
From: Aamir Chowdhury <aamir084@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: info@imanaction.org
Subject: Fwd: Please support CR22 (calling for immediate ceasefire in Gaza)

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Good Morning Councilwoman Jung,

I live in Columbia Maryland in District 4 and I would like you to support CR22 which calls for immediate ceasefire in Gaza because far too many innocent civilians have been murdered and the war is behind conducted with minimal or no disregard of human life/rights that are required to be followed by international standards. Please have the basic human empathy and vote yes to this bill. We are all being judged at this very important time and it's this issue requires immediate action.

Regards,

Aamir Chowdhury

From: Abbas Bader <abbas.bader@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR22-2024

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Hello -

I am emailing to support the resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thanks,
Abbas

From: Aboubker Elemam <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:05 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stop the GENOCIDE Now

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 Palestinians have been killed by the occupation forces. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

From: Ahmad Khan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:19 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Ahmad Khan
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Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

From: Ahmad Khan <a.khan@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:39 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire

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From: Ahmed <abdurahman12er14@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: You are Bypassing the Public

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We reject your attempts to silence us. You will not succeed. You think you will be ok being complicit in this genocide and ethnic cleansing?

We are not going away. NO business as usual as you make a mockery of the public process.
Hello,

We, as residents of Howard County refuse and reject the idea of standing on the sidelines while we are actively aiding and abetting (albeit through decisions beyond our control) this genocide and ethnic cleansing with our taxpayer money being used to supply munitions.

The horror of what is happening to Palestinians in Gaza is apparent to all. However, once the dust settles and the fog of war vanishes, history will record and register that we could have stopped these brutal massacres with a single phone call. People will be remiss and remorseful that they didn't do more to halt this brutality.

Let us be proactive by taking the ethical and moral stance regardless of the backlash of any potential interest groups.

When it comes to principles, nothing influences them. Morality and ethics reign supreme.

From: Ahmed <abduhrahman12er14@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: End the Siege on Gaza Now

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As a resident of Howard county I am appalled that our government continues to fan the flames of the daily massacres occurring in Gaza.

Please ensure that your boss, and by extension all staffers are not complicit in the massacring of 30,500 civilians, among them 12,000+ children. Your boss has the means to influence policy more. He has willfully opted not to. We would like to see more concrete actions taken by the legislator to recognize Palestinian human rights. His choices at this time will be memorialized by history.

History will be ruthless and merciless to those who stood idly by. This won't be overlooked, or forgotten nor will there be any forgiveness.

The State Dept just bypassed congress to send military munition to occupation forces slaughtering children and women wholesale in Gaza. How low will the moral depravity and bankruptness of our legislators and government go?

Stop the genocide and ethnic cleansing now! Permanent ceasefire (calling for peace) is not a radical or controversial demand.

Thank you

From: Ahmed Huq <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:52 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Ahmed Huq
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Columbia , Maryland 21044

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Ceasefire

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From: Ahmad Khan <a.khan@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:39 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Deb Jung,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

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From: Ajma Hussai <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:48 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

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From: Akdas Mumtaz <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:23 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

Akdas

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From: Alan Schneider <ajs333@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:19 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Thank you for your resolution calling for a cease fire.

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I stand with you.
Help us understand that Killing civilians, bombing hospitals, schools and churches is not the solution.
Alan Schneider
Clarksville
202.489.4831 cell

From: Alan Spiegel <aspiegel1216@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:23 PM
To: Jung, Debra; CouncilMail
Subject: County Council Resolution CR22-2024

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Regarding County Council Resolution [CR22-2024](#) calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. I understand **the resolution has now been included in the agenda of the Council meeting on Monday evening, February 5. Vote against it as it now stands!!!**

Please remember Israel's right to exist and to defend herself, and we demand the return of the hostages taken in the terrorist attacks on October 7th. None of these are addressed in the proposed resolution. Condemn Hamas as they started this!!!

They should return the hostages first and then there should be a ceasefire. There is no leverage to get the hostages back if there is a ceasefire by Israel before the return of the hostages!

And finally, remember Hamas' stated goal is to destroy Israel and drive all the Jews into the sea!

Thank you.

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From: Alex Hoffman <hoffman21046@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:49 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Ball, Calvin; Jung, Debra; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: CR22-2024-Statement of Opposition

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Members of the Howard County Council:

As long time residents of Howard County, we are writing to express our profound disappointment in Resolution [22-2024](#), introduced by Council member Liz Walsh, that calls for an “immediate cease-fire in Gaza”. This resolution amounts to little more than a one-sided, and incredibly misguided, attempt by a local government entity to involve itself in a complex international issue in which it has absolutely no expertise. Absent a compelling local government interest in the region (for example, through a cultural exchange or ‘sister city’ program), there is simply no rationale or basis for issuing such statements on international events.

The first sentence of the resolution, “*Whereas all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law*” implies strongly that Israel is actively targeting civilians. In fact, compelling evidence exists that Israel, unlike Hamas, has [gone to great lengths to reduce civilian casualties](#). The resolution makes no mention of the barbarity of Hamas’ crimes against Israel. The resolution goes on to call for the Biden administration to “promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza.” In fact, this is already being done, and the administration has [continued to work with various agencies to help aid those in need](#). Simply put, calling for an immediate cease-fire without simultaneously calling on the release of all hostages and surrender of Hamas terrorist fighters, as [others have indicated](#), cannot be viewed as a serious solution to the current crisis. Even the federal officials cited in the resolution who have called for such a cease fire have also called for a release of hostages and surrender by Hamas. This is why Israel, together with the United States and other parties in the region, are [working closely to facilitate an agreement](#) that attempts to bring about a just and peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict.

While we too mourn the loss of innocent life, the reality of the situation is that one party (Hamas) has stated, over and over again, its goal of destroying the State of Israel. That party has launched rockets constantly into civilian areas over many years, and proudly boasts of their direct responsibility for the atrocious crimes committed on October 7 against men, women, and children. Moreover, Hamas frequently places the civilian population in harm’s way, ensuring that any military action against them will invariably increase the harm to innocent people. In some cases, civilian casualties have been [directly attributed to terrorist rockets](#), not the Israeli military. All of these are indisputable facts that are not mentioned anywhere in this one-sided resolution. But even if the resolution were re-written to include these facts, it still would not change the fundamental principle that the

mission of the Howard County Council and government is to provide for the welfare of its citizens, not to issue blanket statements on international affairs.

True leadership requires more than reflexive statements of sympathy for an individual cause. It requires a delicate balance between understanding the true needs of the *whole* community and the ways in which those needs can best be fulfilled. We urge the members of the council to reject this resolution, and to work closely with our diverse faith and community leaders to formulate real solutions to the needs of the citizens of Howard County.

Sincerely,

Drs. Alex and Allison Hoffman

District 3

Columbia, MD

From: Alexandra Levine <arlevine85@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:11 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution about a cease fire

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Dear Councilmen,

As a Jewish liaison and a national faith leader who has worked with many congressmen, senators, delegates, state representatives, and presidential administrations, I implore you not to pass this resolution as written.

I currently have written resolutions which have passed unanimously without the politics or favoring of the terrorist regime, Hamas.

The resolution needs to state that innocent lives were slaughtered on October 7th by the terrorist regime, Hamas and that Hamas with Iran and Qatar have admitted that they were the masterminds of these heinous attacks.

The Israelis have not killed innocent civilians! I am 100% Jewish and I'm a direct descendant of a Prime Minister of Israel. I receive updates from the IDF and PM of Israel in real time which show the accuracy of what is happening on the ground. The civilians that have been murdered was not the act of the Israelis. It was Hamas using their people as human shields like they've done for years.

The Israelis gave the Palestinians three days to leave Gaza and the majority of them did not leave. That is not the fault of the IDF!

However, innocent people were raped, burned, tortured, dismembered, and tortured by Hamas, (without warning) which is not mentioned in your resolution at all.

The job of the IDF is to annihilate the enemy once and for all and return the hostages back safely. They would never kill innocent people to accomplish these missions. The Israelis are peaceful people and your resolution hurts the IDF's efforts and contradicts everything that Israel stands for.

Please re-write the resolution accurately and factually and discuss the events that happened on October 7th.

The PM of Israel, the President of Israel and the IDF were all sent copies of your resolution by we the people and they were very surprised to see American legislators write such false statements about what went on. The PM encourages the entire council to come visit Israel and watch the 47 min. video of what Hamas did to innocent civilians and take a tour of the the NoVA festival and the kibbutzim that were burned etc.,

In addition, I will send you a resolution that passed unanimously in Carroll County last week that your council should look out.

You have many Pro-Hamas groups that originated in Howard county and if you pass the resolution as is, you will be

giving Hamas a free pass.

Israel has stated they will not do any cease fires until Hamas releases all the hostages. I would implore you to lead by example and follow our biggest ally, Israel. They want American to support them and their efforts. If you pass this resolution, you will make their efforts harder and innocent Americans will not be freed.

American Jews are already suffering in Maryland. There's Pro-Hamas rallies happening on a daily basis. Please do not fuel the fire anymore than it already is.

Thank you.

Please read below!

****Resolution of the Carroll County Republican Central Committee on the October 7 Attacks in Israel and the Need to Support Israel Against Terrorist Rallies and Groups****

****Whereas****, on October 7, 2023, the state of Israel faced an unprecedented terrorist attack launched by Hamas, a Palestinian militant group, resulting in the loss of over 1,200 lives, including civilians, soldiers, and

****Whereas****, this attack, marked by its brutality and scale, represents one of the bloodiest days in Israel's history and the deadliest for Jews in modern times, with tactics including a rocket barrage, incursions into Gaza, and massacres at civilian gatherings, and kidnappings, and

****Whereas****, the international community remains divided on the issue, with some countries denouncing the attacks as terrorism, while others support the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories as the root cause of the conflict in this complex geopolitical scenario, and

****Whereas****, parallels can be drawn between these attacks and the September 11, 2001, attacks in terms of their terrorist nature, although it is crucial to recognize the distinct contexts and consequences of each situation, and

****Whereas****, reports have emerged of sympathizers posing as victims, along with pro-terrorist rallies and certain political groups expressing support for Hamas, thereby distorting the truth and undermining the gravity of the atrocities committed, including such as rapes and the murder of children,

****Now, therefore, be it resolved**** that the Carroll County Republican Central Committee:

1. ****Stands in Solidarity with Israel****: We express our unwavering support for the state of Israel and its right to defend itself against terrorism and aggression.

4. ****Advocates for Policy Action****: We urge our constituents against any form of support for terrorism that reinforce the United States' commitment to

5. ****Promotes Community Engagement****: We encourage members to engage in constructive dialogue about the complexities of global terrorism, and to start of terrorist acts as justified or legitimate.

6. ****Commits to Monitoring and Responding****: We remain vigilant and responsive to any developments in our community and policymakers are informed and that uphold our values and security interests.

Adopted by the Carroll County Republican Central Committee
2024

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ali Abidi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Sincerely,

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Columbia, Maryland 21044

From: Aliya Jafri <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:38 PM
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Sincerely,

Aliya

Aliya Jafri
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Clarksville, Maryland 21029

From: Allan Jablon <arjkmj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:25 PM
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Subject: Please vote against CR22-2024

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express concern about the upcoming vote on CR22-2024.

Everyone with a conscience would like to see an end to the hostilities and resulting humanitarian concerns in Gaza as soon as possible; however, demanding an immediate ceasefire with no conditions or context attached ignores most of the facts of this conflict:

- (1) On October 7, 2023, a group of Hamas terrorists brutally murdered, raped and tortured nearly 700 innocent civilians inside Israel. This Hamas group was a small contingent representing more than 30,000 Hamas militants operating from inside Gaza.
- (2) More than 250 hostages were taken, and at least 150 hostages still remain in the hands of the Hamas terrorists.
- (3) For weeks, the Hamas terrorist fired thousands of rockets into Israel with the intent of killing as many innocent civilians as possible.
- (4) Israel, which is a sovereign country with a right to defend its people, rightfully began a military campaign to destroy the Hamas terrorist organization Gaza. That campaign has not yet been completed because many Hamas terrorists still remain in Gaza.
- (4) The Hamas organization initially gained power in 2007 by slaughtering many of their Palestinian brothers in the Palestinian Authority and Hamas has continued terrorizing the Palestinian civilians living in Gaza to this day. According the Hamas charter, their stated goal is the destruction of the state of Israel and the expelling or killing of all Jews in Israel. Most Palestinians and most Arab governments would agree that the Hamas organization is a danger to the Palestinians and all nearby populations.

Any resolution demanding a ceasefire should also (1) demand the immediate release of all hostages; (2) recognize the right of Israel to defend its people from terrorists who murder, rape and torture civilians and all other violence; (3) demand Hamas stop using Palestinian civilians as human shields and (4) demand the immediate surrender of all Hamas militants to be put in prison where all terrorists belong.

Without these additions, the resolution simply does not portray reality (which makes it propaganda) and is unfair to all freedom-loving and peace-loving people in Israel, Gaza, Howard County and everywhere.

Please vote against CR22-2024 in its current form.

Thank you.

Allan Jablon
2373 Ballard Way
Ellicott City

I hesitated to write something so personal because I am a physician, and I know this will be public record, and I would never want a patient to think that because I hold a certain view on a polarizing topic that it would interfere with their care. I have taken an oath to my patients to care for them and I will. We live in a beautiful democratic multicultural county and country and I respect that that means there are differences in opinion and I have and will continue to care for anyone who comes to me for help.

I have to tell you why I oppose this resolution.

First, Liz Walsh, you should understand that I do want this Hamas- Israel war to end, soon. In fact, I wish it had never started. On December 10 2023 my second cousin Itay Perry was killed in combat in Khan Younis. Itay's mother Ahuva, is my mom's first cousin. Itay's grandfather is my grandfather's brother. These men grew up together in Argentina in a small town called Moisesville. Moiseville is farmland in the interior of Argentina (in the province of Santa Fe) that became a safe haven for Jews escaping pogroms in Eastern Europe in the 1880's. A pogrom is similar to the events that unfolded on October 7 in the south of Israel. They left their lives, their homes, their profession, to learn how to farm and make a new life in Argentina. The bravery of my great grandparents is what saved my family from the Holocaust.

To understand our family tree is to understand Israel it is a melting pot. Ahuva and my mom were close friends as children, however her family moved to Israel at a young age. She married a Syrian man, whose family had been expelled from Syria in 1948 along with all the other Jewish communities. They had four children, Itay was the third. Most of my family remains in Argentina, although three first cousins have immigrated to Israel as young due to financial issues in Argentina and the deadly bomb attack at the AMIA (essentially the JCC in Buenos Aires) that scared their childhood. Hezbollah is thought to be the responsible party but no one has been brought to justice.

Itay was 36 and left behind his wife and three children, the youngest of which is 8 months old. His oldest son, sent him this card that translates to. "I love you, I miss you dad. Please don't get hurt."



As you can see Itay has a beautiful smile and was not a stereotypical soldier. But he was a willing, yet not enthusiastic reservist. As we learned at his funeral and in his eulogies, he had told his wife and close circle that he had go because what if that had happened to them, to his wife, to his children. How can they live in a world where this is possible?

When he came home for a break from service he didn't discuss it, he just wanted to live a normal life, enjoy his baby daughter and be a clown. That was his nickname, he liked to joke around alot.

They live in Modi 'in, which is a few miles from the West Bank. When I was there for Passover a few years ago, I remember that you can hear the Muslim call to prayer from their dining room.

We always joke that those are “our cousins” because they are. And Itay was my cousin, and he is now dead. So yes I want a ceasefire, I want this all to end.

I also want the remaining hostages to be released, including the dead bodies so the families can bury their dead loved ones.

I want Hamas to disappear. I want their genocidal charter to be condemned (they call for the destruction of Israel and the killing of all Jews).

I wish Hamas would come out and surrender so that no innocent Palestinian civilians would be killed.

I want Hezbollah to disappear.

I want all those who have learned to hate Jews (many of which were educated in UNRWA schools) to soften their hearts and consider a different path.

I also want the Jews who hates Muslims to soften their hearts and consider a different path.

I want the Palestinian people to have peace and prosperity.

I want the Abraham accords to succeed and expand in the region.

I want Israel and Saudi Arabia to normalize relations.

If you altered you resolution to all this, I would fully support it, but the way it is written now it simply ignores Israel and the Jewish people. It ignores the existential threat to the Jewish people when there is a terrorist group that has taken hold and built a sophisticated infrastructure to launch attacks on Jewish people and Israel and employs barbaric techniques of embedding in civilian populations to protect its interests.

You are ignoring a whole side of this. It’s like when people ignore the fact that there are transgender people and that they exist and refuse to modify their language to include these people.

Please consider that this call for a ceasefire is creating a hostile environment for people like me in Howard County. And perhaps it’s in my genes, but we’re leaving at the end of the school year. I won’t be the first or last Jewish person to leave Howard County because of this. I see the writing on the wall, and I fear it’s just too late. Calvin Ball’s comments in May 2021. The ceasefire walks out in the schools. Liz Walsh’s prior posts on the topic. And now this. The risk is not worth it. I always wondered how brave my ancestors had to be to leave their homes, their occupations to becomes farmers in Moiseville, Santa Fe Argentina. The new place we go is not nearly as far (and I don’t claim to be nearly as brave), and in fact this location may also have similar motions etc, but I have been watching from afar and so far they have not. In my heart I know that this flexibility, this ability to adjust and adapt is the reason the people of Israel live. Don’t forget that. Am Israel Chai!

