

From: Edward Hong
To: Wong, Thomas; Yiu, Yvonne; Sanchez, Jose; Lo, Henry; Ngo, Vinh T.
Cc: CMC; MPClerk
Subject: Adopt A Ceasefire Resolution
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2024 1:32:18 PM

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Dear Mayor Thomas Wong and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to put forward and adopt a meaningful ceasefire resolution. The City of Monterey Park should stand with other cities advocating for peace in Gaza (most recently Alhambra and Pasadena), a region in urgent need of our support. We need you to direct staff to come up with a meaningful and adequate ceasefire resolution and adopt it at the next council meeting agenda.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza, which has led to the tragic loss of over 32,000 lives, many of whom are women and children, amidst worsening famine and disease, demands our immediate attention. This crisis not only affects Gaza but also has ramifications here in the U.S., stoking Islamophobia and hate crimes. By addressing this, we connect our local actions to broader national issues, underscoring the urgency of adopting a ceasefire resolution.

The international community, through repeated UN votes, recognizes the urgency of a ceasefire. The ceasefire is critical for the safe return of hostages, supported by the pleas of Israeli hostages' families.

Highlighting the gravity of the situation, the violence and destruction inflicted upon Palestinians and their homes, schools, and hospitals by Israeli forces, under the guise of self-defense, constitutes war crimes. Recently, an attack on Palestinians waiting for aid resulted in 80 deaths and up to 200 injuries.

I implore you to act swiftly and courageously to pass a strong, unconditional ceasefire resolution, echoing the urgency of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Sincerely,
Edward Hong

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From: [Rida Hamida](#)
To: [Wong, Thomas](#)
Cc: [CMQ](#); [MPClerk](#)
Subject: follow up on edit requests for ceasefire resolution
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 11:55:44 AM

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Dear Mayor Wong,

I appreciate your support for the ceasefire resolution. I collaborated with Montebello to help draft the language that was passed there for the ceasefire resolution. Monterey Park is my hometown and will be mobilizing family members that live there to show up this Wednesday. Please see the edit requests that I am suggesting to your resolution:

1) Change title

Title change to adopt the title of City of Montebello's Ceasefire Resolution: A Resolution of the City Council of Montebello, California Affirming Support for Congressional and Worldwide calls for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza

2) Add death tolls

Section 1 D.

The latest death toll stands at 34,262 Palestinians, including over 14,000 children and 1,139 people killed in Israel since October, and thousands of more lives are at risk without a permanent ceasefire, and '2 million Gazans are experiencing the highest level of catastrophic hunger.

SECTION 3:

Add 'including unlawfully held prisoners',

The City Council joins other cities in calling on Congress and the Biden administration to utilize every tool at its disposal to push for a permanent bilateral ceasefire, immediate safe return and release of all hostages 'including unlawfully held prisoners',

Would love to jump on a quick call to connect today or tomorrow before the meeting.

Thank you,

Rida Hamida
Executive Director
Latino & Muslim Unity
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From: [Tara Kwan](#)
To: [Wong, Thomas](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#); [Yiu, Yvonne](#)
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Subject: In Support of Item 3-D - Adopt A Ceasefire Resolution
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Dear Mayor Thomas Wong and City Councilmembers,

My name is Tara Kwan and I am a long-term resident of District 2. I am writing to urge the adoption of a resolution for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Monterey Park, aligning the city with other municipalities advocating for peace and an end to the crisis in Gaza, which has reached the level of genocide.

Our congressional representatives have not adequately responded to the needs expressed by their constituents regarding this issue. We look to you, our local government representatives, to take decisive and effective action.

The current crisis in Gaza is not just a conflict but a genocide, where over 34,262 lives, including more than 14,000 children, have been lost. Additionally, 1,139 people have been killed in Israel since October. The situation is further exacerbated by a worsening famine and disease, with 2 million Gazans experiencing catastrophic levels of hunger. Addressing this situation not only ties our local efforts to national concerns but also stresses the need for immediate action.

I propose that the title of the draft resolution be revised to read: "Supporting an 'Immediate' and Permanent Bilateral Ceasefire to the Humanitarian Crisis Impacting the Palestinian Territories of the West Bank, Gaza, and Israel." This title more accurately reflects the urgency and scope of the humanitarian crisis we are addressing.

The international community has recognized the severity of the situation, supporting a ceasefire through multiple UN votes, emphasizing its critical importance for the safe return of hostages, as urgently requested by the families of Israeli hostages. Furthermore, the ongoing violence and destruction inflicted upon Palestinians—targeting their homes, schools, and hospitals under the pretext of self-defense—are acts that constitute war crimes.

I implore you to adopt a strong, unconditional ceasefire resolution that reflects the

dire urgency of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. It is crucial that our resolution includes the most accurate and up-to-date figures on the loss of life to fully convey the severity of the situation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Tara Kwan

From: [Mary.Nguyen](#)
To: [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yiu, Yvonne](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
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Sincerely,
Mary Nguyen

From: [Sofía Aguilar](#)
To: [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yiu, Yvonne](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
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Dear Mayor Thomas Wong and City Councilmembers,

My name is Sofía Aguilar and I am a long-time resident of Monterey Park. I am writing to urge the adoption of a resolution for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Monterey Park, aligning the city with other municipalities advocating for peace and an end to the crisis in Gaza, which has reached the level of genocide.

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Sincerely,
Sofía Aguilar

From: [Jack Elkhayleh](#)
To: [Lo, Henry](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [MPClerk](#); [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yiu, Yvonne](#)
Cc: [CMO](#)
Subject: Urgent Appeal to Vote YES on Unilateral Ceasefire Resolution
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Dear Mayor and Members of the Monterey Park City Council:

My name is Jack Elkhayleh, and I want to thank you for your efforts in hearing us out. We understand that the topic of Palestine is a contentious one that many people do not want to address, which is why we, as your voters, are grateful that you are giving us the space for this humanitarian crisis.

