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DALLAS COUNCIL MEMBER ADAM BAZALDUA ADDRESSES PUBLIC SPEAKERS CALLING FOR CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION.

Dallas, TX – Yesterday, many residents came forward at the City Council Meeting to discuss the harrowing impact the Israeli-Palestinian war has had on their lives, loved ones, and community. Statements shared expressed deep heartache for Palestinian civilian lives and the conditions many Palestinian families are facing. Most importantly, residents highlighted how our city’s silence in acknowledging the lack of humanitarian aid and Palestinian lives lost is counteractive to our commitment of equity and inclusion. Our community has made it clear that silence is complicit.

I urge our body to take a clear stance, and vote to pass a resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian aid effort and exit strategy for all innocent civilians in Gaza and the West Bank. Additionally, in accordance with the United Nations Resolution, call for peaceful negotiations for a just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Please see our enclosed draft resolution.

If there is any message that is taken from the Office of District 7, let it be that we stand with our Palestinian community, just as we have declared solidarity for our Jewish community. We will continue to stand with all communities affected by the violence and pain caused throughout this war. We deeply understand from your vulnerability shared yesterday that this war is not beyond our borders. As some of you shared, you have family members in Gaza and the West Bank who fear for what will become of them and their home. We understand that it is imperative we take a stand and affirm to you that your experiences and pain are profoundly seen and heard. The pain and grief conveyed by your words will sit with us far beyond when the conversation concludes.



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As residents of the United States, we are no strangers to understanding the historical significance that genocide has had in our country. Further, we understand the devastating effects it can have on populations for generations to come. The United Nations has warned that the Palestinian people are at grave risk of genocide. Our silence in this issue is not only complicit, but it is deadly. Know that we acknowledge these truths. Our office does not condone the targeting of civilians or any violations of international humanitarian law against anyone. Calling for accountability of war crimes committed is not hate, nor is it antisemitism. The aim of passing the October 11th Resolution was to condemn the attack on Israel by Hamas, and to show our support and concern for the safety of Israeli civilians; the same support and concern for safety extends to Palestinian civilians during this war.

It is vital our body take action that reflects the welcoming and inclusive city that we have affirmed to be, time and time again. Humanitarianism is not exclusive to one party; our actions must clearly acknowledge the struggles that Palestinian civilians in the region are enduring. It is imperative for us to recognize the plight of all within the international community. In a just world, safe and unhindered humanitarian access and empathy should not be exclusive to one population.

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