

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: January 11, 2024
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386

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From: [BRIAN CHAMBERS](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution Support DC-1
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:16:55 PM
Importance: High

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I came to support DC-1 for the ceasefire resolution.
Hopefully you'll pass it.

Downstairs because of the size of the crowd.
Thank you for your consideration.
Brian

From: [Shihab Jackson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for Care-Based Safety's proposal!!!!
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:18:19 PM

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City Council Member ,

Dear Council Members and Mayor Taylor -

I am writing to express my support for moving forward with the Care-Based Safety proposal for unarmed response. First, I want to thank you for your support of unarmed response in our community.

The Care-Based Safety proposal was designed for the community, by the community. It is well researched, designed specifically with the Ann Arbor community in mind, and drafted by and for Ann Arborites that will directly benefit from such a program. Further, it is built upon something that is unburdened by outdated paradigms and carceral systems.

I understand that the RFP was canceled. In the case that you've not had the opportunity to read over the full proposal, I ask that you take the time to do so here and to re-read the RFP that the proposal is responding to, as there are no discrepancies.

For these reasons, I am requesting the following -

- 1) Transparency: I am asking Council to release the minutes and all written materials from the 12/18 meeting and to directly engage and discuss Care-Based Safety's proposal with them and with the public
- 2) Approval/negotiation of the contract: I am encouraging the City Council to re-open the RFP and to direct staff to approve the contract with Care-Based Safety and to negotiate a contract with them so we can operationalize these resources as soon as possible
- 3) Swifttness: I am requesting that Council treat this with immediate urgency. The ARPA funds are time bound and more than that, people in our community desperately need these resources now.

Thank you for addressing this critical issue.

Shihab Jackson


[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Hadil Ghoneim](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Thank you for voting for peace!
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 8:30:11 PM

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Thank you all not just for approving a resolution that calls for peace and a ceasefire, but for all your thoughtful words that preceded the vote. Yes we needed that reassurance that our diverse community can be united for peace. Thank you for acknowledging the pain all sides and for choosing peace.

From: [Rania Fetouh](#)
To: [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#); [Harrison, Cynthia](#); [Song, Linh](#); [Watson, Chris](#); [Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha](#); [Eyer, Jen](#); [Akmon, Dharma](#); [Cornell, Jenn](#); [Briggs, Erica](#); [Disch, Lisa](#); [Radina, Travis](#)
Subject: Thank You!
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:43:28 PM

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Dear City Council Representatives

Thank you! Today I witnessed a moment in history that demonstrated the collective power of humanity. As I watched the city council meeting from my home, I was moved by the eloquent speech and courage demonstrated by both community members and representatives. Thank you to the city council representatives who worked tirelessly to draft and sponsor the ceasefire resolution, and thank you to those who supported it at this evenings meeting.

I am reminded today as to why we chose to make Ann Arbor our home, and why we are so blessed to be raising our children in this community.

I pray that this be a step in the right direction to push our national government to take a similar courageous stance and end the atrocities unfolding daily in Gaza and Israel.

Thank you!
Rania Fetouh

On Jan 11, 2024, at 5:23 PM, Rania Fetouh [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear City Council Representatives

I am contacting you again today as a current Ann Arbor resident, to urge you to pass a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The resolution being proposed addresses all sides of the conflict and calls for an immediate ceasefire, the release of all hostages, and the delivery of humanitarian aid to the suffering civilians in Gaza.

Today is a day when you, as elected officials, have the choice to stand bravely with justice and truth, or ignore an issue that has had devastating widespread effects on our world and local community. As Americans, we are directly implicated in the continued killing of innocent civilians in Gaza. We have seen local members of our Ann Arbor community harmed by the biases and misinformation being spread on social media and news outlets. It must stop!

I hope and pray your hearts and minds will be opened to the truth and that tomorrow will bring good news with the passing of this resolution.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our city.