I urge you to vote YES on the upcoming Ceasefire Resolution. Monterey Park should stand with other cities advocating for peace in Gaza, a region in dire need of our support. Many cities throughout California have passed a Ceasefire Declaration including Pasadena, Alhambra, and most recently the City of Bell.

As business owners and residents of LA County, we need to support our neighboring cities and demand a ceasefire to stop the genocide in Gaza. We are asking for peace in our community and for the world.

The City of Monterey Park Council has a proud history of advocating for justice on issues of global and local significance such as weighing on significant issues.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza, which has led to the tragic loss of 40,000+ lives, many of whom are women and children, amidst worsening famine and disease, demands our immediate attention. This is not solely an international issue.

As City Council members, you must ensure that the anti-war and anti-genocide voice, regardless of background, is acknowledged and given due consideration. City Council members share constituents with their congressional delegation. Your obligation, at the very least, is to resist Islamophobia, anti-Arab sentiment and antisemitism within Monterey Park.

Many of the cities that refuse to issue any resolution for a ceasefire were quick to issue statements about their unwavering support of Israel. Should anti-war and anti-genocide advocates take that to mean an Israeli life is worth more than a Palestinian life? The ceasefire is critical for the safe return of hostages, supported by the pleas of Israeli hostages' families.

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I implore you to act swiftly and courageously to pass the ceasefire resolution, echoing the urgency of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We are asking for peace.

With Sincerity,

Jack Moath Elkhayleh,

Manara Inc.

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References to support the view point shared in the letter:

Gov. Newsom just declared his willingness to call for a unilateral ceasefire resolution.

▪Governor Newsom's Open Letter to California's Muslim, Palestinian American, and Arab American Communities: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/03/21/muslim-american-open-letter/>

▪'You will not sit here while our children die.' Desperate families of Gaza hostages push for cease-fire: <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2024-01-25/desperate-families-gaza-hostages-israel-cease-fire>

- Pope's Condemnation: https://youtu.be/aRwlc-_kjhA?si=IEd0sIIXSL8JEZfN
- Report by CNN's Clarissa Ward from inside Gaza: <https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2023/12/14/gaza-on-the-ground-clarissa-ward-pkg-intl-ldn-vpx.cnn>
- Report by CNN's Jeremy Diamond: <https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2023/12/16/palestinian-men-detained-israel-experiences-pkg-diamond-ebof-vpx.cnn>
- Report by CNN - Over 500 non-precision 2,000 lb bombs dropped in densely populated areas: <https://x.com/RepLloydDoggett/status/1739716168296890792?s=20>
- Bethlehem Churches Cancel Christians Celebrations: <https://youtu.be/NkRIMV2JVVs?si=gKssQxsveoRC5H5>
- Collective Punishment: https://youtu.be/uLWUGYJQcJk?si=bZIOxxfg_ikVSQIB
- Testimony of a Gazan Attorney: https://youtu.be/mx-Oe50e-bc?si=WN67_mL-HxIq6IVB

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Dear City Clerk,

E-comment: hello my name is Monica Tenorio

I call upon you, my elected municipal body, to echo the undeniable pleas from your constituents and call for a Ceasefire in Palestine. The immense loss of life-which has yet to be processed by many and accounted for, has caused immense grief and a stain upon all of humanity. Monterey Park community members themselves have lost entire families and continue to lose more every day. This is being done with their own money.

Just one week after delivering compelling and sincere public comment to Council and Mayor regarding the deteriorating and medieval conditions in Gaza, Israel announced that all patients inside Al Shifa hospital, 30,000 individuals seeking care would need to leave the hospital. Shortly after, they surrounded the hospital including its occupants. Israel continues to target families, doctors, journalists, ambulances, disabled individuals, orphans, aid workers, bakeries and more than 100 United Nations staff. In a series of massacres, Israel dropped flour for starving Palestinians and proceeded to bombing them in mass and into oblivion.

In almost 6 months, Israel has killed 134 journalists. Take the story of, Wael Al-Dahdouh, bureau chief for Al-Jazeera who received dozens of threats due to his reporting on the conditions. This led to the murder of his wife, three children, grandson, cameraman, and one more son in three separate targeted attacks. His cameraman Samer bled to death while the civil defense workers who went to search for him were also killed. 134 journalists wearing press vests murdered in just under 6 months. This number does not align with "war" but rather targeted intentional genocide of natives. For example, during the Vietnam War which lasted twenty consecutive years, 63 journalists were killed. Similarly during World War II, which lasted seven years, 67 journalists were killed.

You may ask yourself, how does this affect me and how does this fall within my responsibility? The answer is quite simple. We as your voters, are not being represented at the Congressional nor State nor Federal levels!! Our Congresswoman has received daily updates about the unfolding holocaust in Gaza. Despite thousands of phone calls, countless emails, petitions, and visits, Steel refuses to meet with constituents nor listen to their urgent pleas. In one circumstance, when constituents visited her office to speak with staff, they were thrown out of the building and experienced legal retaliation and anti-arab discrimination. This is not what our democracy stands for. So will you continue to shut out this democracy, or will you have the courage to listen, with mindfulness and act upon your constituents' needs?

With stern urgency, Monica Tenorio

From: SOPHIA ADRANGI
To: [Wong, Thomas](#); [Yiu, Yvonne](#); [Sanchez, Jose](#); [Lo, Henry](#); [Ngo, Vinh T.](#)
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Sincerely,

Sophia Adrangi