Now please turn your attention to the school bus crisis and HCPSS school funding crisis.

From: Ammar Al-Badarneh <ammar100@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:48 PM
To: Yungmann, David; CouncilMail
Subject: Written Testimony for CR22-2024

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Dear Howard County Council and Council Representative David Yungmann

I live in Dayton in Council District 5, and I'm represented by Councilmember David Yungmann. I am writing to ask you to support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza because this continued war is not only leading to death and destruction overseas but it is leading to hate in our own community. The number of hate crimes and hate incidents in our communities have significantly increased due to this ongoing war. This war has led and will continue to lead to increased anti-semitism and Islamaphobia in our communities right here. Allowing this war to continue will only hurt this community further. Let's call for a permanent ceasefire so we can heal together.

Thank you,
Ammar Al-Badarneh

From: amy kramer <amyrkramer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Opposition of CR22-2024 and lack of public hearing

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council-

My name is Amy Kramer and I lived at 5916 Quiet Ways Court in Clarksville, MD, in district 4. I am a life long resident of Howard County, and I am a practicing Jew that has studied in Israel. I am writing you to oppose this resolution. This resolution is one sided, demanding a ceasefire but does not mention the release of the Israeli hostages. In addition, the resolution fails to mention the horrible actions that Hamas did in Israel on October 7th.

In addition, it is very unfortunate that the council has decided to vote on this resolution without a public hearing.

And lastly, I am not sure what is the purpose of the Howard County Council expressing its position on the Israeli/Gaza war. Perhaps your time would be better spent dealing on the issues and concerns of Howard County.

Thank you for your time and again please vote against this resolution.

Amy Kramer

From: Amy Raphael Shane <amyshane28@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:33 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin; Jung, Debra; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: CR 22-2024

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Good evening,

I write because I do not feel that it is appropriate for our local council to issue resolutions relating to foreign affairs. At a time when the overcrowded Howard County General Hospital has patients lying in the hallways of the ER, when the land is so overdeveloped that our children attend academic classes in portable classrooms (e.g. Mount View social studies) and face increasing class sizes, when students are assaulted at gunpoint on their way home from school and businesses are being burglarized, etc.-- respectfully, it is the job of the county council to address issues here for your constituents, and not to spend time addressing foreign affairs.

According to the official government website, Howard County Council is "responsible for making the laws that govern the County . . . [and is] the zoning authority and the licensing and enforcement authority for alcoholic beverages in the County." CR 22-2024 does not fall within the Council's mandate, and it is beyond overreaching for a Councilperson to submit, let alone attempt to pass, CR 22-2024.

My family moved to Howard County a year ago, and have been rather distressed since the events of October 7. We have begun to feel unsafe in our schools and within our county. When people call for a ceasefire without calling for the return of the hostages, it is clearly one sided and antisemitic. It is most distressing that the people elected to represent all of the Constituents of Howard County could turn your backs on Jewish constituents in such a callous and unsolicited manner. Please do not do it. CR 22-2024 is antisemitic, beyond the mandate of the council, and has no place in Howard County.

Sincerely,

Amy Shane

From: Andrew W. Nussbaum <andrew.w.nussbaum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:19 PM
To: CouncilMail; CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR 22-2024

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Thank you.

Andy Nussbaum

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:33 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: CR 22-2024

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From: Angela Alt <angela-alt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:26 PM
To: CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilMail
Cc: Dave Alt
Subject: Support for CR22-2024

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Hello HoCo Council Members-

My name is Angela Alt, I live in Columbia in Council District 2, represented by Councilman Opel Jones. I would like to see Mr. Jones, as well as Ms. Rigby, Ms. Jung, and Mr. Yungmann, supporting CR22-2024, **calling for a ceasefire in Gaza**, filed by Councilwoman Liz Walsh. I am requesting your support because morally upright people would never standby while a genocide takes place. Additionally, Howard Co. calling for a ceasefire is in alignment with many of our state and federal level representatives in Maryland and reflects the [61% of likely American voters](#) who want a ceasefire.

The position council members take on this matter *does* impact my future voting decisions. Thank you.

-Angela Alt

From: Annie McCormick <anniemccormick1025@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:34 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Testimony on CR22

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Hello,

My name is Annie McCormick, I live in District 3 in Howard County. I oppose CR22 and ask that the county council vote it down. CR22 will only further divide our community and serves no benefit to the residents of Howard County. I strongly support the right of Israel to exist as a free and democratic home for the Jewish people AND its other citizens. I would only support a resolution if it called for a ceasefire for ALL parties that is conditioned on the immediate release of all of the hostages taken by Hamas and Islamic Jihad. I am writing today to express my view on CR22 and ask that you vote against its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Annie McCormick
9762 Polished Stone, Columbia, MD 21046

From: Anum Ali <aashraf88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Politeness?

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Councilmembers,

You applaud the Jewish federation for being polite.

You are holding a vote without public testimony. Without meeting us. Are we supposed to be happy about this?

Of course that's maddening. How polite can we be, when you don't treat all your constituents the same?

The color of our skin sure does matter. The darker you are, the harder it is to get heard. Even in good old Howard county.

Anum Ali

From: Anum Ali <aashraf88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:23 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We are persistent

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Hello council members,

I'm disappointed by your decision to vote on Monday without even a public hearing in regards to the ceasefire.

I would like you to know, we will keep coming and you can keep shutting it down.

I urge you to sit with us and reconsider. There is a reason we will keep coming to you in regards to a ceasefire. You will continue to get calls and emails. When innocent children don't have food, water, clothes, we will stand up for them.

When kids are living limbless, getting amputations without proper care, we will keep coming.

Think about it when you look at your kids, grandkids, the kids of Howard county. Can you imagine a child getting an amputation without anesthesia? Can you imagine yourself getting your arm cut off without anesthesia, without a hospital?

A ceasefire is the only way to help. These people and children and not subhuman.

There are people in Howard county that have lost their entire extended family. Meet with them, listen to their pleas please.

Anum Ali

From: Anum Ali <aashraf88@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: We ask to stop killing innocent people

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Councilmembers,

The side that is asking for murder to be stopped, is considered not polite?

We want peace.

In what world is that wrong?

Anum Ali

From: Arbun Nessa <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:18 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Howard County Council Call CEASEFIRE NOW!

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am resident of Laurel and part of the community with family and friends residing in this community. I have friends who are affected by the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Please consider this so that we feel confident that our representatives are hearing our plea and listening to our voices. Please join efforts with so many other cities who stand for humanity and working towards a humanitarian aid which needs for immediate ceasefire.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Arbun

Arbun Nessa
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sewall ave
Laurel, Maryland 20723

From: Aseia Chaudhry <aseiach@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: resolution CR22-2024, permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

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Hello

My name is Aseia Chaudhry. I work as a contracting officer in federal government. I am Howard county constituent. My address is 9556 Chaton Rd, Laurel, MD 20723.

I am emailing about the resolution CR22-2024, permanent ceasefire in Gaza. This is the most important current issue that is impacting our community in Howard county Maryland. Many of our community members are being killed with Israel's investigate bombing and starvation which is being used as a weapon against innocent Palestinians. This form of collective punishment is a war crime. Over 12,000 children have been killed since Oct 7,2023. I would like you all to support ceasefire to save lives. Just like we passed a resolution to support Ukraine, please pass this resolution as well. I am hopeful that you all will stand against this genocide and crimes against humanity. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

From: Atiq Khan <atiqgk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: info@imanaction.org
Subject: CR22-2024

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Dear Councilmember,

I am emailing you to request that you support CR22-2024 calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. What is taking place right now is nothing less than genocide.

Thank you very much,
Atiq Khan

From: Ayesha Babar <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:51 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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Ayesha Babar

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Highland, Maryland 20777

From: Ayla Baig <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:57 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
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Laurel, Maryland 20723

From: Ayra Hussain <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Ayra Hussain

amnaamal@msn.com

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Fulton, Maryland 20759

From: Azeem Baba <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:39 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
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Azeem Baba

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From: Barb Krupiarz <barbkrup@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: jfrankel@jewishhowardcounty.org; jess.nocera@thebaltimorebanner.com
Subject: CR22-2024

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Dear Council members,

I hope that the fast tracked vote on CR22-2024 was done because the majority of council members recognize that this is not legislation that a County should be proposing. All that has been done by the introduction of this bill is further pitting community members against each other.

Elected officials should be striving to bring people together and the wording in this resolution serves only to be performative.

Please direct your efforts to issues related to local improvements as there are many in Howard County, MD.

Very truly yours.

Barb Krupiarz

From: Bariha Naqvi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:21 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire Now!

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

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Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Bariha Naqvi
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8827 Mission rd
Jessup, Maryland 20794

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: The cease fire resolution on Gaza: Vote NO

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From: bblyveis <blybarry@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:53 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: The cease fire resolution on Gaza: Vote NO

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I believe that since I live in Town Center (Vantage Point residences) you are my Council Rept.

A permanent ceasefire at this stage of the war would simply mean that Hamas would rearm and rebuild the tunnels, all financed by Iran, and attack again. One of the Hamas leaders said (I saw him on TV) that they are planning to have an October 7 every day of the week.

As former Israeli Prime Minister said, "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. The fighting will only end when the Arabs learn to love their children more than they hate Jews."

On three or more occasions, Hamas has lobbed rockets into Israel, Israel has responded by bombing Gaza and killing a lot of people, a ceasefire is agreed to, and then Hamas rearms and plans its next attack.

If you listened to or read the statements of Hamas leaders you will have no doubt that Hamas exists for the singular purpose of killing all the Jews in the Middle East.

The Israelis have more sympathy for the residents of Gaza than Hamas does. Any decent government would surrender by now. Yet Hamas forces its citizens into locations where Israel is attacking and when Israel announces that it will attack an area and tells the residents to leave, Hamas won't let them leave. Hamas soldiers gather at schools, hospitals and other places where they hope to force Israel to bomb so that the Gazans can gain the sympathy of the world.

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From: Beenish Pervez <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Columbia, Maryland 21045

From: Beenish Pervez <beenishpervez@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Support CR22

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Hi,

Peace be upon you. I live in North Laurel in Council District 3, and I'm represented by Councilmember Liz Walsh. I wish that you would please support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza because it is the bare minimum we can do to stop the genocide we are witnessing on our phones, for the world to see.

As of yesterday:

- 11,500 children have died
- 10,000 cancer patients at risk of death
- 350,000 chronic patients are at risk due to lack of administration of medications.
- 60,000 pregnant women are at risk due to lack of health care.
- 122 journalists have been murdered
- 99 schools and universities completely destroyed
- 161 mosques completely destroyed
- 3 churches targeted and destroyed
- 66,000 tons of explosives dropped
- 2 million displaced in the Gaza strip

Do Palestinians not deserve to live?

The State of Maryland sends approximately \$79,556,659 to fund Israel's weapons EVERY YEAR. That money could be used for the following:

- 9,457 households with public housing for a year
- 27,681 children with free or low-cost healthcare
- 868 Elementary school teachers
- 226,495 households with solar electricity produced for a year
- 2,105 students with their loan debt cancelled
- 69,179,704 N95 respirator masks

I urge you to think objectively and be on the right side of history. At least 47 US cities have passed resolutions. Yesterday, the City of Chicago became the largest city in the nation to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. We simply cannot say this is not within our jurisdiction or purview. We, residents of Howard County, are complicit unless we act with courage and call for a ceasefire.

Thanks,

From: Bess Caplan <bess.caplan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:37 AM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilMail
Subject: Objection to Bill

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My name is Bess Caplan, I live in District 4 in Howard County. I oppose CR22 and ask that the county council vote it down. CR22 will only further divide our community and serves no benefit to the residents of Howard County. I strongly support the right of Israel to exist as a free and democratic home for the Jewish people AND its other citizens. I would only support a resolution if it called for a ceasefire for ALL parties that is conditioned on the immediate release of all of the hostages taken by Hamas and Islamic Jihad. I am writing today to express my view on CR22 and ask that you vote against its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bess Caplan

From: Bonnie Sorak <bssorak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Premature to Ask for a Ceasefire Vote NO for CR22-2024

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

As a member of the Howard County Jewish community I am writing to you to request that you vote “no” to the [CR22-2024](#) resolution. Until the hostages who were savagely abducted on Oct. 26th are returned to their homes and family it is premature to request a full ceasefire.

While everyone has the right to a peaceful life, until the citizens of Gaza fully reject Hamas and its stated goals of eliminating Israel peace will be unattainable. Howard County should condemn all violence and hate but has no place inserting itself on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bonnie Sorak
Columbia Jewish Congregation Member
10226 Shirley Meadow Court
Ellicott City, 21042
443-799-0349
Sent from my iPhone

From: Boutaina Touil <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:22 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

The conflict in Gaza is not just a distant issue; it resonates with us here in Howard County, Maryland. We have a proud tradition of advocating for human rights and peace. Supporting this resolution aligns with our commitment to these principles and showcases Maryland's role as a compassionate, globally aware community.

As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Boutaina Touil
btouil12@gmail.com
7364 Clarity Ct
Baltimore , Maryland 21244

From: Candice Nager <candice.nager@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 22-2024

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All,

My name is Candice Nager, and I live in District 4 in Howard County, with family in Israel. I urge you to vote no on CR 22-2024 written as is. Most notably, this resolution does not call for a bilateral ceasefire or condition the release of the hostages.

Everyday, I continue to hope for peace and the safety of all innocent people in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Candice Nager

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Regarding CR22-2024

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From: Charles Koplik <cmkoplik@alum.mit.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:03 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Regarding CR22-2024

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Dear Councilor Deb Jung,

I am writing to convey my opposition to the resolution being presented to the council this coming Monday February 5, CR22-2024.

Besides being a very one sided resolution on a politically complex topic, it is not really the responsibility of the council to weigh in on such international issues.

Some of the supporting material in the resolution referring to the stated positions of Maryland political leaders misstates their actual positions. Nowhere in the resolution does it mention the terrorist attack by Hamas on innocents in Israel on October 7. Nor does it mention the hostages taken that day.

I strongly urge you not to try and reword the resolution, but simply defeat it.

Thank you for your attention and service.

Charles M. Koplik
Vice Chair Jewish Federation of Howard County

Sent from my iPhone

From: Chelsea <chelseaemail@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution from Liz Walsh

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To the Council,

This resolution or any resolution concerning the Middle East or international politics should not be allowed. Allowing a vote on this resolution, even writing it, further divides and fractures Howard County. Liz Walsh should be ashamed for bringing harm and hurt to Howard County residents.

Withdraw the resolution. It is shameful to divide this County further, and please get back to the good work that we voted you all in for!!

This is the ADL's response to the Chicago Ceasefire resolution. Is this what we all want for Howard County???

Mayor Johnson and City Council drafted a resolution that supports increased humanitarian assistance for people, demands the unconditional release of hostages and calls for the dismantling of Hamas. Instead, they advocate a resolution that divides our city, emboldens extremists and undermines U.S. global influence.

The debate and rhetoric around the resolution lit the flames of antisemitism as city and U.S. reach unprecedented levels. When the resolution was introduced, we saw a surge in antisemitic incidents across the city. Jewish businesses, Jewish CPS students and Jewish officials have been harassed and

Thank you.

Chelsea Lee
9759 Evening Bird Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

From: Chelsea <chelseaemail@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:23 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Your resolution

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Ms. Walsh,

I have never been more ashamed of Howard County than I am now for your resolution. You further divide our community while accomplishing nothing more. That is all the resolution, passed or not passed, will accomplish. Maybe you will get more votes, but nothing more.

I am deeply concerned each time I open your social media. It would be such a more cohesive county if you remained professional, like your counterparts on the council, and not added to a vile social media war that is absolutely destroying our children. Your focus was supposed to be on Howard County, not the Middle East.

You clearly do not represent the Jewish population of Howard County. From my many conversations, they are very aware of that. It is possible to stand for what is right on both sides of the equation but you have abandoned our friends. What a shame.

Chelsea Lee
9759 Evening Bird Ln, Laurel, MD 20723

From: CHERYL GILLETTE <tgilltte@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:19 PM
To: Jung, Debra; CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; Yungmann, David; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Resolution No. 22-2024

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

We have been closely watching the situation both in Gaza and in Israel. The conflict initiated by Hamas and the situation where Hamas hides and perpetuates its activities which harm the citizens of Gaza is concerning to us all. However, we also are concerned that the resolution doesn't address the need to first eliminate the control and terror that are coming from Hamas. Line 8 of the resolution is inaccurate in its attribution of the statements because it is not complete.