Rania Fetouh

On Dec 15, 2023, at 1:57 PM, Rania Fetouh [REDACTED]
wrote:

Dear elected Ann Arbor City Council representatives,

I would like to take a moment of your time to voice my concern for the current state of our world. As an Ann Arbor city resident, I have been deeply hurt by the current atrocities unfolding before my eyes in Gaza. I cannot unsee the pain and suffering the innocent men, women and children in the besieged territories. We live in an interconnected global society, and what happens miles and oceans away from us reaches our hearts and minds within minutes. We cannot ignore the tragedies happening in the world around us, as we enjoy our comfortable and privileged lives here in America, especially when our government is funding and supporting those painful events.

I urge you all to take the time to educate yourselves regarding the complexity and history of this current conflict between Israel and Palestine. I am confident that anyone who has an awakened heart and mind and seeks to understand the truth of what is happening there, will take a humanitarian stance for immediate peace and justice for the Palestinian people. Long standing peace in the region will never be reached with the current state of violence and indiscriminate killing of civilians.

Now, more than ever, I implore you to take a brave stance with truth and justice and call for an immediate ceasefire resolution. Our actions and words matter, and you can make waves with your stance as a City Council. The world is not silent, and we as a community cannot remain silent anymore. As my council member, I trust you to prioritize your constituents' interests and to champion the greater good. Introducing a ceasefire resolution would assure me that you are prioritizing those interests.

As local elected officials there is power in being the voice for your community's concerns. Passing a resolution in conjunction with our neighboring cities (Dearborn, Ypsilanti, Detroit, Dearborn heights, Canton & Hamtramck) amplifies the collective demands to uplift the statements of our representatives asking for a ceasefire. Neighboring cities have reassured their citizens that they will stand on the right side of history and unequivocally stand against the we senseless killing of innocent civilians. I expect our city to do the same.

Thank you for your time and all you do for our City

Rania Fetouh

From: [Carmel Gerber](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Vote NO on ceasefire resolution!
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:47:29 PM

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I'm an Ann Arbor taxpayer and I can't believe that you are wasting time voting on this divisive measure that has nothing to do with Ann Arbor. Is there nothing that needs to be discussed about our town? No needs to be met? Stop wasting time and money, and focus on our town!!!!

Regards,
Carmel Gerber
48104

From: [Bashar Almadani](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution - Please vote yes
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 10:08:10 PM

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Dear Council members,

Thank you for taking up a ceasefire resolution. This is a simple resolution that calls for a bilateral ceasefire, release of hostages, and humanitarian aid. It calls for peace. It will not offend anyone who reads it with sincerity.

This is a local issue because the violence has made people here unsafe. It is local because we as Americans are directly implicated.

Please vote yes on the resolution.

Sincerely,
Bashar Almadani

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any spelling or grammatical errors.

From: [Waseem Ostwani](#)
To: [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#); [Harrison, Cynthia](#); [Disch, Lisa](#); [Watson, Chris](#); [Song, Linh](#); [Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha](#); [Radina, Travis](#); [Eyer, Jen](#); [Akmon, Dharna](#); [Cornell, Jenn](#); [Briggs, Erica](#)
Subject: Re: Resolution
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 10:27:02 PM

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Thank you so very much for passing the ceasefire resolution.
This is one important step to push administration to follow your footsteps.

We appreciate all your time and hard work.

Best

Waseem Ostwani

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 11, 2024, at 11:24 AM, Waseem Ostwani [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear respected Mayor and City Council Members,

Did you know a *CHILD is KILLED on average *EVERY 10 MINUTES IN GAZA,* World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told the United Nations Security Council has warned: "Nowhere and no one is safe."

Knowing that fact is something that should infuriate you... Their only crime was being born to a cruel world.

Stand with humanity and for the thousands of innocent lives that have been heinously murdered

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 11, 2024, at 7:53 AM, Waseem Ostwani [REDACTED] wrote:

Good morning.

