

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2024

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT TO FACILITATE A CEASEFIRE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS ARTHUR AND PARRISH-WRIGHT

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council expresses concern for the ongoing violence in Palestine and Israel that has killed over 29,000 Palestinians and 1,200 Israelis since October 7, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian, and anti-Israeli sentiments, and encourages all victims of racial, religious, ethnic, and national origin discrimination to report to the Louisville Human Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council affirms there is no military solution to this conflict and that peace can only come from a political solution based on common humanity and human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Louisville Metro Council urges United States Representative Morgan McGarvey, Senator Rand Paul, Senator Mitch McConnell, all other members of the United States Congress, and President Joe Biden to call for and facilitate a ceasefire encompassing all parties involved in the Palestine and Israel conflict.

SECTION II: The Louisville Metro Council urges United States Representative Morgan McGarvey, Senator Rand Paul, Senator Mitch McConnell, all other members of the United States Congress, and President Joe Biden to facilitate the secure return of all hostages involved in the Palestine and Israel conflict.

SECTION III: The Louisville Metro Council urges United States Representative Morgan McGarvey, Senator Rand Paul, Senator Mitch McConnell, all other members of the United States Congress, and President Joe Biden to facilitate an unimpeded distribution of humanitarian aid to all people impacted by the Palestine and Israel conflict.

SECTION IV: The Louisville Metro Council urges United States Representative Morgan McGarvey, Senator Rand Paul, Senator Mitch McConnell, all other members of the United States Congress, and President Joe Biden, to prioritize local funding for violence prevention, affordable housing, public infrastructure, job training, and other domestic needs instead of foreign military aid when possible.

SECTION V: The Louisville Metro Council Clerk shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, to each Senator and Representative from the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Congress of the United States, and to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SECTION VI: This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Markus Winkler
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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