Raskin,

<https://raskin.house.gov/2024/1/congressman-raskin-renews-calls-for-the-release-of-hostages-bilateral-ceasefire-and-humanitarian-surge-in-gaza>

The world must urgently prioritize immediate return of the hostages, a complete bilateral ceasefire, the removal of the Hamas terrorists from operational control of Gaza, the end of the bombardment of the civilian population, and a global humanitarian surge of food, water, medical supplies and power to the besieged Gazan population"

Note, 22-2024 does not call for return of the hostages or the removal of the Hamas terrorists from operational control of Gaza ...

This must come before anything else so peace is possible.

Van Hollen's office sent a statement to 11 News, saying: "Like many across our state, I was horrified by Hamas' despicable attacks and kidnappings that took place Oct. 7. Since then, I have supported Israel's right to defend itself and its objective of ending the military threat posed by Hamas."

<https://www.wbal.tv.com/article/baltimore-protest-ceasefire-letter-israel-hamas-war/46179102>

Mfume, <https://twitter.com/RepKweisiMfume/status/1722370744397492557>

Like many, I am not a cosponsor of H.Res. 786 because it fails to call out by name the Hamas terrorist organization for the death and destruction they initiated on October 7. Please note, 3 out of 4 first paragraphs of 22-2024 are exact copies of HR 786. 22-2024 also does not call out Hamas for its atrocities, does not call for the dismantling of Hamas, and does not call for the release of hostages. Significantly, HR786 was buried by the US House, by sending it to a Committee, nearly four months ago. We expect a similar fate for the politically motivated copycat Resolution 22-2024. II Actions by the US and Israel are justified. There are good reasons why the U.S. is supportive of Israel's fight for its existence.

The "immediate ceasefire" needs to be amended with the addition of the words used by Jamie Raskin which call for "the removal of the Hamas terrorists from operational control of Gaza, the end of the bombardment of the civilian population,"

Unfortunately, the resolution reads like more of a political statement than one related to facts. A forced cease fire will result in Hamas rearming, retrenching, and regaining their power. The longer-term effects will be more missiles shot at Israeli civilians, further opportunities for Hamas to find

higher powered weapons and take the first opportunity to strike Israelis, and very possibly causing death and destruction greater than their initial terrorist attack. PLEASE do your due diligence to research and better understand Hamas and the organization's goals.

Please raise this important issue so both Israelis and Palestinian citizens can live in peace. Thank you for your concerns for the welfare of those involved.

Cheryl & Herb Gillette
10366 Buglenote Way
Columbia, MD 21044

From: Dana Alsaadi <dana.alsaadi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:49 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22

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Hello,

My name is Dana Alsaadi. I am from North Laurel, and I am represented by Christiana Rigby in District 3.

I am disappointed to see that the council will be voting on CR22 immediately after its introduction on February 5th, without consideration of locals' input. Other legislation filed at that time will be voted on at a later date. Doing so allows Howard County residents to provide public testimony, which is an integral part of lawmaking at the local level.

I need my delegate Ms. Rigby to support this ceasefire resolution. As of today, at least 47 US cities have supported ceasefire resolutions. This is a humanitarian issue and should not be considered controversial. The resolution should be passed unanimously.

This crisis affects me deeply, as I have relatives in the Gaza strip, and 30 members of my family including babies have been bombed to death. The problems in Palestine and Israel will only be resolved through political means, not more violence and destruction. As a physician, I see this tragedy through the lens of my profession and my obligation to uphold life. This is the legacy that I inherited from my grandfather, a surgeon who was once a refugee displaced to Gaza and Rafah.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dr. Dana Alsaadi

From: Dara Neuman-Sunshine <dara.neuman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:45 PM
To: Ball, Calvin; Jung, Debra; CouncilMail
Cc: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: OPPOSITION to Resolution CR 22-2024

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To the members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Calvin Ball,

My name is Dara Neuman-Sunshine and I have lived in District 4 in Howard County for 14.5 years. I am writing to you today to express my deep concern and strong **OPPOSITION** to Resolution CR 22-2024 introduced by Council Member Liz Walsh.

The main reason for my opposition to CR 22-2024 is that the resolution calls for a ceasefire, but does not explicitly call for the release of all of the 130+ hostages still being held in Gaza by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other associated terror groups. These hostages include a baby who just turned 1 year old while in captivity, and who have been denied a visit by the Red Cross in violation of international law. The decision to consciously omit the call for the release of all hostages from the resolution submitted to the Howard County Council appears to be a deliberate decision to erase the existence and legitimacy of the lives of these 130+ hostages. This decision alone should make anyone who cares for all of humanity carefully consider what a vote for this resolution would say about their values, commitments, and ethics. Further, the resolution makes no mention of the brutal events of the unprovoked attacks of October 7th, which included the sexual assault of women and girls, and claimed the lives of more than 1200 civilians – brutally murdered in their homes, in the fields, at a dance festival, on the road, and in any place where the terrorists found them. Nor does the resolution acknowledge the more than 200,000 Israelis who have been displaced from their homes since the attacks of October 7th.

The ceasefire resolution also appears to be a one-sided ceasefire, which pins the blame for the devastating loss of innocent civilian life in Gaza and Israel solely on the actions of the State of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces. The resolution fails to acknowledge that Hamas uses the innocent people of Gaza as human shields as part of their war strategy to garner the world's sympathy while Hamas fighters and their leaders are protected in underground tunnels, built with the aid that was intended for the people Hamas governs. The employment of human shields, the placement of weapons depots, rocket launching stations, and command centers inside of dense civilian areas, inside and beneath hospitals, schools, UNHCR facilities, and other places which are sure to result in civilian loss of life have been a hallmark of Hamas' tactics for years and, in this war, have resulted in devastating consequences for the innocent civilian population in Gaza who are unsupportive of Hamas. Therefore, a ceasefire resolution must also acknowledge that the actions of Hamas make them culpable for a substantial percentage of the civilian deaths that have occurred during Israel's war on Hamas.

Whether intended or not, this ceasefire resolution delegitimizes the state of Israel as it strips her rights to defend itself from its enemies. According to its own covenant, Hamas is committed to the destruction of Israel. It has no interest in a peaceful settlement with Israel. The Hamas terrorists have repeatedly vowed to conduct attacks worse than October

7th again and again, so by calling for a ceasefire against Hamas, this resolution essentially calls for the destruction of Israel.

Finally, I question why this resolution should be the work of the Howard County Council. I do not understand why the Howard County Council would single out Israel. Is the Council planning to pass resolutions on other conflicts/wars such as Russia's war on Ukraine in which more than 19,000 Ukrainian children have been abducted from their country for involuntary resettlement in Russian families? Does the Council have any particular expertise on these issues? Are Council Members well versed on the history of the state of Israel? Is formulating international policy within the Council's official duties?

As mentioned, I have lived in Howard County for more than 14 years. I work in Howard County and am raising two children here in Howard County. I have always been proud to call Howard County my home, but am now concerned about my place in this community and the safety of my family and fellow Jews, and this resolution furthers my safety concerns. After the October 7th attacks I contemplated taking down the mezuzah on my door and questioned whether it was safe to send my children to our Synagogue for Hebrew School or to hang Chanukah decorations in my windows. There are real safety concerns that must be acknowledged in advancing resolution CR 22-2024. Since Israel began a just war of self-defense against Hamas, violence against Jews in the U.S. has increased by 360%. Advancing this resolution serves to further isolate the Jewish community and I fear that the passing of this resolution will embolden those who advocate for Israel's destruction in louder and more aggressive ways, all of which makes the Jewish community less secure.

I strongly urge all members of the Council to **REJECT** resolution CR 22-2024 and to instead, focus on actions that will help heal the divisions in our community that this resolution has already caused.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to your constituents and to all of Howard County in this perilous time.

Sincerely,

Dara Neuman-Sunshine
6417 River Run
Columbia, Maryland 21044

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Resolution 22-2204

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From: David Halpern <dave1250@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:36 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: RE: Resolution 22-2204

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,
My name is David Halpern and I have been a resident of Columbia since 1980, currently residing in Clary's Forest.
I am most appreciative of your service to Howard County and your particular representation of our District 4. Thank you for your dedication and hard work on our behalf.

Regarding the resolution which states:
"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."

I would like to register my personal opposition to this resolution and strongly encourage you to vote **against** it.

I have always supported Israel's right to exist and to defend itself, as well as wanting to see the unequivocal return of the hostages taken in the terrorist attacks on October 7th.

I understand this is a very emotionally charged time for all parties involved and yet the resolution before you with the demand of an immediate cease-fire is not a viable direction.

Please respect the right for Israel's efforts to remove the threat of Hamas terrorism completely for the safety of itself as well as for the world at large.

Again, my respect for your service, and consideration of my request.

David F. Halpern, DMD

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From: David Krausz <davidkrausz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 22-2024

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I am a resident of River Hill/Clarksville who is writing to express my vehement opposition to CR22-2024.

Putting to one side the very real question of whether the county government should be weighing in on foreign affairs at all, I find it to be outrageous that the council would consider such a one-sided resolution without any consideration whatsoever for the more than 130 remaining hostages or condemnation of the barbaric assault of October 7.

I am proud of the many civic accomplishments of this community, but the mere consideration of such a resolution is profoundly shameful.

I urge you to reject it.

David Krausz

From: Deborah Belchis <dbelchis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution CB22-2024

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Dear Council Members,

I have read your proposal for a resolution to call for a ceasefire in the Hamas-Israeli war. I am a Jewish resident in Howard County and am also concerned about the humanitarian crisis that is unfolding in Gaza. Your resolution, however, unlike the policy statement proposed by J Street, fails to even mention the release of the hostages and ceasing the perpetual bombing of Israel by Hamas. The current war was provoked by Hamas' carrying out a vicious and deadly attack on Israeli citizens, including the rape of women and the murder of children. Global leaders are trying to end the war in Gaza and bring aid to the Palestinian citizens. However, a true ceasefire and actual end to the conflict will need Hamas to also lay down their weapons and agree to free the hostages.

I agree with J Street's call to facilitate robust humanitarian aid, to enact zero tolerance for settler violence, and to end all provocative policies and actions in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. However, their statement also acknowledges the role of Hamas in this conflict. The Howard County proposal does not.

Lastly, I do need to ask why a resolution was never made for any other country where the US supplies the weapons? Why is the County doing this now only when it is Israel? We did not do it for Yemen and Saudi Arabia. I think resolution CB22-2024 as written will only create a feeling of alienation and disaffection within the Jewish community. Anti-Semitism is on the rise in the United States and all over the world. I think a one-sided resolution like this one only fuels the flames and does not provide a true path to peace.

Sincerely,
Deborah Belchis
Ellicott City

From: Edo Banach <edobanach@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:25 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana; Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail; Jung, Debra; Yungmann, David; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel
Subject: CR 22

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Subject: CR 22-2024Dear Council and Executive Ball-

As a Howard County resident of Israeli descent, I am writing to request that CR 22-2024 be withdrawn or rejected.

This symbolic resolution is designed to appease one "side" and hurt another. This is not the council's role. Instead of fanning flames, how about holding a summit to talk through these issues? Call up the Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders to have an informed and historically accurate discussion. This would be a better use of your collective time and energy.

We are all lucky that we are living in America, and in one of the safest and most prosperous counties in the nation. Instead of pandering and hurting, step up and show leadership, be greater than this moment of discord and hate, and show true leadership. I stand by, ready to help.

Edo Banach
Woodbine, MD

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Edo Banach
Edobanach@gmail.com

From: Edythe Mencher <ehmencher@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:10 PM
To: Ball, Calvin
Cc: CouncilMail; CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire resolution opposition from Rabbi Edythe Mencher

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To the members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Calvin Ball,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the Resolution (CR 22-2024) introduced by Council Member Walsh which is apparently scheduled to be first considered at the County Council meeting on February 5th.

I express this deep concern and total opposition as an individual Howard County resident, as a retired Rabbi, as a member of Temple Isaiah, as a still practicing clinical social worker with a daughter and grandchildren who also live, work and attend school in Howard County. I am deeply committed to interfaith understanding and to sustaining a community in which the concerns and dignity of all are respected.

My opposition to CR 22-2024 is based on the fact that the resolution calls for a ceasefire, but does not explicitly call for the release of all of the 130+ hostages (or remains of hostages) still being held in Gaza by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other associated terror groups. The ceasefire resolution also appears to be a call for a one-sided ceasefire, which pins the blame for the devastating loss of innocent civilian life in Gaza and Israel solely on the actions of the State of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces. Further, the resolution makes no mention of the brutal events of the unprovoked attacks of October 7th, which claimed the lives of more than 1200 civilians – brutally murdered in their homes, in the fields, at a dance festival, on the road and in any place where the terrorists found them. Again, the details of these attacks have been chronicled by those who witnessed and survived, but also by the explicit body-cam images captured and disseminated by the Hamas terrorists.

I share my opposition to such a divisive and destructive resolution while continuing to have deep concern for the untold amount of suffering being experienced by the civilian population of Gaza. Civilian casualties must be minimized and every life lost mourned. Yet any call for a cease fire that does not confront and address the reality that Hamas terrorists have repeatedly vowed to conduct attacks worse than October 7th thousands of times in the future, have expressed commitment to the destruction of Israel and even encouraged killing of Jews everywhere. Any Ceasefire resolution should acknowledge purposeful actions of Hamas that make them responsible for many of the civilian deaths that have occurred. The employment of human shields, the placement of weapons depots, rocket launching stations and command centers deliberately inside of dense civilian areas, inside and beneath hospitals, schools, UNHCR facilities and other places which are sure to result

in civilian loss of life have been a hallmark of Hamas' strategy for years, but in this specific war have resulted in the most devastating of consequences.

Peace will not come and lives will not be saved until Hamas is held accountable for its positions and tactics which have caused the loss of Jewish and Arab lives.

Along with so many other Howard county citizens I am asking why was/is this the work of the Howard County Council? I believe it is not appropriate and will not strengthen or advance the values of mutual understanding, respect and inclusion that have caused so many of us to choose this community.

I urge all members to reject this resolution and to instead focus on the repairing the anguish that such statements have brought to our community.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Edythe Mencher, LCSW
7313 Rocky Creek Drive
Columbia, Maryland 21046

Sent from my iPhone

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Resolution 22-2024

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From: Beth Millstein <alto1voice@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:42 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Resolution 22-2024

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Councilwoman Jung - I am writing to share my significant concerns around the wording in the above referenced resolution. As a long time resident of Howard County, past President of The Jewish Federation of Howard County and an active member of the Howard County Jewish community, I am disturbed and disappointed that the Howard County Council feels the need to pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire without addressing any of the underlying issues. The most blatant omission is the absence of any reference to Hamas.

To simply call for a ceasefire while saying "all human life is precious" and without any acknowledgement of the complex issues in the region is naive. This type of public statement/position gives credence to the anti-Semitic tropes that have been magnified through this conflict. Too many people only read the headlines and are swayed by social media manipulation focused on highlighting the plight of the Palestinian people and criticizing Israel and the IDF for almost every action they take.

In a civilized democracy, there is a need for constructive dialog and a desire to work together for a common good. This resolution neither advances the conversation about the issue in the Middle East nor does it offer any thoughts or suggestions to address the conflict. And, for a state county to demand the President and his administration take immediate action to enact a ceasefire? What about demanding that Hamas enact a ceasefire and return the hostages?

Additionally, within the resolution, there is no acknowledgement of Israel's right to exist and to defend herself against the atrocious acts of October 7. If the county council approves this resolution, I fear it will further incite hard line positions on either side of this issue - and that is NOT what the spirit of Columbia/Howard County should be.

I respectfully ask that you vote against this resolution, and if you feel it is important for the Council to take a stand, that you engage members of the Jewish community for input in how such a resolution could be less inflammatory.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Millstein
11988 Hall Shop Road
Clarksville, MD. 21029

From: Eslam Omar <eslam.omar.ph@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR22

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Dear Howard County Council and Council Representative Opel Jones, I live in Columbia in Council District 4, and I'm represented by Councilmember Mr Jung I am writing to ask you to support CR22 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza because this continued war is not only leading to death and destruction overseas but it is leading to hate in our own community. The number of hate crimes and hate incidents in our communities have significantly increased due to this ongoing war. This war has led and will continue to lead to increased anti-semitism and Islamaphobia in our communities right here. Allowing this war to continue will only hurt this community further. Let's call for a permanent ceasefire so we can heal together.

Thank you,

Eslam Omar, Rph, MPH
Pharmacist, Nutritionist
Email: eslam.omar.ph@hotmail.com

From: Eslam Omar <eslam.omar.ph@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:02 PM
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> Dear Howard County Council and Council Representative Mr Jung

> I live in Columbia in Council District 4, and I'm represented by Councilmember Mr Jung I am writing to ask you to support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza because this continued war is not only leading to death and destruction overseas but it is leading to hate in our own community. The number of hate crimes and hate incidents in our communities have significantly increased due to this ongoing war. This war has led and will continue to lead to increased anti-semitism and Islamaphobia in our communities right here. Allowing this war to continue will only hurt this community further. Let's call for a permanent ceasefire so we can heal together.