While we are drinking our morning coffee. Let us spend a couple min watching the live stream for the international court of justice!!!
https://www.youtube.com/live/x2JQIJA_fSU?si=3t-tQLq7_AIESjt5

Hope what you hear will be helpful to call for a permanent ceasefire and exchange of all hostages and be finally on the right side of history

Have a nice day

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 22, 2023, at 3:07 PM, Waseem Ostwani
[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear respected Mayor and City Council Members,

Hope this email you all well and your families.

As we are going through the Holidays season, there are kids being killed with an unimaginative rate (one child is killed and a second injured every 10min). Over 8,000 children deaths in 77 days.

Hostages families in Israel have been calling for immediate ceasefire as well

Please pass a permanent resolution for immediate ceasefire

Thanks for standing on the humanity side and supporting the stop of the bloodshed

Best

Dr. Waseem Ostwani. Pediatric ICU

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2023, at 9:45 PM,
Waseem Ostwani


wrote:

Dear respected Mayor and City Council
Members,

Hope this email you all well and your
families.

I have been a proud A2 resident since 2009,
we continued to be happy living in such a
great city and we have voted for you to do
what is best for our city and we appreciate
all you do.

With the current conflict and humanitarian
crisis in the Middle East, asking for a
ceasefire is the least humane action we ask
for and it feels bad that A2 City Council has
fell behind our neighbors in Ypsilanti and
Canton.

I am a healthcare worker and I help ease
patients' suffering, I can't even imagine the
human suffering with no healthcare system
and ongoing war.

Please be on the right side of history and

pass the ceasefire resolution

Best

Waseem Ostwani

A2 Resident

From: [Disch, Lisa](#)
To: [Victor Lieberman](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed resolution
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 10:39:54 PM

Thank you for writing.

LD

Lisa Disch | Ward One City Council Representative

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<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/communications/ctn/Pages/watch.aspx>

From: Victor Lieberman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 2:45 PM
To: City Council <CityCouncil@a2gov.org>
Subject: Proposed resolution

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Dear Ann Arbor City Council,

The resolution proposed for consideration this evening which calls for a cease-fire in Gaza is tailor-made to assist Hamas. This resolution ignores the obvious fact that there was no fighting, there was a cease-fire, on October 6 before Hamas launched their barbaric attack on Israeli civilians, killing over 1250. If Hamas wants a cease-fire, it should release its civilian hostages and forswear further constant pledges to destroy Israel.

Like any country, Israel is entitled to defend itself against brazen attack by enemies pledged to destroy it. To implement a cease-fire now -- which is Hamas' highest objective -- would be to preserve Hamas military power and thereby guarantee future attacks on Israel and future civilian suffering on both sides. Why would you condemn the party trying to defend itself, and sanctify the aggressor? Bear mind as well that Israel has offered to recognize a Palestinian state and end the entire conflict on at least four occasions -- but all peace offers have been rejected by Palestinian leadership committed is just destruction.

No less curious is your resolution calling for an end to religious discrimination and hate crimes in armor. The chief local example of such behavior is the pro-Nazi, proudly and openly anti-Semitic picket outside Beth Israel Jewish Congregation for the last 20 years. The Ann Arbor city Council has done absolutely NOTHING to counter this most brazen example of religious hatred.

Dr. Victor Lieberman
Ann Arbor

From: [Eileen Freed](#)
To: [Briggs, Erica](#); [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#); [Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha](#)
Cc: [Decky Alexander](#); [Josh Whinston](#)
Subject: Something I did not have time to say
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 11:02:33 PM

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Dear Ayesha, Erica, and Chris,

I ran out of time, but I did want to let you know that Rabbi Caine left because he was downstairs in the lobby in an environment that made home feel unsafe.

This is cut and paste from a what's app to us: "They were literally laughing when the rapes were mentioned. Laughing!"

Thank you again for your efforts.

L'Shalom,

Eileen

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