

**From:** Anna Carella <anna.carella@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 12:24 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Ceasefire in Palestine

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello,

I am writing to ask that the city council and/or the mayor put a ceasefire discussion on the next city council agenda for 12/12. And for city council and the mayor to publicly show support for the ceasefire resolution that our equity and human relations commission has introduced.

I am horrified by the mass murder of women and children we are witnessing daily in Gaza. No one of conscience should be able to abide by this kind of violence including Long Beach City Council. Though I realize that this city council's efforts are unlikely to influence federal policy, we are morally called to add our voices to the growing chorus of people speaking out against this crime against humanity. Every voice matters. Politicians have a greater responsibility given their public role in representing their constituents.

That Long Beach was so enthusiastic in our support of Israelis after the Oct 7th attack but does not match that energy in supporting the plight of Palestinians communicates to everyone that Palestinian lives are worth less.

Please do the right thing and add a ceasefire discussion to the agenda next week. It's the least we can do.

Sincerely,  
Anna Carella  
District 2 resident, Long Beach

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From: Megan Emme <meganemme@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 12:36 PM

To: Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>

Cc: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Urging City Council to take up Ceasefire in Gaza as agenda item

-EXTERNAL-

Councilmember Zendejas,

I'm a District 1 resident urging you to put the letter from the Equity and Human Relations Commission on the City Council agenda. There is precedent for the City Council to take stances on federal issues, such as abortion restrictions, and refusing discussion on an item put forward by the Commission diminishes their work. Furthermore it sends a message that the City Council doesn't respect the work of the Commission; you would be communicating that they merely serve as a checkbox for the City of Long Beach on equity, and that Long Beach will not provide meaningful commitment/engagement on what equity means. They are Long Beach's equity experts, and they are telling you that this issue merits dialogue.

Furthermore I hope you will vote to support a ceasefire. I know you have heard from many Palestinian and Jewish community members personally impacted by the war on Gaza, who have asked for a ceasefire. It is meaningful for cities to adopt ceasefire resolutions, to communicate to the Federal government that this is what the People want. Thousands of innocent civilians are dying, for no reason other than who they are and where they live. They are trapped with no where to go, waiting to die. As a city, Long Beach is silent on a genocide funded with our tax dollars. Frankly supporting a cease fire should not be a difficult decision to make! I'm curious, how do you think History will look back on this time, and what will you regret?

Please, lean with your heart rather than whatever anxieties you have about how this would impact your political future. This city elected you to be a leader, so lead.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Alessandra Fritz 'student' <alessandra.fritz@pepperdine.edu>

**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2023 1:51 PM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Adding agenda item: resolution for a ceasefire

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear City Clerk Monique De La Garza,

I am a constituent of Long Beach District 1. I am emailing to insist that you add an item to the city council agenda to move for a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza - preferably for the meeting on Tuesday the 12th, if that is legally possible.

The Long Beach Equity and Human Relations Commission sent a letter recommending the city council adopt a resolution calling for a ceasefire one month ago. Since then, thousands of civilians have been massacred.

Please add this item to the agenda as soon as possible so Long Beach can unify with one voice to say this is unacceptable.

Thank you,  
Alessandra Fritz

**Alessandra P. Fritz**

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**From:** Olivia Gleason <olivia.curb@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 9:05 AM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Strong Support for Ceasefire - Written Public Comment for 12/12 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Olivia Gleason, I am a constituent in Long Beach, CA. I grew up in Councilmember Duggan's district - District 3 and currently reside in Councilmember Zendejas' district - District 1.