> Thank you,

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Eslam Omar, Rph, MPH
Pharmacist,
Email: eslam.omar.ph@hotmail.com

From: Fany Kusnetz <skusnetz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 8:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: To The Howard County Council

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mkusnetz@gmail.com

YSent from Gmail Mobile

On Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 10:15 PM Stan Kusnetz <skusnetz@gmail.com> wrote:

My name is Stanley Kusnetz. My wife is Fany Kusnetz

I am a retired officer of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S Public Health Service. Fany at one time was the Office Manager of the DC Council of Jewish Federations. I was also a volunteer in our County Executive's campaign. We have lived in Howard County since 1979. Our three children are all graduates of Howard County Schools.

Frankly, when I saw the resolution, calling for a cease fire I was very unpleasantly surprised. Consider this, as our county council, your mandate is to make this a better county through legislation and other administrative duties, NOT to take sides in international affairs. The context in this resolution makes it very clear that you are speaking of Israel. You are our council, not our Department of State. You were not elected to take any side in this issue that is a source of passions and division among your constituents.

Further the resolution itself is misleading. You quote a number of Gazan casualties supplied by Hamas and not backed with any evidence whatsoever. Keep in mind Hamas includes the losses of its own fighters presenting the total as all civilian to inflame passions as part of its psychological warfare to influence groups such as this council.

The resolution uses the names of Reps Raskin and Mfume as well that of Sen van Hollen, giving the impression that they support an immediate cease fire. However, those seeming endorsements lack context. Their support is for a Bi-lateral cease fire when the hostages are released as a whole package. None of this is mentioned in your resolution.

When Hamas broke the existing cease fire (one broken cease fire of many) to conduct a brutal invasion of an Israeli holiday festival and nearby citizen communities, committing unspeakable acts, in itself a violation of International law, a goal was to take hundreds of hostages, another violation of international law.

Make no mistake, this was a long time in planning. It was known that Israel would mount a robust response and to that end Hamas used civilians and civilian structures as human shields or human sacrifices which better describes their goal of maximizing casualties, again as part of their psychological operations.

In their barbaric invasion of Israel, one of those murdered was a friend of Fany's from the early seventies. Vivian Silver

was an internationally recognized worker for peace. She moved to Kibbutz Be'eri specifically to be able to work with the Gazans to improve their lives and spent her adult life in that effort. She was intentionally murdered, mutilated and burned. It took weeks to identify her.

As a constituent who is strongly invested in Howard County I strongly suggest that this resolution not be considered at all.

Stanley and Fany Kusnetz

Sent from my iPhone

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: CR22-2024

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-----Original Message-----

From: Felicia Hulit <felicia.hulit@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:27 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR22-2024

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

We have known each other a long time since our girls attended Wilde Lake together. During that time and beyond, I have always appreciated that you supported everyone and worked tirelessly in this community to bring people together. CR22-2024 is doing just the opposite. It is dividing our community and taking precious Council time and resources away from real issues that need to be addressed here in HoCo.

Knowing your reasoned approach to divisive council issues in the past, I felt the need to reach out to you. I am writing to you to express my opposition to the current unbalanced language in CR22-2024 and request that you vote against the CR or work to amend it to include more balanced language. The CR should include clear language calling for the immediate release of the 130 hostages brutally taken during the October 7th attack by Hamas. This ceasefire should also call on both parties to implement it especially in light of the fact that a ceasefire between the parties existed prior to the Hamas attack on Oct 7th.

I appreciate your time and, I hope, support in addressing this issue. I look forward to seeing you soon at the council meeting or one of the myriad community events that you find the time to attend.

Thank you

Felicia Hulit
WLHS parent

From: Fern Cohen <fernlcohen@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fw: Israel's survival

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I am writing in opposition to the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza . I support the right of Israel to exist as a free and democratic home for the Jewish people and its other citizens. I believe that the first step must be the immediate release of all of the hostages taken by the Hamas terrorists and Islamic Jihad. Please understand that Israel is fighting for its very survival . As a Jewish American, with friends and friends in Israel , I stand with Israel and applaud President Biden for his steadfast support .

Thank you ,

Fern Cohen
6416 Misty Top Pass
Columbia, Md 21044

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From: Gail Boyar <gfboyar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 22-2024

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As members of Temple Isaiah, Howard County, we wish to support all that Rabbi Axler wrote to you about CR 22-2024. Perhaps you should review the pictures he posted of what he witnessed during his trip in January before you decide to support this bill. Please do not support such a one sided proposal. This does no credit to Howard County and what we believe it stands for.

Sincerely,
Gail and Jay Boyar

From: Gayle Killen <killchar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22 - Ceasefire Gaza

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Hello,

I live in Old Ellicott City, my council representative is Liz Walsh in District 1. I am writing in support of efforts to bring about a ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you,
Gayle Killen
8572 Main Street Historic Ellicott City MD 21043
killchar@gmail.com
443-467-1142

From: gegreene26@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I request you vote AGAINST CR22-2024.

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Dear Howard County Council

I am a Howard County resident since 1973, and I request you vote AGAINST CR22-2024.

It mentions NOTHING about how Hamas broke the cease-fire on October 7. It ignores the fate of the hostages (including infants and American citizens.) They MUST be freed before any cease-fire. And it allows Hamas to remain in charge of Gaza.

I note that Congressman Raskin wrote this very inclusive resolution:

“The world must urgently prioritize immediate return of the hostages, a complete bilateral ceasefire, the removal of the Hamas terrorists from operational control of Gaza, the end of the bombardment of the civilian population, and a global humanitarian surge of food, water, medical supplies and power to the besieged Gazan population to end this wretched disaster of human suffering.

The Howard County resolution must be defeated.

It COULD have been so positive. As written, it is an embarrassment.

Thank you,

Geoffrey Greene, MD
7550 Summer Leave Lane
Columbia, MD 21046
4107079658

From: Gizala Ali <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:17 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

The crisis in Gaza is not just a distant issue; it resonates with us here in Howard County, Maryland. We have a proud tradition of advocating for human rights and peace. Supporting this resolution aligns with our commitment to these principles and showcases Maryland's role as a compassionate, globally aware community.

As a decades long member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Gizala Ali
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5648 Thunder Hill Road
Columbia, Maryland 21045

From: Gordon Fuller <gfuller613@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:05 AM
To: Ball, Calvin; Jung, Debra; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David; Rigby, Christiana; CouncilMail
Subject: CR-22

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Dear Council Members,

While I am greatly concerned about the loss of innocent life and the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Gaza, I urge you not to support CR22, nor to allow public testimony on it, but rather to proceed as you have planned. As you deliberate, I suggest you consider a number of questions, including:

- why does the resolution cite two Maryland Congressmen and a Senator in their calls for ceasefires when theirs were very different and included calls for the immediate release of Israeli hostages?
- if the resolution is, indeed, so concerned just about humanitarian suffering, why have there not been other resolutions in support of the Ukrainians, who have been under attack by Russia for no reason for almost 2 years, with the Russians targeting hospitals, cultural centers, and large residential centers? or the Uighur Muslims being culturally extinguished in China? or the millions of Syrian people who were murdered, exiled, or displaced by their President Assad? or so many other authoritarian regimes who deprive many of their people, but particularly women and LGBTQ citizens, of their opportunity to live normal lives in peace?
- and lastly, why is this a matter that should take up the Council's time and energy when there are so many other challenges we could be working on resolving together to make Howard County the best place it can be rather than focusing on matters we have no control over and that are dividing and inciting us?

Thank you for considering my input. I remain,

In Service,

Rabbi Gordon Fuller
8905 Shining Oceans Way
Columbia, MD 21045

From: Grant Forman <grant.forman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:01 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Cc: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Opposition to CR22-2024

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Councilwoman Walsh,

As a resident of your district I implore you to withdraw CR22-2024. The Israel-Hamas war is not an issue on which Howard County should focus, nor is it the County's business to involve itself in such a complicated and polarizing issue.

Whether or not I agree with the actions you propose, the Council should avoid affairs that not only do not help the County, but which also ratchet up tensions therein (something I have witnessed first hand). The Council has a prescribed set of duties; this is not one of them. By introducing this legislation, you divert attention from relevant matters.

It is telling that you have remained silent on Russia's war in Ukraine, the genocide of Uyghurs in China, and countless other atrocities throughout the world - yet you choose to invoke your status as a Councilmember in this situation.

If you introduce CR22-2024, I will be unable to vote for you in good conscience should you seek a subsequent term. In fact, I will feel compelled to actively voice vehement opposition to you.

Thank you for listening to the concerns of your constituents. I hope you will act in their best interest.

Grant Forman

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Resolution CR22-2024

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From: Rachel G <grglaros@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:06 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Resolution CR22-2024

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Dear Council Member Jung,

I am very disappointed with resolution CR22-2024. It is unacceptable that our Howard County representatives would deny Israel's right to protect its citizens. Like the United States, Israel goes to great lengths to minimize civilian casualties when fighting terrorists and attempting to rescue hostages. Unfortunately, any ceasefire will be detrimental to the hostages and increase their time in captivity. The only acceptable conditions for a ceasefire should be a safe return of all hostages. Furthermore, we should demand that schools, hospitals, and personal residence NOT be used for storing/manufacturing weapons, firing rockets or anything that would make it a military target.

Thank you for considering my point of view.

Sincerely,
Greg Glaros
Howard County resident since 2006

From: harlan krissoff <dockside7225@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:13 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: County Council Resolution CR22-2024 for a ceasefire in Gaza

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Good day;
I am writing to you in regards to County Council Resolution CR22-2024.

It is important to support Israel's right to exist and to defend herself, we need to demand the return of the hostages taken in the terrorist attacks on October 7th, which should be a basic tennant of human rights. None of these are addressed in the proposed resolution.

The meeting is currently closed to public opinion and discussion which is not what a truly Democratic country practices- and this letter is also supporting Israel- the ONLY DEMOCRATIC country in that part of the world.

Even the Islamic organization Cair supports an OPEN and Fair discussion of the issue, which is not an option at the moment. To quote them from their website -
https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cair.com%2Fpress_releases%2Fcair-calls-on-maryland-county-council-to-restore-public-testimony-pass-gaza-ceasefire-resolution%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cianderson%40howardcountymd.gov%7C1113a2b6e104414c2a8408dc23a54f21%7C0538130803664bb7a95b95304bd11a58%7C1%7C0%7C638424440125553783%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikh1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&data=4y7tIV2DC9u5hQi24N0M0IsOOmK0rFY5P0VLFfLOZRU%3D&reserved=0

By blocking public comment in the consideration of this resolution, the county council is not only stripping constituents of their right to a fair, transparent and democratic process, they are also unjustly perpetuating the silence and erasure of voices advocating for basic Palestinian human rights," said CAIR's Maryland Director

Zainab Chaudry. "The topic of protecting and saving innocent lives should never be contentious and controversial."

CAIR is calling on Councilmembers to restore public testimonies and allow community members an opportunity to articulate their positions.

I feel that by supporting a cease fire in The Gaza region it further complicates the matter because all it does is gives Hamas the opportunity to regroup and start over continuing their assault on Israel and the continued domination and enslavement to the ideals of war and terrorism to the civilian population of Gaza of which they do not care about.

The UN Resolution regarding war crimes is a joke. Hamas attacked Israel first and then declared war on their own people by hiding military forces in residential neighborhoods, and critical infrastructure including hospitals schools and mosques. They have a long history of keeping the population poor and downtrodden.-

This is not a matter that can be decided at the spur of the moment and to reiterate, to not allow public discourse is a violation of the rights of democracy and freedom and as a law marker I call upon you to call for the opportunity for all concerned in Howard County to voice their concerns.

In addition, not allowing public discussions may have far reaching implications.

1. Other counties in Maryland may follow suite and pass their own resolutions- t may spread all over the state and eventually allow other states to emulate them.
2. It would greatly hurt all Jewish Americans and increase the anti-semitism currently sweeping the country.

So to preserve Democracy and all concerned simply to be HEARD, please let the council know that they need to not RAM through this resolution.

Thank you for your time.

Harlan Krissoff

From: Harvey K. Maizels <mygirlcrackers@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:42 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Ball, Calvin; Jung, Debra; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: Howard County, CR 22-2024
Attachments: CCF02012024_0001.pdf

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To the Honorable Members of the Howard County Council:

I implore you through the words of the attached poem to resist the bigotry that drives the hateful lobbying behind CR 22-2024. Please don't put your fingerprints on this ugly, antisemitic proposal. Thank you.

Best,
Harvey

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Harvey K. Maizels
4 Charing Court
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
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MyGirlCrackers@Gmail.com

WHO CAIR'S ABOUT HOWARD COUNTY, CR 22-2024?

You say that you truly CAIR?
Do you think you're really fair?

Cherry picking all the time,
Sorting, sifting through each crime:

Did you utter any peep
When Ukraines were killed like sheep?

Or poor Uyghurs, now enslaved?
In your silence, you're depraved!

Or Yazidis? Victimized!
Not once have you criticized!

Did you cry out any words
For the bullied, stateless Kurds?

No. Not once! No. Not ever!
So, what drives THIS endeavor?

What's your CAIR for Gaza now?
Why do you now lift your brow?

Why are all your hackles up?
Don't let hatred fill your cup.

Did the Jews first start this War?
Who broke the "CEASEFIRE," before?

Answer all these questions, FIRST!
Then resolve what's best--or worst.

Harvey K. Maizels
02/01/2024
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From: Hasnat Ali <hnut23@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:31 AM
To: Yungmann, David
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Support CR22 (calling for immediate ceasefire in Gaza)

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Dear Councilman Yungmann,

I live in Ellicott City, Maryland in District 5 and I would like you to support CR22 which calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza because far too many innocent civilians have been murdered and the war is being conducted with minimal or no disregard for human life/rights that are required to be followed by international standards. Please have basic human empathy and vote yes to this bill. The continued war is not only leading to death and destruction overseas but it is also leading to hate in our community. The number of hate crimes and hate incidents in our communities has significantly increased due to this ongoing war. This war has led and will continue to lead to increased anti-semitism and Islamophobia in our communities right here. Allowing this war to continue will only hurt this community further. Let's call for a permanent ceasefire so we can heal together.

Thank you,
Hasnat Ali

From: Hazem Hassan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:25 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

The conflict in Gaza is not just a distant issue; it resonates with us here in Howard County, Maryland. We have a proud tradition of advocating for human rights and peace. Supporting this resolution aligns with our commitment to these principles and showcases Maryland's role as a compassionate, globally aware community.

As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Hazem Hassan
hazem_emed@yahoo.com
9704 Old Annapolis Rd
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

From: Hazem Hassan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:36 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza Now!

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 people have been killed by the IDF, two thirds of whom are women and children. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Hazem Hassan
hazem_emad@yahoo.com
9704 Old Annapolis Rd
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

From: Heba Mahfouz <mahfouzheba@googlemail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Gaza - Ceasefire

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Columbia, council district 3, represented by Councilmember Christiana Mercer Rigby. I urge you to support CR22 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Thousands of civilians have been killed, mostly children. The people of Gaza have little to no access to food, clean water, basic hygiene products and medicine. Humanitarian aid trickles through the borders which is not even sufficient for 10% of the population. An imminent ceasefire is urgently needed in order to put an end to the indiscriminate killing of civilians and to allow aid to enter the Gaza Strip.

Regards,

Heba

From: Helene Tyler <htyler4445@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:43 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CB22-2024

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Dear Ms. Walsh,

Please consider rewriting the Resolution in regard to the release of hostages and humanitarian aid.

- The resolution should include asking for the release of hostages and humanitarian aid **as well as Hamas must acknowledge the right of Israel to exist and that this is to be written into a new Palestinian Charter.** Just asking for the release of hostages and humanitarian aid is only a bandaid on festering wounds. Real change needs to occur. For the war to end it should be good for both sides. Please recall the war started with the invasion of Israel so a resolution needs to include words to insure this does not happen again. **If only hostages and humanitarian aid is given, then there is no promise that Hamas and its participants won't continue to try to destroy Israel and its inhabitants, especially the Jewish people.**

Sincerely,

Helene Tyler, resident of Howard County

From: Helene Tyler <htyler4445@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:05 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Fwd: CB22-2024

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Dear Ms. Walsh,

My email to you was incomplete. Do not agree to a resolution that only speaks about the release of hostages and humanitarian aid. I am not in agreement with Howard County Council speaking for me in this matter.

Helene Tyler

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From: **Helene Tyler** <htyler4445@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 10:42 PM
Subject: CB22-2024
To: <councildistrict1@howardcountymd.gov>

Dear Ms. Walsh,

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Sincerely,

Helene Tyler, resident of Howard County

From: Hillary Tyler <hillaryrtyler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 5:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Resolution CR22

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Sending on to the rest of the council members.

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From: **Hillary Tyler** <hillaryrtyler@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 4:49 PM
Subject: Resolution CR22
To: <councildistrict4@howardcountymd.gov>

Hi -

My name is Hillary Tyler and I live in District 4 in Howard County. I've lived in the same house on the same street in Howard County for all my life, except the time when I was at UMD for college. I attended Wilde Lake High School, at a time when the school's motto was "a place where diversity excels." My neighborhood is full of various ethnicities, age groups, etc. My neighbor the other day said that he was comfortable putting a bid on his house after he saw a different house on the street had the sign about science is real on their property. Columbia is known to be a place where all are welcome and all feel at home.

Unfortunately, I believe that the Howard County I grew up in and love is in grave danger. I believe you and your fellow council members have been misled by people in the community who are too prejudiced and bigoted to even realize that they are wrong and hurting our county. You mistakenly believe that calling for an Israeli ceasefire is going to bring safety to the area. It is not. Since October 7th, anti semitic incidents have increased by 360% in the United States alone. This ignores the increased antisemitism going on in the rest of the world, including a restaurant called October 7th opening in Jordan. One of my friends says she is scared while running her Jewish daycare. At home she built a huge fence around her property to detract from attacks. The Jewish community is scared, terrified, and frightened. I believe that if our leaders from the county through the state to the country do not show our support for Israel the country will cease to exist. A country that provides religious freedom to all, especially those who do not have religious freedom in many countries.

Fairly recently, Israel offered a ceasefire to Hamas, an organization that the US labels as terrorists. Hamas rejected it. Our country trying to force Israel's hand does nothing but puts the more than 100 hostages in danger, let alone all Israelis (of all religions) in danger. There are over 200,000 Israelis that have been displaced due to the Gaza Conflict. Why is it that we are ignoring that a 1 year old baby spent her birthday as a hostage, buried underground in Hamas's tunnels? Why are we issuing demands of a legitimate country to make peace with a terrorist organization? And when it ALL of the many ceasefires Israel has had over the years has Hamas not broken those ceasefires? Why are we questioning the right of Israel to defend itself? The resolution ignores the fact that Hamas, a terrorist organization, attacked Israel without provocation on October 7th. A day that will know live in infamy. If I had a loved one being held

hostage, I'd hope the US would do everything in its power to get my loved one back. We must trust that Israel knows what it's doing.

October 7th is the new Holocaust. Every Jew believes that. Don't stand on the wrong side of history like countries did during WWII when they ignored Hitler as he gained more power and more control. Put an end to this ridiculous ceasefire demand and support Israel instead. Demand that the hostages are released. When the hostages are released Israel will stand down and all will be safe again. Demand that Hamas give up control of Gaza, do not let another terrorist gain control of the ground. Demand that the Red Cross is allowed to visit the hostages, another violation of international law that your ceasefire ignores.

Lastly, as violence occurs all across the world, I truly do not understand why this is the issue that your board is voting on. Why are you ignoring the political problems in Haiti and its gang violence? Cholera is spreading in a country that is not that far from our countries borders. Why are you ignoring China trying to take control of Taiwan? Why are you ignoring the war crimes China is committing against the Uyghur people? Why are you ignoring the crisis in Sudan - widespread poverty as well as violence? Why are you attacking Israel, the only democratic country in the Middle East for defending itself? Why are you attacking Israel for fighting a terrorist group? Terrorist groups by definition are not innocent. I'm not ignoring that innocent casualties are occurring, but there is a reason for it. Israel needs to keep its citizens safe, prevent another October 7th, and get the hostages back.

I plead with you. I beg of you. Please send the right message to our community that we are a diverse area where we want freedom and democracy to prosper. That evil has no place and will not be allowed to thrive. Please vote against Resolution CR22 and keep Howard County the home I grew up with.

VR,

Hillary Tyler

From: Linda & Howard Feldmesser <lhfeld@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22-2024

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To the Howard County Council:

Re: CB22-2024

We will not discuss the hubris that it takes for the County Council to think it can or should influence US foreign policy. While, clearly, we think the idea is ludicrous, there are much more important issues that lead us to ask that this resolution be tabled forever.

While the explicit words are not in the document, it is clear that the intention is to ask that Israel alone stop the fighting. The resolution for the most part talks about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza with but a passing nod to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war's beginning. These crises were caused by an unprovoked attack on Israel by the organization that governs Gaza, an organization that is still fighting. Why does this resolution not specifically demand that the Gazans stop fighting, too? Why doesn't this resolution demand that the Gazans free all those Israelis that they kidnapped and hold prisoner and, perhaps, based on reports from the few who were freed, mistreat? Why does the resolution not recognize the right of Israel to defend itself?

Indeed, there is a humanitarian crisis. Indeed, we, all of us, should do all we can to ameliorate that tragic issue. Asking the US government to browbeat the Israelis to cease fire will not be evenhanded nor will it solve the problem.

We do not think a resolution like this should be made in our local government. We do not think even a balanced resolution, while better than the current bill, would be the right thing to do.

Please shelve the bill and refrain from ever taking it off the shelf.

Respectfully,

Howard Feldmesser
Linda Feldmesser

Columbia, Council District 4

From: ilana Lakhman <ilakhman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:08 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose CR22

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Good Evening,

My name is Ilana Giller, a resident of Howard County. I oppose CR22 and ask that the county council vote it down. I have been appalled in the last few months watching the rise in antisemitism and the blatant disregard for the Jewish community here and around the world. I do not feel that this legislation is warranted nor will in any way bring this community together. Howard County should focus on county level issues. It is also concerning that you are rushing this forward to a February 5th decision instead of allowing a public hearing on February 20th as previously scheduled. Yet another way of censoring voices that matter and should be heard.

I strongly support the right of Israel to exist as a free and democratic home for the Jewish people AND its other citizens. I would only support a resolution if it called for a ceasefire for ALL parties that is conditioned on the immediate release of all of the hostages taken by Hamas and Islamic Jihad. I am writing today to express my view on CR22 and ask that you vote against its passage.

Thank you,
Ilana Giller

From: Iram Zaidi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:57 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

The conflict in Gaza is not just a distant issue; it resonates with us here in Howard County, Maryland. We have a proud tradition of advocating for human rights and peace. Supporting this resolution aligns with our commitment to these principles and showcases Maryland's role as a compassionate, globally aware community.

As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

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Laurel, Maryland 20723

From: ihmars <ihmars@yahoo.com>
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Subject: CR22-2024

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Council Members,

Liz Walsh, of District 1, pre-filed CR22-2024, "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."

There are a few problems with the resolution that need to be addressed and questions that need to be answered before voting on this resolution.

1. The resolution is not related to Howard County governance.

The resolution does not direct the executive branch in its management of Howard County resources and does not provide guidance to residents for how to maintain property and run businesses in Howard County. Because it is not relevant to Howard county governance, this resolution should not have been proposed.

I request that it be withdrawn, or, that the council members exercise professional judgment and abstain from voting on it.

2. The resolution misses the point of this whole war: that Hamas invaded Israel and slaughtered Israelis and kidnapped Israelis.

By putting the two into this one statement in lines four through six, the resolution is trying to equivocate the two parties. There is no equivalence. A violent death cult that glorifies in murder attacked a peaceful people. The latter's government is defending against the continuing attacks and attempting to get its kidnapped people back home.

While I understand that calling for a ceasefire sounds nice, calling for a ceasefire on the part of Israel while Israel is still receiving barrages of rockets from Gaza and Israel still has its people held hostage in tunnels in brutal conditions by a terrorist organization and these terrorists are still at large, is the same as supporting genocide against Israel. To be clear, calling for Israel to cease defending itself against a genocidal terrorist organization is itself a call for genocide.

3. It is not clear which party is to do the ceasing of the firing.

There are a number of parties that are engaged in the conflict related to Gaza:

- Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and other terrorist groups have been firing rockets almost daily into civilian areas in Israel causing damage to buildings, including hospitals, and killing and injuring civilians. This has been ongoing since the October 7th massacre. It's part of a pattern of violence against Israel that started since Hamas took over Gaza in 2007. Just think about it: 15+ years of rocket fire, plus incendiary balloons burning down farms and nature reserves in Israel, as well as killing civilians. This violence against Israel is happening because these terrorist groups are engaging in a religious war of annihilation.

- Hezbollah, an Iranian terror proxy bombarding Israel from Lebanon, killing and injuring people and damaging homes and hospitals.
- Houthis, a group in Yemen bombarding Israel from Yemen and attacking ships in the Red Sea, disrupting shipping in the area.
- Syria, who has a significant Iranian military presence that occasionally aims rockets at Israel.
- Iran, the mastermind of it all, also attacking ships transporting goods, and sending drones to kill US service people in other countries.
- and, finally, Israel, who is defending herself against all these assaults.

If the council members decide that there must be a resolution, I would appreciate clarity on who should be doing the ceasing of the firing. I would support a resolution in which all parties targeting Israel would cease their firing and other assaults, return the hostages, and disarm. This resolution should include a provision supporting Israel's right to defend her citizens.

In addition to ceasing the firing, the resolution should consider condemning entities that are contributing to the conflict:

- Palestinians, from some estimates, 75-95% of the population, some directly and some indirectly, are supporting the Hamas in their murders: by running hospitals, schools, and mosques that serve as Hamas command centers and weapons storage locations; by holding hostages in cages; by rounding up escaped hostages and returning them to captivity; by selling heads from murdered Israelis; by using children as couriers for explosives; by using civilian decoys to ambush Israeli soldiers; by preaching terrorism in mosques; by hiding weapons and tunnel entrances in children's rooms.
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has provided many workers who educate Palestinians to hate Israelis and who are supporting the terrorists. These include: hospital workers and administrative heads and teachers in schools. The teachers have been discovered to celebrate the murder of Israelis, to aid and abet the Hamas terrorists, and to train children to be terrorists.
- Palestinian Authority (PA) head Mahmoud Abbas and his government, that governs the West Bank, where a sizable Palestinian population lives. The PA pays terrorists to shoot, stab, throw projectiles, and car ram random people living in Israel. The PA is also paying the Gaza murderers.
- Qatar, for funding these terrorists.
- Turkey and other countries that give safe haven to these terrorists.

4. The provision of humanitarian aid is the responsibility of the United Nations, and not Israel.

Israel is the only country in the world that is being urged to feed, water, and fuel an enemy population that is determined to destroy it. Encouraging this only prolongs the conflict. As long as the Hamas terrorists are comfortably fed, watered, and fueled in their tunnels, they will continue their genocidal war against Israel. In spite of that, hundreds of trucks of humanitarian aid have already entered Gaza through Israel. Unfortunately, the Hamas terrorists intercept this humanitarian aid and prevent the ordinary citizens of Gaza from getting it. A better way for the people of Gaza to get humanitarian aid would be for them to leave and go to a place of safety. The resolution should include exploring ways to make this happen.

Please do not advocate that the US taxpayers that have been funding the UNRWA to the tune of close to 350 million dollars per year and have been sending aid to Gaza ad infinitum ad nauseam, must be taxed to send yet more aid to keep these people in perpetual dependency. UNRWA has been discovered to be staffed with Hamas supporters who have been aiding and abetting Hamas in its terrorism, including by using its facilities as Hamas action sites. UNRWA has socialized the Palestinian population to choose terrorism as a way of life. This is not conducive to peace.

Please include a statement that all humanitarian aid to Gaza should stop until the hostages from Israel are released. There are only 136 of them. Hamas should just return the 136 people and Israel will do a cease fire. The resolution should include this requirement.

In addition, the resolution should include providing humanitarian aid to the Israelis and guest workers in Israel who were

forced to leave their homes and who have lost family members. This aid would be put to better use than the aid going to the Hamas terrorists.

5. The County Council would give the appearance of supporting a religious war.

Jihad is a religious war waged by certain practitioners of Islam, where the parties use terror to try to establish an Islamic caliphate, by forced submission to Islam or by killing the people who refuse to submit. Should Howard County elected representatives be advocating on behalf of a particular religion that has a significant number of believers that believe it's their duty to annihilate an entire people? Wouldn't that amount to Howard County effectively establishing a religion? This sounds like a First Amendment issue. It's also a horrific statement of support of genocide against Jews.

6. This resolution will not make Howard County work better together.

The resolution will make it harder for the new Interfaith Advisory Council; it will make it harder for the Office of Human Rights and Equity; and it will make it harder for programs that bring people together, such as the Courageous Conversations and Howard County Library programs, that work to build connections and encourage recognition of our shared humanity. By choosing one person's humanity over another, particularly, by choosing to support genocidal terrorists, this creates more conflict.

7. Has the impact of this proposed resolution on the people of Howard County been considered?

Many residents were horrified to learn their extended family and friends were subjected to a violent murderous pogrom that happened on October 7, 2023, because of the actions of a genocidal death cult whose members invaded Israel and slaughtered, raped, burned, beheaded, and abused civilians. They have been growing increasingly more horrified at the Nazi- and KKK-like marches around the country calling for their deaths. Telling these residents that their people can't defend themselves is a horrific statement to make — it amounts to condoning the horrific act of attempted genocide.

Please ensure that the resolution, if it is made, makes it clear that the pogrom committed by Hamas is being condemned and that the victims, Israeli citizens and their guest workers, through the Israeli government, have the right to defend themselves and ensure that these kinds of pogroms can't happen again.

8. Is this a new pattern of advocacy for the County Council?

Whenever there is a conflict around the world, should the County Council make a resolution in support of or in opposition to it? Is that practical, and is that wise? Or, is this particular instance, that of a majority Jewish country defending itself from a genocidal terrorist group, so egregious that a resolution needs to be made? If so, then the resolution is antisemitic. Please don't taint yourself by supporting this.

If you need to take a stand on moral principles, standing against Hamas and similar death cults and encouraging Israel's dismantling of them would be the wiser course of action.

Thank you for taking these issues into consideration.

Iris Mars

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:35 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Please vote No to motion to call for immediate ceasefire!

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From: Janet Schreiberstein <janet@schreibmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:05 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Please vote No to motion to call for immediate ceasefire!

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*To Deb Jung,
Please note that I thought I had sent this to you on Sunday, but since I don't see it in my sent folder, I am sending it again. Please give this careful consideration.
Thank you for your excellent service to the community.
All the best, Janet*

Dear Council Chairperson, Deb Jung,

I am writing to ask you to vote against the motion, CR22-2024, that calls for an imposed immediate ceasefire in the Hamas-Israel war. Such an imposed ceasefire would only benefit the terrorist organization Hamas.

It pains me greatly to see the suffering of the Gazan population. It is not what Israel wants. But **Hamas** has **created** this situation. They have long openly declared their goal to rid Israel of Jews, in fact to go after Jews everywhere. One example was on October 13, less than a week after the original slaughter in Israel, when Hamas leaders called for an assault on Jews all over the world.

When Hamas perpetrated the massacre on Israeli men, women, children and babies on October 7th, they demonstrated the reality of their stated goals in the most inhumanly grotesque way. They multiplied the misery they inflicted by kidnapping hundreds including women, old people, children and infants. Since that October day, Hamas has made it explicitly clear that they will do this type of horrific attack **again** and **again**.

Faced with this reality, Israel had a choice. They could lie down and surrender with the sure knowledge that their babies, children and adults would again and again be savaged. Or Israel could go after the terrorist organization that is a threat not only Israel but to the United States and other countries around the world. Hamas needs to be destroyed for Israel's safety, indeed for their very continued existence, and for the safety of other nations. Who has the courage to tackle this near impossible task? Only Israel.

A friend recently asked me **why** did Hamas attack in such a devastating way? The only explanation that made sense was that Hamas wanted to provoke a huge military response from Israel.

Why would Hamas want to basically force Israel to go into Gaza to root out Hamas? Because Hamas knew that they had **created** the scenario in which they could not be reached and eliminated without many, many **of their own people** being killed. Israel has an ethical Code of Military Conduct guiding them. Such an ethical code has been immensely tested because Hamas has spent years building an infrastructure that uses their civilians and their people's homes, hospitals, schools and mosques as shields behind which Hamas could hide and fight, attack, and fight again. It was their goal to cause suffering of their own people so they can parade that suffering in front of the world. They had been setting the stage for this tragedy for years.

Under other "normal" circumstances of war, a call for a ceasefire sounds like a caring idea. But in this case it is a call to control and stop only one side. The ceasefire called for would only force Israel into letting Hamas continue to survive and strike again and again. It would leave the hostages in dire abandonment, and it would force Israel to back off from completing the mission of destroying Hamas.

Those who participate in war, tell us that "war is hell." Nothing can change that. Not even for a country such as Israel who has tried to minimize the casualties as much as it can. Hamas must be destroyed. The agonizing job has been handed to the Israelis.

If the war comes to an end because of an imposed ceasefire, all of Hamas' evil intents would be licensed. It would tell other terrorist organizations and nations acting like terrorist organizations that they are free to act as Hamas has done. It would condemn the victim (Israel), and reward the immoral perpetrators (Hamas) who show no regard for the lives of others or of their own people.

For all these reasons and more, please vote against the resolution. Please encourage your fellow council members to do the same.

With sincere regards,

Janet
Janet Schreiberstein
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From: Janis Wasser <janis.wasser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Do not accept the empty resolution for a cease fire

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With out calling for the release of hostages or condemning Hamas brutality and recognizing there was a cease fire on Oct 6, the resolution before you is blatant antisemitism and empty of human values. Please vote NO. This does not belong in County politics that are supposed to represent all constituents!

Thank you

Janis Wasser

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jannatul Ferdous <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:02 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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3276 Amazon Ln
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From: Jay Wolvovsky <jwolvovsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 22-2024

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I am submitting this written testimony to express my displeasure and disappointment with the resolution that will be discussed and voted upon in the next few days.

