

COW Item #3
Support of permanent ceasefire and preventing loss of human life in the Middle East
Motion by Palmisano
Jan. 25, 2024

Palmisano moves to amend the resolution related to a permanent ceasefire in the Middle East by substituting the following language:

RESOLUTION
By Palmisano

Supporting peace and humanity in the Middle East.

Whereas, when we speak as a City Council, we must speak to unify our city, not divide it; and

Whereas, in this moment we are especially concerned for the health and welfare of our Palestinian, Israeli, Muslim, and Jewish inhabitants, who are deeply hurting; and

Whereas, we mourn the deaths of Israeli and Palestinian civilians killed – both during and since October 7th- and we recognize the great pain caused to these peoples through this ongoing war; and

Whereas, we recognize the right to self-determination and peaceful, safe futures for both Palestinian and Israeli people; and

Whereas, we urge international leaders to promote a peaceful resolution of this conflict that results in both an Israeli state and a Palestinian state; and

Whereas, we as local leaders are using our voice to stand firmly against the rise of and all acts of racially motivated violence and hate crimes perpetrated against our Jewish, Muslim, Palestinian, and Arab constituents here in Minneapolis and around the United States; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has a longstanding history of sharing statements on issues happening throughout the world that impact our constituents here at home and in this moment we are advocating to our State and Federal leaders to use their power to call for peace;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City supports our State and Federal delegations and the Biden Administration using their authority to:

1. Advance a full, immediate, and sustainable ceasefire, along with urgently needed humanitarian aid as a necessary step towards lasting peace.
2. Ensure the release of all Israeli hostages taken by Hamas, and the release of any Palestinians unjustly held by Israel.
3. Support the investment of federal, state, and City funds towards efforts abroad and domestically to create the conditions for reconciliation, which are necessary for the self-determination and peaceful, safe futures for both Palestinians and Israelis.
4. Support a two-state solution, recognizing the sovereignty of both Israeli and Palestinian states.

Be It Further Resolved that the Office of the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to Minneapolis's elected representatives to the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate.