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**Meeting Time: 01-11-24 19:00**

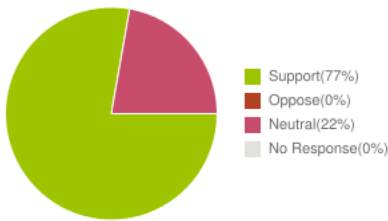
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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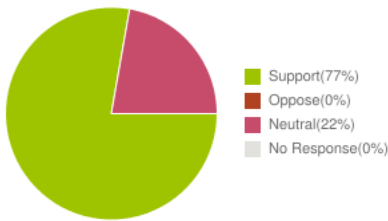
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
DC-1 23-2109 Resolution Denouncing Rising Hate and Discrimination in Ann Arbor and Calling for a Lasting Bilateral Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel	7	6	0	1
DC-4 24-0027 Resolution Reaffirming the Commitment to Establish an Unarmed Crisis Response Program in the City of Ann Arbor	2	1	0	1

**Sentiments for All Agenda Items**

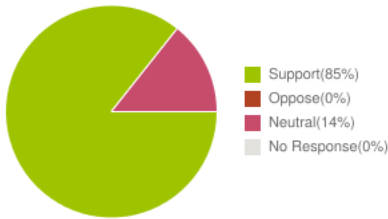
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**Agenda Item: eComments for DC-1 23-2109 Resolution Denouncing Rising Hate and Discrimination in Ann Arbor and Calling for a Lasting Bilateral Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel**

**Overall Sentiment**



**Rabbi Nadav Caine**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:59pm 01-11-24

As an A2 resident, and rabbi of a 110 year old A2 synagogue, I oppose the City Council weighing in on international affairs, because it divides neighbor from neighbor, which is why, for good reason, the City Council does not make resolutions about the human rights violations of China and many Arab countries, including Hamas's persecution of LGBTQ Palestinians, because to do so encourages labeling and bias against Ann

Arborites with ties to those countries. I also oppose the language of "ceasefire" which erases justified self-defense of Israelis, making it seem, falsely, like Israel is the aggressor. Nevertheless I honor that you has refrained from rash statements under pressure; & I see that you, like me, are feeling the tremendous grief and hurt of all A2 residents with ties to Israel/Palestine. The pain is unfathomable, and words are often all we have to express compassion. I see that these words are your sincere attempt at expressing compassion for the hurting residents of our city.

**Melissa Robinson**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:59pm 01-11-24

I am a public health professional who works in the City of Ann Arbor. I support this resolution for the City of Ann Arbor to call for a ceasefire. The people of Gaza are facing an unjust public health crisis without healthcare, food, water, or sanitation and there is no hope for their survival without a ceasefire.

**Amer Abughaida**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:37pm 01-11-24

Stand together in stopping the massacre. Support the ceasefire

**Fatima Makki**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:48pm 01-11-24

Dear Council Members and fellow community members,  
I'm not currently an Ann Arbor resident but have lived in Ann Arbor for 10 yrs and my place of employment is located here. We shop at the same stores, dine at the same restaurants. My kids attend the same schools. I walk through the same aisles at the local grocery store hearing a parent-child exchange and smile at the same giggly toddler. I witness strangers help dig cars out after a snow storm. These daily actions know no color, race or religion. I am proud of this community, namely for the rich diversity of it's people and friendships I have made. Tonight you are asked to consider a resolution that calls for a ceasefire to stop the atrocities. You must consider this simple call to action. Your neighbors, your colleagues, your friends are impacted. This resolution calls for bilateral ceasefire, release of hostages, and humanitarian aid. Simply put, we must take a stand on the same side of humanity as we do every day. Thank you

**farhad ebrahim**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:29pm 01-11-24

Hello Council Members:

I am a resident of Ann Arbor for over 20 years. I came here from South Africa after having grown up under oppression, subjugation and discrimination. That experience has taught me that violence begets violence and hate begets hate. THE A2 community is witnessing what we experienced in SA. We have growing division, hatred and mistrust spreading though our civil life.

The impact of the current situation will be felt for generations where it will continue to fester and explode repeatedly in cycles. This is similar to other city councils that also have diverse constituents and challenges but understand the Long term impact of NOT calling for immediate Ceasfire and an end to hostilities.

There are over 10 other city Councils who have paved a succesful pathway forward. You are being asked to make a MORAL stand. Please follow their lead and help your community grow in a positive NOT negative direction. Please vote YES to this important Resolution. Thank You.

**Peggy Harp**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12am 01-11-24

Peace, my name is Peggy Harp, resident of Ferndale Mi. Pass the resolution for a cease fire in Palestine. We cannot continue to bomb our way to peace. We can no longer be complicit for the murder of innocent civilians including children. A ceasefire is the only way to create safety for the people of Israel and Palestine. Thank you

and be well.

## Molly Raynor

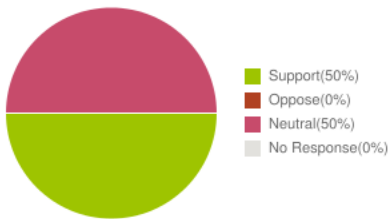
Location:

Submitted At: 12:19am 01-11-24

My name is Molly Pershin Raynor and I'm a proud Jew and life-long Ann Arbor resident. I am devastated by the way our US government is funding and supporting Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people the way my people were once ethnically cleansed and murdered. Council members, what side of history will you be on? I am asking you all to courageously lean into your humanity instead of making decisions out of the fear of being called antisemitic. Please pass the resolution for an immediate ceasefire.

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-4 24-0027 Resolution Reaffirming the Commitment to Establish an Unarmed Crisis Response Program in the City of Ann Arbor

### Overall Sentiment



## Melissa Robinson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:54pm 01-11-24

I am a public health professional who works within the City of Ann Arbor. I am commenting to voice my disappointment in the lack of consideration given to the thoughtful Care-Based Safety proposal submitted for the original RFP. I have read the proposal and feel that the public health framing would serve our community well. I am concerned about the lack of feedback or engagement regarding the submitted proposal. If another RFP is opened, I ask the council to provide feedback in order for the Care-Based Safety to resubmit with a chance of selection. This proposal was written based on two years of research and carefully engagement with our community. To ensure transparency, release the minutes and all written materials from the closed-door 12/18 meeting and to directly engage and discuss Care-Based Safety's proposal with them and with the public. Please consider the importance of the Care-Based Safety proposal to the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Mackenzie Robinson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 01-11-24

I am disappointed by the handling of the prior RFP. The city did not contact Care-Based Safety with any questions and the RFP was canceled in a closed session. The council also did not share any feedback to what issues they saw with Care-Based Safety's proposal. Continuing to delay the effort has a significant impact in delaying, damaging, and eliminating services that are necessary to keep people safe in our community. If the Ann Arbor City Council recognizes the need, they need to stop putting roadblocks in the way and they need to communicate issues and requirements more clearly rather than vague and ultimately meaningless reaffirmations.