While I appreciate the overall sentiment for putting an end to the violence going on in Gaza and in other areas of the Middle East perpetrated largely by militant proxies of Iran in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon (Hezbollah), Yemen (Houthis), Hamas is a terrorist organization, just like the others except operating out of Gaza. From there they have launched missiles, rockets, and launched raids into Israel, a United Nations country with sovereign status with the expressed purpose of ending this country's existence and annihilating or expelling the Israeli people in total. I cannot imagine any other country on earth which would not respond to so brazen and ruthless attacks culminating in a horrible pogrom on October 7.

After 9/11, we launched wars thousands of miles away in Afghanistan and Iraq where the threat was less immediate than Gaza, right on Israel's border. Aside from killing, torturing, raping and dismembering their victims, all civilians, and including the elderly, women and children, they celebrated their carnage on social media. And then kidnapping hundreds for the only purposes they could serve, to become ongoing reminders of their barbarism and to be bargaining chips for other despicable actions. Over 100 of those hostages, including women and young children, remain in captivity months later.

Any ceasefire that does not explicitly call for the immediate release of the hostages, and for the attackers to surrender and face a Nuremberg style trial for their war crimes and crimes against humanity when a war was not being fought and the attack targeted only to civilians, does an injustice to the victims who did not launch this war. It only takes into account the aftermath and the consequences of that offense when the perpetrators are having the war taken to their homes and populations.

I don't want any more deaths to Palestinian people, especially non-combatants and their families and children. But any immediate ceasefire that does not lead to the release of hostages, consequences for the initial perpetrators, and a demand for a long lasting peace that requires recognizing Israel's right to exist and Gaza not harboring terrorist organizations, will only make any end to hostilities be temporary and these tragedies will recur for years into the future.

Jay Wolvovsky
Sent from my iPhone

From: Jenna K <jlkhan13@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Move Resolution CR22-2024

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Hello,

I am a Howard County, MD constituent and I am requesting the council members to support the resolution CR22- 2024 calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. It is crucial that our community does what it can within its capacity to prevent and to stop genocide from happening especially when current policy does not reflect the values we hold, which grants groups of human beings the most basic rights to not be mass murdered, to not be forced out of our homes and our land & property stolen from us. We are a community that values people of different backgrounds, religious identities, and lifestyle choices. To watch and see what is happening in Gaza right now, is the anti-thesis to that.

Your fellow human being,

Jenna Khan

From: Jesse Smith <jesse.smith@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:18 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22-2024

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Hi,

I'm writing to voice my concern over CR22-2024.

These types of bills accomplish nothing, but further divide people. It may feel good for those that want to take a stand on an issue, but all this does is help create more distrust and hate.

If you feel compelled to take a stand, might I suggest a statement that more reflects HoCo's diversity. How we're committed to welcoming and supporting everyone to live in peace and harmony, and wishing safety for those around the world that are in jeopardy.

Leave the geopolitics to the US president. Howard County is better than CR22-2024. Please don't pass it!

Thank you!

From: tfwinc <tfwinc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose CB22-2024

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to implore you to vote **AGAINST CB22-2024**. This resolution demands an unconditional ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas which would leave Hamas in power and Israel with no recourse for recovering the hostages.

Hamas is a terrorist organization that rampaged through southern Israel, raping and murdering Jews of all ages, and they have vowed to do so again. Such a group should not be left in power. A ceasefire was in place prior to October 7th, and Hamas violated it in the most horrendous ways. A new ceasefire would only allow them to attack again.

CB22-2024 fails to even mention the hostages, Israeli and American civilians kidnapped, raped, murdered, and held as human shields. As such, the resolution shows a callous disregard for the lives of Jews while seeking to protect those who would slaughter them. Finally, US foreign policy is outside the purview of the County Council, and the Council has no authority in such matters.

My interfaith family moved to Columbia in part because it was built on the values of diversity and acceptance. We are frightened by the recent steep rise in antisemitism even in this area. This resolution will only serve to cause further divisiveness. I (like many others in HoCo) also have family in Israel who are fighting to defend their homeland and they need our support.

I respectfully ask that you vote against this resolution.

Sincerely,
Joe Williams
Columbia, MD

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:32 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Oppose CB22-2024

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From: tfwinc <tfwinc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:27 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Oppose CB22-2024

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Dear Council Member Jung,

I am a resident of District 4 and have supported you in elections. I am writing to implore you to vote **AGAINST CB22-2024**. This resolution demands an unconditional ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas which would leave Hamas in power and Israel with no recourse for recovering the hostages.

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I respectfully ask that you and your colleagues vote against this resolution.

Sincerely,
Joe Williams
Columbia, MD

From: Joel Recht <joel.recht@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:12 PM
To: CouncilMail; CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Oppose one-sided CR22-2024

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I'm in District 4 of Howard County, where I've lived for nearly 30 years. I urge you to vote against the one-sided resolution CR22-2024 which ignores the plight of the 130+ hostages from a baby to the elderly to the dead who remain captive to Hamas and ignores the atrocities committed by Hamas in the murder, rape, torture and kidnapping of civilians on October 7 that instigated Israel needing to fight to protect its people and to try to gain the freedom of these hostages.

This one sided resolution thus holds Israel to a higher standard than their adversary who attacked them and is thus a direct affront and insult to many of us in Howard County who oppose antisemitic double standards and who have friends and family in Israel desperate to gain the release of the hostages and to protect their family from Hamas attacks. Vote no for this resolution which in reality is a call for surrender to Hamas and instead, please demand the immediate release of the hostages.

It is also worth noting that Israel, Egypt, the US and Qatar have proposed a ceasefire that coincides with hostage release, which Hamas needs to engage in. Why is it in Howard County's interest to instead ignore the hostages.

Joel Recht
Columbia

From: Josh Bross <jgbross@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:49 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; Ball, Calvin; Jung, Debra; Jones, Opel; Yungmann, David; Rigby, Christiana
Subject: CR 22-2024 - Vote NO

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Dear Council and Mr. Ball,

I have been a Howard County resident since 1980. I was 2 years old when my parents moved here to be a part of the "Rouse Dream." Howard County was a great place to grow up. My brother and I had great lives and grew as productive members of this community.

As Jews, we always felt welcome, with no issues, no anti-Israel rhetoric, and no antisemitism (that I can recall). Unfortunately, since October 7th, that has all changed. I am worried for my kids future here as Jews. I have even thought about leaving this County in fear for what the future might hold.

There have been many wars and conflicts over the past 45 years. I am not sure why Ms. Walsh and this council have decided that they should have a resolution and an opinion on this specific conflict and a position on THIS conflict. Was there a position taken on the Syrian civil war? Was there a position on Iran and its killing of young people protesting their government? I am sure there are plenty of issues in Howard County that your resources and time would be better focused on.

I therefore hope this resolution is dropped ASAP.

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Josh Bross, DC, CCSP, CSCS, MS

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P.S. The greatest professional compliment you could give me is a referral. Please extend my contact information to anyone you know who might need chiropractic services. Thank you.

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From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Constituent Feedback on CR22-2024

Importance: High

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From: Joshua Sunshine <jshiny8@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:25 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Constituent Feedback on CR22-2024
Importance: High

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To the Honorable County Council Member Deb Jung,

My name is Joshua Neuman-Sunshine and I live in your district in Columbia, Maryland. My wife and I have two children and have lived in Howard County for more than 15 years, though we were born and raised in Montgomery County. I, like many of your constituents, am reaching out to you about CR22-2024. ***This resolution MUST not pass.***

I am an educator of 23 years, all in Montgomery County. I received my B.A. in History and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. I went on to teach public high school for 6 years, teaching history of course. United States History, Ancient History, World History, Government, Economics, and Comparative Religions before moving into school administration where I am still today. I coached our high school debate team, including two individual county champions and five top three teams in six years. One of my very best students, and debaters was a devout Muslim, born of Iraqi and Pakistani heritage. He went on to study at Maryland and became president of the fraternity AEPi, a Jewish founded, and Jewish sponsored organization, and the same fraternity in fact that I joined many years prior while attending Brandeis. He went on to become a political analyst serving many political candidates, including a presidential candidate. In doing so, he has also appeared on many cable TV networks including CNN, MSNBC, and Fox. He serves on a number of different councils and initiatives seeking peaceful solutions in the Middle East, climate, local politics and local education. Why is this former student important to my story? He and I are close friends and have stayed in touch. He cares deeply, and passionately for both Palestinians and Israelis. He understands, like I do, that there is suffering across the board. We agree

that a two-state solution is needed. We agree that Hamas is a terrorist organization that only seeks to destroy the state of Israel and kill ALL Jewish people. We also agree that Hamas does not represent all of the Palestinian people living in the Gaza Strip or the West Bank. We agree that too many people have died, both Israeli and Palestinian. We agree that horrible atrocities were committed against Israeli women, children, men, the elderly, and those who could not fight back. Holocaust survivors who managed to escape the horrors of Nazi death camps only to become imprisoned once again, or killed by Hamas. We both agree that there can be no peace until ALL Israeli and foreign hostages, including Americans, are freed from Hamas captivity. We agree that there can be no peace until Hamas no longer controls the Gaza Strip or the plight of the Palestinian people. We both agree that Hamas has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on creating a tunnel system (with which to hide hostages, move around weapons, missiles and terror cells), acquiring missiles and rockets from Iran, when spending little, if any money on their own people. We both agree that Israel will need to eventually remove itself entirely from the Gaza Strip, but only once ALL the hostages have been freed. We agree that Israelis and Palestinians deserve to live in peace, free of terror and the horrors of war.

Israel and the Jewish people did NOT start this war. In a country far smaller than the United States, Israeli suffered more casualties from October 7th than the United States suffered on 9/11, many times over. After 9/11, the United States went to war in Afghanistan and Iraq, toppled governments and spent years trying to destroy terrorist infrastructures. Israel has been in Gaza for less than four months trying to destroy the terrorist infrastructure of Hamas. The Palestinians have suffered profound losses, as have the Israeli and Jewish People. It should be all of our hopes, mine, yours included that the hostages are freed expeditiously, and a sustained peace can return to Israeli and Gaza, hopefully permanently.

Please, please. CR22-2024 MUST NOT PASS.

Thank you for your time and commitment to your constituents, and to all of Howard County in this perilous time.

Sincerely,

Josh Neuman-Sunshine

From: judego@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:21 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Your resolution

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Council Woman Walsh,

I understand your concern with the number of Palestinian people being killed in Gaza. But where in your resolution is the exact same concern for the Israelis, men, women and children, who were massacred when Hamas crossed the border into Israel on October 7, 2023!!! Shouldn't you also be condemning that in your resolution as well? That was the direct cause of the Israeli bombing that took place after this barbaric attack!!! I am a constituent in your district and your resolution doesn't represent me!!!

Judith Golub
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Apt 205
Ellicott City, Maryland

From: Judy Young <jyoung11650@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: County Council Resolution CR22-2024 for a ceasefire in

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I am writing to urge you to not pass this resolution because it is quite simplistic and doesn't address the issue of hostages or the issue of Israel's defense in response to a brutal attack.

Humanitarian aid is of great concern to me. How Israel fights a just war justly is really what is at stake here. The recent message from The Hague gets much closer to addressing that than your resolution. I urge you to use that as a guide to rewriting this resolution.

Judy Young

"Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement.get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed." -- Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

From: Kareem Monib <kareemmonib@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22-2024 Demanding an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza

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I live in Columbia in Council District 4, and I am represented by Councilmember Deb Jung. I kindly ask that you support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza. We must call for an end to the daily killing and maiming of hundreds of our fellow human beings in Gaza—*nearly half of whom are children*. Thank you.

Regards,
Kareem Monib
Resident of Columbia, MD

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:41 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: CR22-2024

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From: Kenneth Hankin <kenhankin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:06 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR22-2024

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Dear Deb:

Please accept this email as my opposition to CR22-2024 in its present form.

While I hope everyone favors a ceasefire, the ceasefire must come with conditions; particularly the immediate release of all Israeli hostages and recognition by Hamas of Israel's right to exist and to defend itself. The resolution in its present form does not address these conditions.

Please vote NO unless the resolution is adequately amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ken Hankin
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Columbia, MD 21044

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From: Kevin B <kevinericbrown@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Comments regarding ceasefire resolution

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I am writing to strenuously object to this resolution put forth by Liz Walsh. As a member of Howard County's Jewish community, I am saddened by the lack of respect and care for the Jewish people after what happened by Hamas on October 7th. They raped women, kidnapped people of all ages including babies, and murdered countless Jewish people in what was the worst attack since the Holocaust. At the event at Temple Isaiah, the vast majority of the council nor Calvin Ball had the courtesy to attend so you could witness a community in shock and grief.

Instead, you have made your voices clear that you do not care about the Jewish community. To pass a resolution for an unconditional ceasefire is political propaganda that supports nothing but to segregate people more than we already are today. Howard County was developed to be a diverse community, and this is against every one of those beliefs.

Rather than an unconditional ceasefire, which holds no merit anywhere in the world, pass a statement against the murder, torture, rape, and kidnapping by Hamas in addition to condemning violence against innocent Palestinians.

Additionally, Hamas hides in hospitals, schools, and uses women and children as shields. Israel has a right to defend itself, and to get their hostages back. This resolution is a spit in the face of all the current hostages.

Instead of succumbing to progressive politicians who do not understand fully the situation, bring in leaders of both the Jewish and Muslim faith to find a way to create a unifying message of hope.

Additionally, I ask each of you how you would react if the heinous crimes against the Jewish people were against Black, Asian, or Hispanic individuals. If you could honestly say that you would do the same thing, then you have your vote. If you are not sure, or would vote differently, then I strongly urge you to vote against this resolution.

In conclusion, the Jewish community will remember this when going to the polls, and we will be vocal now and at election time. Liz Walsh is neither Jewish nor Muslim, and has no business bringing forth this resolution. I am extremely disappointed this is being pushed so quickly without public comment. You all should be ashamed of yourselves.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brown
West Friendship, MD

From: linda elengold.com <linda@elengold.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:53 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22-2024

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Dear Council Members,

First, I think that this resolution is totally inappropriate. You are elected by Howard County residents to represent us in local matters. This bill is not only a waste of your time and a distraction from important matters like funding for Howard County schools, but it is not within your purview to even have this discussion.

Secondly, this bill is one-sided. It doesn't acknowledge Israel right to exist, and to defend herself against terrorists. In addition, how can you support a cease-fire without the return of 100 hostages taken in the terror attacks on October 7? Hamas started this war and still maintains that its goal is the eradication of the state of Israel. How can you support that??

Please focus on the issues you were elected to address and our local community. International politics are way outside the Council's jurisdiction.

Thank you for your devotion to Howard County.

Sincerely,
Linda Elengold
Ellicott City, Maryland

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:33 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: CR22-2024

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From: Linda & Howard Feldmesser <lhfeld@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:27 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR22-2024

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Councilwoman Jung:

Re: CB22-2024

We will not discuss the hubris that it takes for the County Council to think it can or should influence US foreign policy. While, clearly, we think the idea is ludicrous, there are much more important issues that lead us to ask that this resolution be tabled forever.

While the explicit words are not in the document, it is clear that the intention is to ask that Israel alone stop the fighting. The resolution for the most part talks about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza with but a passing nod to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war's beginning. These crises were caused by an unprovoked attack on Israel by the organization that governs Gaza, an organization that is still fighting. Why does this resolution not specifically demand that the Gazans stop fighting, too? Why doesn't this resolution demand that the Gazans free all those Israelis that they kidnapped and hold prisoner and, perhaps, based on reports from the few who were freed, mistreat? Why does the resolution not recognize the right of Israel to defend itself?

Indeed, there is a humanitarian crisis. Indeed, we, all of us, should do all we can to ameliorate that tragic issue. Asking the US government to browbeat the Israelis to cease fire will not be evenhanded nor will it solve the problem.

We do not think a resolution like this should be made in our local government. We do not think even a balanced resolution, while better than the current bill, would be the right thing to do.

Please shelve the bill and refrain from ever taking it off the shelf.

Respectfully,

Howard Feldmesser
Linda Feldmesser

Columbia

From: Linda Wengel <lwengel35@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 22-24 statement

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If CR 22 is too hot to handle with a public hearing, then it's too hot to handle - period.

Linda Wengel
Town Center
Columbia

From: Lisa <lesolom@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:57 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Cr22

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I do NOT support Howard County Council calling for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire [\(CR 22-2024\)](#), one that is entirely one-sided and not only doesn't condition the ceasefire on the release of hostages, but entirely ignores the role that Hamas has played in initiating this cycle of violence with the horrific attacks of [October 7](#), the reality of its calculated actions to maximize civilian suffering and loss of life inside of Gaza, through its tactics in this war (and before)

Lisa Solomon
4910 Clearwater Dr
Ellicott City, Md

From: Burman Lori <burmanlori@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Burman David
Subject: CR22-2024 PLEASE VOTE NO!!!

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To all the Council Districts in Howard County Maryland,

I am writing to ask all of you to not pass the resolution for recommending a ceasefire in Gaza.

To start, I would like to ask every single one of you, who has been to Israel before and who has been there since the war started? Or who is just watching the news and making summations about what is happening based on this news?

