

A Resolution Supporting an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel

WHEREAS, the conflict between Gaza and Israel has caused a catastrophic humanitarian crisis, resulting in the deaths of thousands of civilians, including children, and has exacerbated suffering through the destruction of essential infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, and homes;

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, a deadly attack by Hamas in Israel resulted in the loss of over 1,000 Israeli lives and the abduction of hostages;

WHEREAS, the subsequent Israeli response has led to a disproportionate loss of life in Gaza, with many Palestinian civilians affected by airstrikes and military actions;

WHEREAS, the City of Pullman condemns all targeting and killing of civilians, Israeli or Palestinian, recognizing such actions as violations of international law and human decency;

WHEREAS, the City of Pullman rejects blaming entire populations for the actions of specific groups and supports efforts to separate the actions of governments from the innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians who are affected;

WHEREAS, the City of Pullman stands in solidarity with all victims of violence and acknowledges our moral responsibility to advocate for peace, just as many other Washington cities, including Port Townsend, Bellingham, Olympia, and Tacoma, have done;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pullman that:

1. The City of Pullman calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire between Gaza and Israel and for all parties to halt military operations to prevent further civilian casualties.
2. The City of Pullman urges the immediate and unconditional release of all Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners.
3. The City of Pullman urges that all parties comply with international law, ceasing acts that violate human rights.
4. The City of Pullman urges the U.S. government to end U.S. military aid to Israel and promote policies that support human rights and protect both Palestinian and Israeli civilians.
5. The City of Pullman supports the immediate restoration of essential services—food, water, electricity, and medical care—to the people of Gaza and calls for the opening of humanitarian aid corridors.
6. The City of Pullman condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all forms of hate and calls on community leaders to support those affected.
7. The City of Pullman envisions a future where Israelis and Palestinians live together in peace, safety, and security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk send copies of this resolution to our U.S. Senators and Representatives to express the City's position on this critical issue.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Pullman at a regular meeting held on [D] th day of [M], 2024.

DATED this [D] th day of [M], 2024.