouted and fought a bit. They showed off their soccer and other skills, especially for my daughter, whom they found quite intriguing. And they showed me collections of seashells and bullets.

Then we visited schools and kindergartens. We were shown children's artwork. There were drawings of hearts and flowers. But most of the pictures depicted tanks and ambulances and bodies on the ground. Earlier that year the children had experienced Operation Rainbow, an Israeli incursion that destroyed homes, agricultural fields, infrastructure, and took many lives and injured many psyches. This is the world these children were born into and lived their whole lives in.

It has been 18 years since my trip to Gaza. During those 18 years the children I met have grown up in a world even worse than what we witnessed. In 2005, Israel forcibly removed the Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip ending the internal “occupation” but beginning an external siege and blockade. Israel closely controls what can get in and out. They limit food aid to what is necessary to prevent starvation but leave the Gazans in permanent food insecurity. The water quality has deteriorated so that only 5% is considered potable. Medical supplies are inadequate and travel is restricted so that many people die for lack of treatment. Electricity is available at times, fuel for cooking and generators is limited. And there have been 5 major military incursions that repeatedly destroy homes and infrastructure and killed and injured countless 100% human people. The UN estimated that by 2020 that Gaza would be “unlivable.” It is now 2023, and even before the current “war” Gaza was indeed “unlivable.” I can’t imagine what it is like to spend one’s entire life in such a world, as the children I met in Rafah have. Crowd 2.3 million people into such a boiling pot, leave them there for years and eventually there will be an explosion. On October 7, there was an explosion.

In 2005 I fell in love with many children in Rafah. Those that are still alive are now adults who have lived their entire lives in some of the most appalling conditions in the world. They did nothing to deserve the world they were born into. They were born to parents who also have been deprived of basic human rights for their entire lives. Some of them may have children of their own now. They all deserve a better future.

The settlements in Gaza up to 2005 were illegal under international law. The siege and blockade of Gaza after the settlers left is an act of war under international law. Basically, the people of Gaza have lived under persistent war for all or most of their lives, a war they did not start.

Please vote to pass this resolution. A permanent ceasefire that is backed up by the rest of the world is a small but necessary step in the right direction. Humanitarian aid that does more than keep people alive is temporary but necessary fix, and must be given until Gaza can be self sufficient. Recognition that Palestinians are 100% human deserving of 100% of the rights of other people is a must. Only then can there be a real peace in Israel/Palestine.

I will remember the names **Noran Iyad Deeb** and **Aysha Isam El-Khatib** forever. Please say their names once more.

I would appreciate a response from you, especially from my alder, Bill Tishler.

Thank you,
Kathy Walsh

566 S Segoe Rd
Madison, WI 53711
608-609-6628

*See https://news.un.org/en/story/2005/01/127212). Also go to Remember These Children at https://www.rememberthesechildren.org/#gsc.tab=0. Noran’s is listed on January 31, 2005 as:

Nuran Iyad Deeb, 11, of Rafah refugee camp, Gaza, ***killed by IDF sniper fire to her head while entering her United Nations-administered elementary school.***

**At home in Madison, I wrote about our trip for *Isthmus.* Bill Lueders kindly shepherded me through the writing process, but one of the editors required him to ask both “did this really happen?” and “what were the mitigating circumstances?” Yes, it really happened. As for mitigating circumstances, I was floored. How can there be mitigating circumstances to shooting at a schoolyard from 800 meters? Did a child throw a rock? Make a lewd gesture? Did the soldier have a headache? This attitude is common. Israel must be innocent, and all violence directed at Palestinians is deserved.

Kathy Walsh
they/she

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Bay W <baywaters11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:17 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Resolution #80848: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Alders,

Please support Resolution #80848, calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

I am horrified and disgusted that my tax money is being used to indiscriminately slaughter innocent Palestinians in Gaza, including THOUSANDS of children. At least 15,000 innocent civilians have been confirmed killed, but it is almost certainly much more - they are losing count on the number of deaths because they are unable to retrieve many of the bodies still trapped under the rubble.

The aid going into Gaza is not enough to meet the needs of the displaced survivors, who don't have enough food or clean water, let alone the appropriate supplies to treat their wounds. The healthcare system is in total collapse and has been for weeks. If bombs do not kill them, diseases, starvation, dehydration, and winter weather will. The trauma Gazans are experiencing is unimaginable. Experts classify this as both ethnic cleansing and genocide.

We must take immediate action to save lives in Gaza. While we are a small city, we are mighty, and we have a legacy of standing up for social justice. Let's join the other progressive US cities voting to end this violence. Please vote on the side of humanity in supporting a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you,
Bayley Waters
Williamson-Marquette neighborhood

Matthias, Isaac L

From: COLLEEN CATHERINE WILLIAMS <cwilliams28@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:42 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Comments on Issue 80408 and 80894

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Dear Alderpeople,

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

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

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

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Gisela Wilson <giselawilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 8:27 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Resolution 80848: Calling for a ceasefire in Gaza

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Dear Madison Alders,

Thank you to the Alders sponsoring the Resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I strongly support this Resolution.

Gaza is only slightly larger than Madison, yet the tonnage of bombs dropped on Gaza exceeds that dropped on Hiroshima. Bombing a civilian population that has been held captive in Gaza for over a decade is cowardly and unconscionable.

In spite of the many statements by US officials urging Israel to minimize civilian casualties, it is clear that Israel is ignoring the advice. In fact an aim of the bombing campaign is to maximize civilian death and injury, and destroy life-sustaining infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, libraries, and farms. Recent reporting (https://www.972mag.com/mass-assassination-factory-israel-calculated-bombing-gaza/) has uncovered that targets are selected for their "shock value", not military value, including high-rise apartment buildings and facilities run by the UN and Doctors Without Borders. There is no safe place in Gaza. Further, the intensification of the siege of Gaza means many additional civilians will die due to the lack food, water, shelter and fuel.

I am angry that my tax dollars are being used to support wanton destruction and ask all Alders to pass this Resolution and forward it to our elected federal representatives.

Sincerely,

Gisela Wilson
1244 Morrison
Madison, WI 53703

District #6

Matthias, Isaac L

From: Nancy Worcester <naworces@wisc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:48 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please Vote FOR a ceasefire in Gaza

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The whole world is watching what is happening in Gaza.

YOU can make a difference. Let the world know that Madison cares about what is happening.

The Middle East issues are SO complicated. The "answers" will come from hard diplomatic work, not from more people getting killed or permanently harmed.

A CEASEFIRE IS AN URGENT FIRST STEP.

Thanks,
Nancy Worcester
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Subject: We MUST Pass Resolution Calling for Ceasefire in Palestine/Gaza

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Dear All Alders --
As a former Alder for District 6, I urge you all to stand up and speak out by passing this resolution.
This type of resolution is needed from all local governments across our nation -- and it is desperately needed from us here in Madison.
Enough of the dying -- more killing will not create peace or lead to justice. It must end now -- and we must demand real action now for a permanent resolution, based in justice, to this crisis.
Please speak up for peace and for justice during this time of war and destruction.
Thank you.
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