I just returned two days ago from a volunteer mission to Israel. I am telling you that what you see and hear in the media is not exactly what is happening. Israel is not targeting innocent civilians and they are absolutely NOT violating international law. Israel was violently attacked on October 7 and residents were killed, raped, mutilated and kidnapped. Where is the outrage for that? Why have you not called for Hamas to release the hostages? Israel was forced into this war and are fighting a terrorist organization who has threatened to kill Jews again and again and again and whose goal is the elimination of Israel? Where is the outrage for that? If Israel doesn't eliminate Hamas, then they will be attacked again and again as current and past history shows. Where is the outrage for that?

It would have been easy for Israel to level Gaza on October 8. They chose to send troops in going door to door to find and root out Hamas. That actually puts the IDF soldiers at much greater risk but they are doing so to prevent more casualties. If Hamas wasn't hiding in the general population like schools, hospitals (definitely a violation of international law) and such, the job would be easier without so much loss of life on both sides.

Yes it is sad that there is loss of life on both sides. War is sad. Israel did not start this war, but they will finish it. You are falling into the trap of Hamas propaganda. Hamas actually said that they don't care about the civilian population of Gaza and they are not responsible for their safety? Wow, they are the democratically elected government of Gaza. Did you know that there is not even a single bomb shelter in Gaza? Interesting, huh. NO other country in the world has been held to the same standard during war as Israel. I would suggest you reading the latest Newsweek article about it.



Israel Tried to Prevent Civilian Casualties More Than Any Nation in History
newsweek.com

What should Israel do? Sit and wait to be attacked again? Not happening. Israel was attacked when Hamas broke the ceasefire and will defend herself as she should.

Israel is doing the world a favor by eliminating Hamas. It's too bad you are all so wrapped up in anti semitism to not see that clearly. Also, to try and pass this resolution without even calling for Hamas to release the hostages in downright awful and anti-semitic. Good thing this is kind of a joke with your "recommendation" anyway. This resolution only serves to hurt your Jewish residents who live in Howard County.

It's been very painful watching the wave of anti-semitism sweep across our country. I always thought Howard County was a civilized educated county. This resolution is showing the exact opposite. It is down right hurtful, shameful and embarrassing.

Please do not pass this resolution.

Sincerely,

Lori Burman
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burmanlori@gmail.com

From: Luthfur Khan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:09 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Written testimony for CR22-2024

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Luthfur Khan

Luthfur Khan
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4113 Old Columbia Pike
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

From: Lynn Kohen <lynnkohen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution on Cease Fire in Israel

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On October 7, 2023, when Hamas started a war with Israel, I was upset, angry, frustrated and sad. I thought the world would feel the same sympathy that I was feeling for those murdered and taken hostage. I was wrong.

When Israel retaliated, I thought the world would understand and support Israel's right to defend itself. I was wrong.

When the world started showing how truly anti-Semitic it really is, I thought Howard County not in Howard County. I was wrong.

When I asked Liz Walsh to follow up on her first of many anti-Israel posts with a post about not hurting your Jewish neighbors in Howard County, I thought she would do it. Asking your constituents to not hurt each other because of religion should have been a no brainer (such an easy thing to do). I was wrong. Ms. Walsh never posted and never asked her constituents not to hurt each other.

I understand that Liz Walsh has propped a resolution asking Israel to cease fire without first asking Hamas to return the hostages. When I heard about this resolution, I thought that surely the other council members would see how unfair this resolution is to Israel and the hostages. I hope that I am not wrong.

I also thought that before voting on the resolution that the council members would educate themselves about the history of the region and would learn that Palestine has rejected Israel's offer of a two state solution on three separate occasions. I hope that I am not wrong.

I thought to myself clearly the council knows that the slogan "From the river to the sea" calls for the death of all Jews. I hope that I am not wrong.

My hope is that the council knows the implications to Jews in Howard County of this anti- Israel resolution. We are already afraid. We already feel the hate. We already see the micro-aggressions. We feel alone and unprotected in Howard County.

Please show us that Howard County can be a safe place for Jews, that we are welcomed here, and that we are as important to you as other minority groups.

Please support us by either denying this resolution or rewriting it in a more balanced way.

Thank you,
Lynn Kohen
- a concerned Jewish resident of Howard County.

From: Mahabub Mozumder <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:24 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Gaza ceasefire NOW

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Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Mahabub Mozumder
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From: M. W. Smith <manfredsmith@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: OPPOSE CR22-2024

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From: Manfred Smith
9085 Flamepool Way
Columbia, MD 21045
To: Howard County Council
Re: CR22-2024
Date: February 1, 2024

Dear Representatives,

I spent my early childhood playing in the ruins of destroyed buildings all around my home in Germany. I am grateful for America and her allies that ended the Hitler regime and gave me and my family a new life.

I most certainly understand the suffering of innocent people caught in a war not of their own choosing. I visited the death camps and studied the history and listened to what neighbors said. I know first-hand of the support for Hitler that permeated the German people long after the war was over.

It is remarkable that Liz Walsh would present this resolution of support for the Palestinians, a majority who had voted for Hamas knowing full well what these modern day Nazis represented. Over the following decades, the large percentage of Palestinians (70% +) have actively and enthusiastically supported the murder / genocide of the Jews in Israel. Palestinian mothers happily send their children to kill Israelis and die as martyrs.

Resolution 22 is a willful evasion of the reality of Palestinian and fanatical Islam's desire to kill all Jews, and that is only the beginning: the Mullahs in Iran make that perfectly clear.

I strongly recommend that the Council oppose this resolution of accommodation with evil and concern itself with creating a safe community that is welcoming to all instead of creating an atmosphere of division and distrust.

Sincerely,

Manfred Smith

From: Mansoor Malik <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:48 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

The conflict in Gaza is not just a distant issue; it resonates with us here in Howard County, Maryland. We have a proud tradition of advocating for human rights and peace. Supporting this resolution aligns with our commitment to these principles and showcases Maryland's role as a compassionate, globally aware community.

As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Mansoor Malik
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From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:30 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Opposition to Liz Walsh's Ceasefire Resolution

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From: Marcie Cissell <marciecissell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 10:34 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov;
CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Liz Walsh's Ceasefire Resolution

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From: **Marcie Cissell** <marciecissell@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 11:07 PM
Subject: Opposition to Liz Walsh's Ceasefire Resolution
To: <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>

Dear Mr. Yungmann,

As a taxpayer and resident of Clarksville, I am appalled by the one-sided content of Liz Walsh's Ceasefire Resolution and the Council's attempt to fast track its passage. The Jewish people have fought for a peaceful existence since the beginning of time. However, historically this never seems to be in the cards. With this most recent TERRORIST attack on the people of Israel, we are once again being vilified and blamed for a war we did not begin. Where is the condemnation of Hamas, Hezbollah and all of the other funded terrorist groups whose main goal is the extermination of the Jewish people? Where is the language in Liz Walsh's Resolution demanding the release of the remaining hostages? In case the Council has forgotten on October 7th, Hamas murdered, tortured and kidnapped over 1000 innocent Jewish men, women and children.

I may be naive, however, weren't you and your colleagues voted into office to support the people and business of Howard County? Why is the Israeli-Hamas conflict even on the agenda of the County Council? HCPSS has already done their part in allowing one-sided "peaceful" walk-outs during the school day, setting up divisions in our high schools. Perhaps our local government officials should stay in their lane, reject this resolution and get back into the business of reuniting the residents of Howard County.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

From: Maria Shah <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:05 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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Councilmember Liz Walsh,

Dear Members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Calvin Ball,

I am writing to express my strong support for Councilmember Liz Walsh's resolution, CR22-2024, which calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. This resolution is a critical step in reflecting the values and conscience of our community, and it highlights our collective desire for peace and an end to the humanitarian crisis. The introduction of this resolution is a commendable act, demonstrating our community's commitment to global human rights and the importance of taking a stand against violence and injustice.

However, while CR22-2024 is a significant step forward, I believe it is imperative for the council to strengthen this resolution further. I urge you to consider officially recognizing Israel as an Apartheid State within the resolution. This recognition is crucial in accurately reflecting the systemic injustices and human rights violations occurring in the region. Additionally, adopting a policy of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel will align our county with a global movement that seeks to apply economic pressure to promote human rights and justice.

I also urge the inclusion of a demand in CR22-2024 for the immediate release of the thousands of Palestinians unjustly detained by Apartheid Israel, reaffirming our commitment to human rights and international law.

Lastly, I call upon the council to advocate for the immediate cessation of all political, diplomatic, and military support for Israel. Our community should not be complicit in the perpetuation of these conflicts. Strengthening CR22-2024 to include these aspects will not only demonstrate our county's dedication to justice and peace but also set a precedent for

other communities to follow. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and I earnestly hope for your support in making CR22-2024 a robust and impactful resolution.

Maria Shah
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Sincerely,
Mariam Majid

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9241 West Stayman Drive
Ellicott city, Maryland 21042

From: Marjorie Fessler <marge.fessler@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:33 PM
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Subject: CR22-24

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Greetings,

We am writing as longtime Howard County residents, specifically in Liz Walsh's district. We were drawn to Howard County when we moved here in 1983 from Wisconsin, in large part because of its diversity and public school systems. We are members of Temple Isaiah, which strongly supports interfaith dialogue and support. This letter is being sent to voice our opposition to CR22-24, which has been fast-tracked for passage on February 5, 2024. This resolution, which calls for an immediate ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war, significantly omits a call for release of the remaining Israeli hostages who range in age from one year to 85 years. They have been held incommunicado without needed medication and care, and have been abused and cruelly treated since they were forcibly abducted on October 7th. The Hamas attack that day resulted in the brutal murder of over 1200 Israeli civilians.

We are also heartsick about the Palestinian civilians who have died or been injured since Israel started to seek retribution and defend herself from future attacks by Hamas. This conflict never would have happened if not for the Hamas attack in October. Civilian fatalities in Gaza would have been minimized if Hamas did not use them as human shields, and hide weapons, tunnel systems, and terrorists in schools, hospitals, mosques, homes, and UNWRA facilities.

Moreover, this resolution is one-sided in that Hamas is not asked to lay down their arms; only Israel is expected to cease hostilities.

Please do not vote to pass CR22-24. A ceasefire is desired by all but it must include the immediate release of the 130+ hostages who are still in captivity in Gaza. It must also note Hamas's precipitation of the current war by slaughtering innocent people of all ages in their homes or at a music festival. The ceasefire agreement must be two-sided; Hamas must cease hostilities if it expects Israel to do so. After all, Hamas has pledged to conduct similar attacks in the future until all Israelis and Jews are dead.

Thank you for your review of our letter in making a fair and considered decision about CR22-24.

Marjorie and Ralph Fessler

Sent from my iPhone

From: Maryam Tahseen <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:50 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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Maryam Tahseen
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Columbia , Maryland 21044

From: Matthew Molyett <matthew@molyett.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR22

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Members,

I applaud the decision to move rapidly to pass CR22, as more people are dying every day that the genocide continues.

I use the word genocide not only because it has been clearly broadcast in text, audio, and video, but also because that has been determined plausible in both the International Court of Justice at The Hague and United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The latter went as far as to write that it "implores [USA] to examine the results of their unflagging support of the military siege against the Palestinians in Gaza."

Support the end of genocide without conditions. Demand that our tax dollars not fund genocide. Demand that our Naval forces not provide impunity for genocide. Demand that our diplomats not block condemnation of genocide.

Thank you,
Matthew Molyett
443-598-2441

From: Md Halim <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:10 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Gaza Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Md Halim
halim2002@gmail.com
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Ellicott city , Maryland 21042

From: Mehwish Hussain <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:45 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

Mehwish Hussain
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1583 Rutland Way
Hanover, Maryland 21076

From: Mendel Fogelman <rabbi@chabadlaurel.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: request to reject resolution CR22-2024

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To the members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Calvin Ball,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the Resolution (CR 22-2024) introduced by Councilmember Walsh.

Why?

The Jewish Sages taught us the following principle "Anyone who is merciful to the cruel, will eventually bring cruelty upon the innocent." (Kohelet Rabbah 7:16)

The truth of this insight is self-evident; anyone with an authentic care and concern for humanity will surely acknowledge that - even if difficult - it is our duty to proactively take actions to mitigate and eliminate the power of bad faith actors in order to advance the interests of the the majority of good people who want to live in together in peace and harmony.

In fact, this is the basis of our entire legal and judicial process, which all civic servants have the duty to support and represent.

Bearing this principle in mind, we should reject any call for an unconditional, 'immediate ceasefire', because this would mean the brutal and murderous Hamas regime can continue to hold over 130 innocent Israeli hostages, regroup to threaten and terrorize millions of innocent people throughout Israel as per their own explicit statements, and also continue to undermine the safety and interests of their very own constituents in the Gaza Strip as they both stated explicitly and demonstrated in actual practice (both in the past and through recent events during the current conflict, such as through their prolific use of human shields, denial of access to evacuation routes, theft of humanitarian aid, and much more).

The Lubavitcher Rebbe compared the duty of a sovereign government to protect its citizens to the sacred responsibility of a doctor to ensure the health of patients which come into their care from all forms of potential illness and harm.

In the spirit of this sacred ethical and moral duty, Israel should not be encouraged to agree to an unconditional, 'immediate ceasefire', but on the contrary supported to continue taking swift, decisive and targeted actions to complete the process of uprooting all bad faith actors.

In the course of doing so, they should continue to find ways to avoid the tragic loss of innocent life, as they have already demonstrated a commitment to do so in numerous and unprecedented ways, including as detailed in the following article..

<https://www.newsweek.com/1865613>

May we merit the success of our efforts in bringing about a time of collective peace, abundance and harmony.

Rabbi Mendel Fogelman
Laurel, Maryland

From: Michal Kusnetz <mkusnetz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Michal Secker and I have been a Howard County resident my entire life, currently residing in District 3. I am also a mother, Nurse Practitioner and proud Jewish American.

I am writing to passionately oppose the passing of Resolution 22 demanding a ceasefire in Gaza. At its foundation, this resolution is purely an act of virtue signaling and bears no impact on the actual security decisions of a foreign country. As elected Howard County council members, you are “responsible for making the laws that govern the COUNTY” per the HC website. I don’t see anything about international affairs anywhere in that description. It is arrogant and ignorant to assume your position grants you the authority to pass this resolution without having any true expertise in international affairs, the complex middle east conflict nor access to the secure intel and negotiations that are currently taking place.

It is not simply a “call for an end to the ever-worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza” as council member Liz Walsh posted on her facebook page today. If that were the true purpose, the resolution would call for a return of hostages, the dismantling of Hamas, investigations into the Hamas infiltration of UNRWA which steals and diverts humanitarian aid, etc...A ceasefire (without the return of hostages, removal of Hamas and security assurances from allies) would only pave the way for further attempts in destroying Israel: more hostage killings, more rockets fired at Israel daily and repeating the massacre of October 7th over and over again. This is not hyperbole. This is what the Hamas leadership has promised and have demonstrated time after time. They have NO intention of discontinuing their attempt to destroy Israel and harm Jewish people around the world.

“We must teach Israel a lesson, and we will do it twice and three times. The Al-Aqsa Deluge is just the first time, and there will be a second, a third a fourth. Will we have to pay a price? Yes, and we are ready to pay it. We are called a nation of martyrs, and we are proud to sacrifice martyrs”. - Hamas Official Ghazi Hamad on 11/1/2023.

“October 7th was just a rehearsal” - Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar on 11/30/23

Despite Hamas breaking ceasefires in 2008, 2012, 2014, 2021 and most recently in 2023, they have also rejected a ceasefire deal last month and are positioned to reject another this week. As Howard County Council members, what are you going to do to ensure that both parties abide by future ceasefire agreements?

What are you going to do to protect Israeli citizens once they stop defending themselves and Hamas proceeds with another massacre? Another Intifada? Nothing, because this has nothing to do with the job of a county council member.

As your constitute, here's what I would like you to do: find ways to address the HCPSS funding debt so 350 employees aren't laid off and music programs aren't removed. Find ways to reinstate school buses for the thousands of children who lost their bus service this year. Do literally anything that improves the lives of the people living here, in Howard County. That most certainly does not include a purely symbolic resolution that stirs division, antisemitism, fear and anger throughout the community.

In the meanwhile, I encourage all of you to reach out to Jewish leaders in Howard County to have an actual meaningful conversation about how this conflict and rise in anti-semitism globally has impacted our lives.

Michal A K Secker, CRNP
703-909-3091

From: Michelle Markow <slp32903@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:27 PM
To: CouncilMail; CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Please vote against CB22-2024

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to vote against **CB22-2024**, which asks that Howard County support calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

I strongly support the right of Israel to exist as a free and democratic home for the Jewish people and its other citizens. It is, in fact, the only democratic state in the entire Middle East. I would support a resolution if it called for a ceasefire for all parties that is conditioned on the immediate release of all of the over **132** hostages (which includes children) taken by the terrorist organization of Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Israel has the right to exist and to defend herself, and we need to demand the return of the hostages taken in the terrorist attacks on October 7th. None of these are addressed in the proposed resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fondly,
Michelle Markow
Columbia, Maryland

From: Nadia Chaudhry <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:37 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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From: Nadia Rizvi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:50 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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From: Nadia Virk <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:14 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

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As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

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Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

From: Nahla Mahmoud <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:48 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire Now

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Sincerely,
Nahla Mahmoud

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From: Namika Zaman Mahmoodi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:21 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

Namika Zaman Mahmoodi
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Catonsville, Maryland 21228

From: Nancy Elish <nancy.elish@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:01 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR 22 -2024

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I would hope that most caring human beings want the war between Israel and Hamas to end. However, I strongly oppose the current resolution CR22-2024 before the Howard County Council. The proposed resolution calls for a unilateral ceasefire without demanding the return of the hostages taken in the terrorist attacks on October 7th, and without acknowledging Israel's right to exist and to defend herself. As a resident of District 1, I would encourage you and the other council members to revise the proposal as it is currently written.