I am writing to express my disappointment for the fact that a ceasefire now resolution in Palestine is still not agendized for today's 12/12 meeting, despite City Council having the opportunity to have done so for the past few weeks. The situation in Gaza is more dire than ever - over 20,000 people have been killed by Israel and those that have not been killed have very little chance of living due to lack of water, food, housing, electricity. I urge this council to act in line with the Equity & Human Relations Commission and Long Beach community members and agendize this topic and call for ceasefire

Some might say that calling for a ceasefire now is not Long Beach's issue. Here are just a few of the concrete reasons why it is and why Long Beach's voice in this fight can make a difference in what seems like a hopeless situation. 1. Long Beach has spoken out on issues not "directly" impacting our city in the past - although I challenge you as elected officials to think about what it means to be 'impacted.' To me, we are a global community and as a city that always speaks out against injustice and prioritizes diversity, not speaking out when it comes to Palestinian lives says a lot. 2. State violence - state violence anywhere is a threat to liberation everywhere. We are seeing the impacts of anti-semitism and islamophobic in the US, with Palestinian students recently killed in the safety of their own college. Allowing Israel to kill Palestinians does not protect Jewish people. This is unacceptable. Legitimizing violence from the state normalizes it and creates a violent culture that trickles down to our communities.

Long Beach's voice calling for a ceasefire now would be an inspiration for other cities, it will also encourage our elected officials in Washington hear our voices and voice in favor of Ceasefire Now bills and oppose more funding to the Israeli military to kill more kids and communities.

I end this comment with one request - you do in this situation what you would do if any people were being mass slaughtered for their existence.

Thank you for your time and please act before it is too late,  
Olivia

**From:** Jackson Goode <jacksongoode@proton.me>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 6:02 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Ceasefire Agenda Item & Public Statement

**-EXTERNAL-**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to urge you to take action and publicly call for an immediate ceasefire in Israel and Palestine. Over the past weeks, hundreds of Long Beach residents have contacted your office asking you to speak out amidst the devastating violence that has claimed hundreds of civilian lives.

I ask that you listen to the calls from our community and demand de-escalation now by placing this issue on the next City Council agenda. Specifically:

- Publicly call on all parties to agree to an immediate bilateral ceasefire
- Ask Mayor Rex Richardson to pressure national leadership for an end to unconditional US military aid that allows the violence to continue
- Pass a resolution through the Equity and Human Relations Commission condemning actions against civilians and vulnerable communities on all sides

The Long Beach community does not support the killing of innocent lives or collective punishment. We need moral leadership from our city that affirms the humanity and dignity of all people in the region.

Mayor Richardson must follow the guiding principles he campaigned on - there can be no authentic progress without peace and justice. I ask him to make it clear that Long Beach stands unequivocally against all forms of violence, exclusion, and genocide.

I urge you to act now before more innocent blood is shed. Listen to the calls of your constituents demanding local action for human rights in Long Beach and in Palestine.

Sincerely,

Jackson Goode  
Long Beach resident, district 2

**From:** Yeshi Lemma <yeshilemma@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 12:42 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Support the Ceasefire Resolution!

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear City Council,

I am writing today asking you to support the ceasefire resolution that will be sent to City Council by the Equity and Human Rights Commission. First, I am urging you to **add this item to the agenda for the next City Council meeting**. Second, I am urging you to **support a ceasefire by voting yes**.

Over the past 60 days, I have watched in horror as images of death and destruction show up on my social media feeds. Seeing the way that Palestinians in Gaza are being slaughtered by Israel has deeply impacted me. I see the children of Gaza rummaging through rubble to find their deceased parents' bodies. I see the bodies of newborn babies limp in their mothers' arms. I see the men of Gaza rescuing whoever they can, even pets, risking their lives in the process. I see the bravery of a people who have been forcibly removed from their homes over and over for almost a century now.

As the daughter of an Ethiopian refugee, I feel solidarity with all displaced peoples and victims of political violence. I see the suffering of my fellow humans and I feel it as though it were my own, and I feel complicit in this genocide knowing that my tax dollars — which could be used to pay for food, housing, education, healthcare, and any number of needs that millions of American people cannot access — are supporting this genocide.

I know that City Council can't end a war, but our beautiful city can stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine. Our City Council can support a ceasefire and show the world that Long Beach is a city that supports human rights. Together, our voices can become powerful and we can put an end to this genocide.

Sincerely,  
Yeshi Lemma