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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE DEESCALATION AND CEASE-FIRE IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINE

- WHEREAS,** All human beings have a right to life, freedom, and dignity, and the targeting of civilians of any faith or ethnicity is an unacceptable violation of international humanitarian law; *and*
- WHEREAS,** International human rights groups have recognized Israel's policies and actions toward the Palestinian people as apartheid, which goes against international law; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On October 7, 2023 Hamas—a Palestinian militant group—launched a massive military operation, killing more than 1,400 people, the vast majority of which were civilians and more than 120 soldiers; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Dozens of Israeli hostages were also taken into the Gaza Strip; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In response to this attack, Israel has conducted an intense bombardment of Gaza, killing more than 3,500 Palestinians as of Tuesday, October 17, including more than 1,000 children, and destroying over a million homes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Israel has cut electricity, food, fuel, and water sources from Gaza—all of which constitute war crimes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Additionally, Israel ordered 1.1 million residents of the northern half of the Gaza Strip to leave their homes, an act the United Nations referenced to as "crime against humanity" and a "blatant violation of international law"; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Hundreds of thousands of lives are in imminent danger due to these compounding humanitarian crises and violence in the region;
- THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council calls on an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and Occupied Palestine, as well as a lifting of the siege to allow food, water, fuel, electricity, and other humanitarian supplies into Gaza; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

***RESOLVED,***

That the Boston City Council endorses the proposed *Ceasefire Now Resolution* in Congress led by Representatives Cori Bush, Rashida Tlaib, André Carson, Summer Lee, and Delia C. Ramirez, and cosponsored by Representatives Ayanna Pressley, Jamaal Bowman, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Jesús “Chuy” Garcia, Jonathan Jackson, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, and Nydia Velázquez; ***AND BE IT FURTHER***

***RESOLVED,***

That the Boston City Council calls for a political solution guaranteeing freedom, equality, and democratic representation for all in Palestine and Israel—the only way to secure a just and lasting peace.

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