

Cyndy King

From: Rio Pedersen <rio.pedersen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 11:36 AM
To: scordordovano@ketchumidaho.org; Tripp Hutchinson; Neil Bradshaw; Participate; Amanda Breen
Subject: Request for Support of Ceasefire Resolution
Attachments: Request for Ceasfire Resolution.pdf

Hello Ketchum City Council,

Please see attached letter signed by myself and over 20 full time Ketchum residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Rio Pedersen

Dear Councilwoman Breen, Councilwoman Hamilton, Councilman Cordovano, and Councilman Hutchinson,

We are reaching out as concerned residents of Ketchum to urge you to consider a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Over 100 American cities and 94 members of Congress have called for a ceasefire. Last December, 153 out of 193 member states of the UN backed the resolution for a ceasefire. One year later the war is still raging on with severe humanitarian consequences, and it is time that Ketchum joins the voices of opposition to encourage current and future national leadership to end the violence. This is a non-partisan issue, and as Ketchum has always championed values of peace, justice, and respect for human rights, we believe it is important for us to join the voices calling for an end to the violence.

The ongoing situation has resulted in severe humanitarian consequences. The UN has stated that the entire Palestinian population in North Gaza is at “imminent risk of dying from disease, famine, and violence.” Israel is currently blocking all aid to Gaza, leaving women and children without medical supplies, food, or water. Since October 7, 2023, 43,000 people have been killed in Gaza and many more are suffering from injury and famine. Additionally, 6,627 Israelis have been killed in the fighting. Conflict between Israel and Lebanon has resulted in the death of 2,650 people, 12,000 injured, and 80,000 people displaced. The consequences of so much death and displacement will be felt around the world. A ceasefire would not only prevent further loss of life but also allow humanitarian aid to reach those who are suffering and open pathways for diplomacy and conflict resolution.

As representatives of Ketchum, we urge you to introduce or support a resolution that aligns with our city’s values and demonstrates our commitment to peace. We believe this action will send a message that our community stands in solidarity with those affected and advocates for a peaceful resolution to this crisis.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter, and we hope to see Ketchum take a stand for peace.

Sincerely,

Ketchum Residents:

Rio Pedersen
Avery Ardovino
Hayden Gilmour

Ren Egnew
Abbey Govett
Alexandra Black
Kim Kishimoto
Riley Revallier
Brady Sundquist
Meg Sanders
Hannah Harris
Alex Torquemada
Larissa DeHaas
Skyler Jensen
Leslie Nelson
Alex Nelson
Sofi Blair
Charlotte Kilborn
Grant Nibley
Max Sagdahl
Jacq Frances
Zoe Zoeberski
Renee Shapiro
Nate Sheehan

Blaine County Residents:

Claire Gadd
Cecily Parks
Ashley Fassbender
Eve Preucil
Gardner Cord
Meagan Carey
Jarod Langdon
Alexis Carey
Dylan Carey
Ruby Marden
Claire Sideman
Ian Cavanaugh

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From: Beth Chiodo <bajabethy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 4:06 PM
To: Participate
Subject: U.S. Post boxes

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern about the increasing costs of post office box fees, which have become unaffordable for many residents. My current fee is \$194 per year, and numerous community members are feeling the burden of these rising costs.

According to federal law, the USPS is required to provide mail delivery to every address in the U.S. For example, residents in Hailey receive home mail delivery without additional fees. However, Ketchum residents are forced to pay for PO boxes instead of having free delivery. After contacting USPS, I was informed by the Ketchum Postmaster that this decision was made by our city council.

I urge you to address this issue and find a solution that ensures Ketchum residents receive free mail delivery, just as other communities do.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Beth Chiodo