

**From:** [Omar Azzam](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Denounce both Hamas and the IDF  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 5:25:50 PM

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While around ten times the number of civilians have been massacred and continue to be indiscriminately targeted by Israeli "Defense" Forces on the direction of Netanyahu, it is extremely hypocritical to be passing a resolution denouncing just the lesser aggressor of the two sides here.

If you will, pass a resolution denouncing terrorism by both Hamas and the IDF, though the priority should be to focus condemnation on the IDF since they've been ethnically cleansing a defenseless population for a whole month now.

**From:** [Nadine Mansour](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** I do not support the current proposed resolution that just condemns Hamas attacks  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 5:48:29 PM

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Dear Council members,

I do not support the current proposed resolution to condemn Hamas. It is a one sided resolution that ignores the ongoing war crimes and attacks on civilians that we are witnessing in Gaza against the Palestinian people.

Instead, I'd like to suggest revising the resolution to include the following components:

- + Condemn the attacks by Hamas on Oct 7
- + Condemn the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza
- + No more military aid to Israel
- + An immediate ceasefire

The last point is the most important at this time as we continue to witness Israel bombing public facilities including hospitals, aid trucks, ambulances and refugee camps.

Based on the current iteration of this resolution, I vote no. Instead I ask the council members to sit down to build a more thoughtful resolution that ensures we stand in solidarity with Palestinians.

Kind regards,  
Nadine Mansour

**From:** [Samer Barakat](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 12:26:46 AM

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Hi

Thank you to Mayor Klein, Vice Mayor Din, and Councilmembers Mehlinger and Cisneros for signing onto the statment standing with the children in Gaza.

It is grieving to watch the dire situation in Gaza. The lack of water, food, medication and fuel in the middle of constant bombing that is equivalent to two nuclear bombs so far! All this is also combined with racist remarks from Israeli officials like “human animals” and “children of the dark”. This extreme level of violence and oppression against Palestinians who had suffered apartheid for 75 years would lead to escalations across the region. Your statement is a small step towards saving lives and paving the way to peace.

Thank you again to the council for signing this statement and supporting the helpless children of Gaza.

Best  
Samer

**From:** [Sumiya Khan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Objection for Agenda #5 on today's city council meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 6:20:52 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my reservations about Agenda Item #5 scheduled for discussion during the upcoming City Council meeting tonight, November 14, specifically addressing the Council's potential resolution or action denouncing the Hamas attacks against Israel.

I would like to draw your attention to the City Council's charter, which outlines the responsibility of determining city policies and service standards. As articulated in the charter, the Council's primary focus is on issues directly impacting the City of Los Altos. Engaging in matters of international conflict sets a precedent that may lead to unintended consequences, potentially conflicting with the Council's core mission.

But if you absolutely want to pass a resolution in Los Altos, I would only support a Unity resolution that makes sure that hate does not permeate our town, like the Palo Alto Unity Resolution

([https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/pausd/Board.nsf/files/CX4U857AC131/\\$file/AMENDED-20231027ResolutionNo.2023-](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/pausd/Board.nsf/files/CX4U857AC131/$file/AMENDED-20231027ResolutionNo.2023-)

[24.07ResolutionStronglyDenouncingAntisemitismIslamophobiaandAnti-MiddleEasternNorthAfrica\(MENA\)Hate.pdf](#))

In the resolution, we agree with respected global organizations in condemning the atrocities committed by the terrorist organization Hamas including the killing of over 800 civilians and the taking of over 200 hostages, as well as the ongoing collective punishment against the Palestinian people, including the killing of over 12,000 civilians, including over 4000 innocent children. If you mourn the loss of civilian life, then you must stand for ALL civilian life, including this Palestinian child whose limbs were blown off by the over 25,000 tons of bombs dropped on Gaza (equivalent of 2 nuclear bombs).

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I remain hopeful for a thoughtful, inclusive, and considerate discussion during tomorrow's City Council meeting.

Thank you,  
Sumiya Khan

**From:** [Maya6785](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Please support a Ceasefire Resolution  
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I am writing to urge you to please support a Ceasefire resolution. Any resolution you may issue that does not take into consideration the children and civilians being massacred in Gaza is would not be acceptable.

It is imperative that a ceasefire is put in place, more than 15 thousand innocent lives have already been killed in Gaza. We need a ceasefire NOW.

Thank you,

Maya Fallaha

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Stacy Bruzek Banerjee](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for tonights meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 5:48:40 PM

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Dear City councilmembers,

I am writing as a resident, not as a commissioner.

The biggest threat to democracy is limiting the participation and engagement of interested citizens in their government. Members of the public who display civil engagement and public decorum -- even if they disagree with council or staff on substance -- should be encouraged to participate in city council meetings, not limited in doing so. There are many reasons residents may prefer to participate online, and the pandemic and technology has shown that this is not only possible but may also facilitate greater participation in local government by more people, more often.

Certainly, if there is an inappropriate speaker (profanity, violence, threats, etc.) -- in-person or online -- staff or the mayor/chair may tell them that they are not allowed to complete their time to speak and/or may have them removed from the meeting. If the city doesn't have policies in place for such decorum or rules of procedure (as other agencies have), it is time for the city to put them in place rather than limit oral testimony on zoom.

I am surprised to see on tonight's city council agenda that oral public comment is only being received in-person (but not on zoom). The public did not even have an opportunity to weigh in on this decision.

Participation in government is a cornerstone of our democracy, and as such staff should be 100% supporting the participation of our residents whether they attend a council (or commission) meeting in-person or online.

Several years back there was a council priority focused around transparency. Back then, strides were made toward transparency and participation in government. This past year the council and the city are moving in the wrong direction. It is time for council to revisit a priority around transparency and participation in OUR government -- in an open session.

Stacy

**From:** [Renee Rashid](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Agenda Item #5  
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I just wanted to let you know that PAUSD passed an additional resolution condemning all forms of hate on 10/27/23. A Unity Resolution that better focuses on the needs of the local community.

Available here:

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Renee Rashid

**From:** [Malika Junaid](#)  
**To:** [Sally Meadows](#); [Jonathan Weinberg](#); [Neysa Fligor](#); [Lynette Lee Eng](#); [Pete Dailey](#)  
**Cc:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 11:33:11 AM

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Dear Council Members,

I hope you have had some time to rest since last night. I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for dedicating time last night to listen to the concerns of our community members. I understand that navigating the diverse needs of our residents is no easy task, and I commend you for handling the meeting with sensitivity.

The lengthy session demonstrated your commitment to addressing the varied issues within our community, and for that, I am truly thankful. In light of the challenges we face, I would like to propose the creation of committees within the council. These committees could facilitate more frequent interactions between council members and community members, fostering a deeper understanding of our diverse needs.

My suggestion is to organize open-house sessions or informal coffee gatherings downtown. This approach would allow council members to engage with various segments of our community regularly, providing a platform for residents to voice their concerns in a relaxed atmosphere. By doing so, we can encourage a sense of unity and understanding among our neighbors, and this will help people to get to know each other.

In the coming weeks, I plan to reach out to friends and colleagues from different cultural and religious backgrounds, fostering connections that will contribute to a more supportive community environment. I believe that such efforts can further strengthen the bonds within our community.

Once again, thank you for your dedication and hard work. I look forward to the possibility of meeting with each of you individually in the coming weeks to discuss these ideas and any other concerns our community may have.

Best Regards,  
 Malika

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