

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

## Resolution No. 22-2024

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

A RESOLUTION demanding an immediate cease-fire in Gaza; calling upon the Biden administration to facilitate certain humanitarian assistance into Gaza; and urging certain elected officials to take immediate action to use their position and influence to end this humanitarian crisis.

Introduced and read first time Feb 5, 2024.

By order Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on Feb 5, 2024.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments\_\_\_, Failed~~✓~~, Withdrawn\_\_\_, by the County Council on Feb 5, 2024.

Certified By Michelle Harrod  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1           **WHEREAS**, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their  
2 faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and  
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4           **WHEREAS**, between October 7, 2023 and January 25, 2024, armed violence has  
5 claimed the lives of over 25,000 Palestinians and over 1,400 Israelis, including Americans, and  
6 wounded thousands more; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, Maryland's United States Congressmen Kweisi Mfume and Jamie Raskin,  
9 and most recently Senator Chris Van Hollen, have called for an immediate cease-fire;  
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11           **WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not  
12 achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without further delay.  
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14           ~~**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**~~ by the County Council of Howard County,  
15 Maryland this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 that Howard County Council demands that  
16 the Biden administration immediately call for and facilitate a cease-fire in Gaza; and  
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18           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Howard County Council calls upon the Biden  
19 administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; and  
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21           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to United States  
22 Congressmen Dutch Ruppersburger, John Sarbanes, Glenn Ivey, Steny Hoyer, David Trone,  
23 Kweisi Mfume and Jamie Raskin; United States Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen; and  
24 to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, urging them to take immediate action  
25 to use their position and influence to end this humanitarian crisis.  
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