Respectfully,

Nancy Elish

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: The plans to vote Monday nite

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From: NANCY MCCORD <NANCY.MCCORD@Longandfoster.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:52 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: The plans to vote Monday nite

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Hi Deb,

I have heard about the resolution that the county has drawn up to call a cease fire in Gaza.

I am writing in support of the hostages that haven been returned and the entire state of Israel that has a right to defend itself and to fight until the enemy has complied with the wishes of Israel to have the hostages (dead and those still alive) to be returned to Israel.

There should be no cease fire until that happens, nor talk of cease fire. Hamas has started this wa in The most reprehensible manner, why would anyone ask for a cease fire prior to return of the hostages?

Please vote no on the Howard County resolution

Thank you.
Nancy McCord.

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PLEASE IGNORE MISSPELLINGS.

Nancy McCord, Realtor
Long and Foster Columbia Office
Cell 443-285-9209

Columbia Association Board of Directors from Wilde lake

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From: Nasir Gulzari <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:49 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

My name is Nasir Gulzari and I am an engineer by profession. I am resident of Howard county for last 30 years.

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. As a fellow Howard County resident, fellow Marylander and above all a fellow human being, I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's and American values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Nasir Gulzari

Nasir Gulzari

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From: Nazish Mithaiwala <nazish.mithaiwala@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:24 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: HOCO Cease-fire resolution

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that HOCO will be voting on the cease fire resolution on Monday, prior to hearing public testimony and without any advance notice. This level of blatant injustice is unacceptable and would not be allowed if the political sphere were not exerting influence in our local politics. As a resident of Columbia, MD I am appalled and urge the Council to stick to some semblance of principle and vote after the public hearing and ultimately to vote in favor of a cease fire.

Sent from my iPhone

From: orli barshook <orlibarshook@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:36 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Liz Walsh on Israel

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Hello,

Please make Liz Walsh aware that accusing Israel of committing genocide is irresponsible and demonstrates a lack of understanding of events and "players" in that region.

Thank you,
Orli Barshook.

Fulton, MD 20759

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: CR22-2024

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From: Peter Brunner <pjbrunner@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:47 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR22-2024

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Dear Deb.

As a constituent and a Jewish American I urge you to vote for CR22-2024
Sincerely,

Pete Brunner
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pjbrunner@comcast.net

From: Rachel Carr <carrache@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:13 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Cc: Scott Carr
Subject: Re: Israel legislation suggested is shameful

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Thank you,

Rachel Carr - 240-988-7309

> On Feb 1, 2024, at 10:07 PM, Rachel Carr <carrache@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Please note the words of Rabbi Axler below. I am in complete agreement and feel that thus legislation he has referenced is, in fact, one sided. In addition, thrrr us no call for the return of all the hostages. This legislation is not inline with equality and ethics and I personally feel it is not nearly the right way to influence a ceasefire from Israel or from me.

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> I am a Howard County Resident and I am ashamed.

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> This is not OK.

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> “ would not typically post something like this, but with the news last night that Howard County Council Member Liz Walsh ‘s Ceasefire resolution to the Howard County council will be fast-tracked to a vote on Monday rather than go through the public comment that was scheduled for February 20th, I wanted to urge all my friends who are residents of Howard County to contact their council representative and the general council mail to express opposition to this truly flawed and one-sided resolution. I am pasting my response to the council and Howard County Executive Calvin Ball below.

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> To the members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Calvin Ball,

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> I am writing to you today to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the Resolution (CR 22-2024) introduced by Councilmember Walsh which I believe is going to be first considered at the County Council meeting on February 5th.

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> I will acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to speak with Councilmember Walsh today to express my concerns today, and I believe we had a productive and civil discussion, but I would like to be able to be on the record with the full council for the reasons of my strong opposition. I also want to note that I express this concern and opposition as an individual, but also as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Isaiah, on behalf of the 700 family member units of this congregation, the vast majority of which are Howard County Residents; a congregation that has been a proud member of the interfaith community of Howard County for more than fifty years and which treasures its associations with our elected officials

and the role that we are able to serve as a partner faith organization towards the betterment of our greater community. Finally, I take up this opposition as an individual who was recently honored to be appointed by County Executive Ball to the new Interfaith Council for Howard County – and I believe it is my responsibility to be among those who represent the Jewish community in that important bridge between the faith communities and civil society.

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> Finally, I will share that I base this opposition to CR 22-2024 also in 40 years of Israel engagement that has been focused on peace-building, on the strengthening of Arab-Israeli and Muslim-Jewish relations, and as someone who has worked tirelessly as an advocate of a Two State Solution throughout the entirety of that time. I also spent much of the first week of January returning once again to Israel, but this time on a solidarity mission to witness the effects of the Hamas terror attacks of October 7th, the ongoing devastation, grief, anxiety and suffering caused by the attacks that Hamas initiated on that day and the resultant war that has raged since then. What I saw during this visit will likely haunt me throughout my life, and I continue to process it and to share about the carnage, the devastation and the impact of that single deadliest day in the history of the State of Israel. I shared in great detail with Councilmember Walsh and am willing to make time to talk to any of you individually about the things that I witnessed and the first-hand testimony that I received.

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> The crux of my opposition to CR 22-2024 is that the resolution calls for a ceasefire, but does not explicitly call for the release of all of the 130+ hostages (or remains of hostages) still being held in Gaza by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other associated terror groups. The ceasefire resolution also appears to be a one-sided ceasefire, which pins the blame for the devastating loss of innocent civilian life in Gaza and Israel solely on the actions of the State of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces. Further, the resolution makes no mention of the brutal events of the unprovoked attacks of October 7th, which claimed the lives of more than 1200 civilians – brutally murdered in their homes, in the fields, at a dance festival, on the road and in any place where the terrorists found them. Again, the details of these attacks have been chronicled by those who witnessed and survived, but also by the explicit body-cam images captured and disseminated by the Hamas terrorists. As someone who has seen some of the most graphic imagery that was deliberately and joyfully distributed by Hamas, I can tell you that when the deniers will come to say that these things did not take place, the very perpetrators of these actions will have provided the incontrovertible evidence.

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> I also shared with Councilmember Walsh my astonishment that she has referenced several leaders of the Democratic Party who have similarly called for ceasefire's in their resolutions. They specifically called for the immediate release of all 130-plus hostages. The decision to consciously omit this from the resolution submitted to the Howard County Council can be seen as nothing else than a deliberate decision to erase the existence and legitimacy of the lives of these hostages – civilians who range in age from one year old to mid-80s. This decision alone should make anyone who cares for all of humanity carefully consider what a vote for this resolution would say about their values, commitments and ethics.

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> I say all of this with the simultaneous deep concern for the untold amount of suffering being experienced by the civilian population of Gaza. The civilian casualty numbers are beyond comprehension, and I call on the Israel Defense Forces to do everything possible to avoid any and every civilian casualty, even as they legitimately proceed in this war against the Hamas terrorists who have repeatedly vowed to conduct attacks worse than October 7th again and again – witness repeated public statements by Hamas officials both in the Gaza strip and speaking from their relative safety of Qatar. I also pointed out to Councilmember Walsh that I believe any Ceasefire resolution must also acknowledge the deliberate and calculated tactics and actions of Hamas that make them culpable for substantial percentages of the civilian deaths that have occurred throughout the prosecution of Israel's war on Hamas. The employment of human shields, the placement of weapons depots, rocket launching stations and command centers deliberately inside of dense civilian areas, inside and beneath hospitals, schools, UNHCR facilities and other places which are sure to result in civilian loss of life have been a hallmark of Hamas' tactics for years, but in this specific war have resulted in the most devastating of consequences. My heart breaks for the civilian population of Gaza who are unsupportive of Hamas. I pray for their liberation from this brutal terror group.

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> Finally, I will share that in conversations with many members of Temple Isaiah, a constant refrain that I hear is "why was/is this the work of the Howard County Council?" I happen to agree with this sentiment. As someone who (like you)

cares deeply for the strength and success of our community, I know that the County Council has real work to do in assuring that justice, equity, right and blessing are the shared bounty of all in our community. Advancing this legislation does nothing to forward that mission – and I will say it has already done great harm towards the relationships within our community, causing deeper divisions between people who genuinely care for one another, and who may have deeply divergent assessments of the Israel-Hamas war. No good comes from the introduction of this deeply flawed resolution.

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> I urge all members with my full voice to reject this resolution and to work towards actions that will help heal the divisions that this resolution has already caused. I pledge my support and assistance in doing just that.

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> Submitted with great respect.

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> Rabbi Craig Axler”

> Thank you,

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> Rachel Carr - 240-988-7309

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From: Raina Rahman <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:39 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,
Raina Rahman

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From: Rama Thaher-Sawalhi <rama.sawalhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:51 PM
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Subject: Written Testimony for Resolution CR 22

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Hi,
My name is Rama , and I Support Resolution HJ0002 for Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza Now I'm emailing you because I have faith in the American people. I genuinely believe and have faith in our elected officials. Just like all of the American people, our elected officials are humans with hearts and empathy. They also have brains, and they are intelligent enough to recognize injustices, human rights, violations, and war crimes. No matter who is committing these war crimes or where they are committed. The majority of the people of Maryland are united and calling for one demand and that is a permanent cease fire in Gaza to end the genocide that is committed by apartheid Israel against Palestinians in Gaza. I'm a Palestinian American, who has a big family in Gaza. A big number of my family members have been killed by the Israeli occupation forces. My 14 years old cousin , Assem , was killed by an air strike. Assem was on his way to bring water to his family from the school, which was supposed to be a safe zone and was not supposed to be bombed. The Israeli occupation forces bombed the school where Assem was filling water to bring back to his family who didn't have any water. His family was waiting for him to move to the south because they were forced to be displayed by the Israeli occupation forces. Assem is no longer with his family, but I am here today to tell his story. This story is just one story of many stories of my family members who were killed in Gaza by the Israeli occupation forces. How do you feel when your tax money was used to kill your family members? I don't think you will feel good about it There is no doubt in my mind that our elected officials are not supporting this genocide committed against Palestinians. I think our elected officials need to see that there are so many American people that are going to support them if they call for a permanent ceasefire. The majority of the people of Maryland is calling for a permanent ceasefire and urging our elected officials to represent us, the people of Maryland. We are all with you and we are supporting you. Call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza to stop the genocide and save lives

Best wishes,
Rama



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From: Rauda Tellawi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:49 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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From: Raza Afzal <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:58 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Cease fire now

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

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Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Reem Azzam <razzam@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:26 PM
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Cc: R Azzam
Subject: Urgent - Please Reconsider

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Ellicott City in Council District 2, represented by Opel Jones.

I'm disheartened that you are singling out the most pressing issue currently facing our nation and not bothering to listen to the pain of your constituents with respect to the proposed legislation calling for a ceasefire in Gaza (CR22).

Right now, our nation stands complicit in GENOCIDE.

And as more courts rule that genocide is plausible, as the ICJ and a federal court in Oakland have done in the past week, it is truly shocking and indefensible that you would seek to diminish the single, most critical human rights issue of the hour that is triggering mass outrage daily across the globe. (Regarding the federal court ruling, please see the article published by the Center for Constitutional Rights - <https://ccrjustice.org/home/press-center/press-releases/us-court-concludes-israel-s-assault-gaza-plausible-case-genocide>)

You have an obligation to uphold truth, human rights, and peace. You have an obligation to hear how your constituents have been affected by the ongoing genocide that is funded by our hard-earned tax dollars. What is playing out on the national level is shameful and has exposed the damning impact of a foreign government lobby on our politics and policies. Your constituents hoped that at the local level, we would be better positioned to effect change and send a message to Washington, as many local councils across the nation have done. But instead, you seek to stifle our voices?

How is this happening in Howard County in 2024?

Not only is our nation complicit in the genocide and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians (which has been on-going for 75+ years as genocide studies scholars have been pointing out), but we now appear set on a dangerous path of destruction. You have the rare opportunity to stand on the right side of history and help our nation course-correct. This is not the time to fail.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully,
Reem Azzam

From: RICHARD ROSENBLATT <obi21163@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:43 PM
To: Yungmann, David; Skalny, Cindy; Knight, Karen; CouncilMail
Subject: CR 22-2024 (oppose)

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My name is Richard Rosenblatt and I have been a Howard County resident for the last 42 years, currently living in the 5th Councilmanic District. In those years, I have been involved in everything from PTA to Youth Athletic Leagues to scouts to religious groups, and, yes, to politics. The thing that always amazes me is how the people of this County always find a way to get along and find common ground. Indeed, where other than Howard County would one expect to find such positive relations between Jewish and Islamic residents and organizations?

So why would the Howard County Council want to drive a wedge between Jews and Muslims by taking a stand on an issue of international relations that goes far beyond the Council's domain? There is no one with human decency who wishes to see innocent civilians suffer from the indignities of war, but why would a County Council choose to call upon one side, Israel, to "cease fire" without mentioning that the other side: (a) refuses to acknowledge Israel's right to exist; (b) initiated the current situation on October 7, 2023 by murdering, kidnapping and sexually assaulting innocent citizens uninvolved in any conflict; and (c) refuses to agree to release the hostages remaining in captivity in exchange for a cease fire.

The suffering of the innocent people living in Gaza has been needlessly exacerbated by its radical political leadership, Hamas. International aid has been diverted from the citizens into underground projects to create weapons caches. Rockets and missiles from the underground tunnels are then fired arbitrarily at the civilian population in Israel. Entrances to these underground tunnels as well as military offices are located in essential facilities within the civilian population like schools and hospitals. It is the strategy choices made in total disregard of the safety and well-being of those living in Gaza by Hamas that is at the heart of the suffering.

The conflict in the Middle East is complex. It is not one in which a county council ought to inject itself. As a result, I respectfully request a vote against CR 22-2024. At a minimum, however, any resolution ought to be balanced and amended by calling for the release of all hostages in addition to a cease fire.

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From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:35 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: CR22-2024

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From: Ronald Hartman <rjhartman0510@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:22 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR22-2024

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to this resolution. At the outset, I don't understand why it is even appropriate for the Howard County Council to be taking a position on an issue which it could never influence and in a County committed to the diversity of its population.

That said, I object to the resolution for its simple-minded approach to a complex and many-layered problem. A cease-fire alone will do no good. If it goes forward, the resolution should demand the return of all hostages before any cease-fire and affirm the right of Israel to exist. It was Israel that was attacked here and not the other way around. No one is winning here and a one sided resolution does take sides.

Ronald J Hartman

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From: Saba Choudhary <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:33 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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From: sabach811@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:41 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

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From: Sabina Taj <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:17 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

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From: Saema Ansari <saema.ansari@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:43 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote for CR-22 ceasefire resolution

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Hello,

I live in North Laurel and I'm represented by Councilmember Rigby. I wish that you would please support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza because Howard County is one of the leading countries as far as education and diversity. So why are we lagging in calling for a ceasefire as the only option for people of conscience? Let us not side with imperialism, colonialism and Zionism! Show the world we too are people of humanity.

Thank you,
Saema Ansari

From: safamasoud21@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution CR22-2024

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Good Morning, I am constituent and I am writing to urge the council members to support the resolution CR22-2024 calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you
Safa Masoud

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From: Sahar Khan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:12 PM
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Sincerely,
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From: Saira Ahmed <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Saman Ahmed <saman01@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:26 PM
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Subject: Restore Public testimony and support CR22

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Dear Councilmembers,

I live in Columbia, MD and I am requesting that you restore public testimony on the ceasefire resolution CR22. You are silencing many Howard County residents who would like to testify on behalf of CR22.

Furthermore, I am asking that you support the ceasefire resolution CR22 as it is the humanitarian thing to do. There is nothing political about calling for an end to the killing of civilians. There is no picking sides here. By not supporting this resolution, you are confirming the experiences of many residents who feel their voices and advocacy on this matter have been stifled.

Thank you,
Saman Ahmed

From: Saman Asad <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:35 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire Now!

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Sincerely,

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From: S A <sameera.aulakh@gmail.com>
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Good morning,

I am calling to have the councilmember support the resolution CR22-2024 calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

From: Sameh Jallad <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:34 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR22

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Sincerely,

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From: Samena Sabir <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:46 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Sincerely,
Samena Sabir

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From: Sami Baig <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:59 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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Lastly, I call upon the council to advocate for the immediate cessation of all political, diplomatic, and military support for Israel. Our community should not be complicit in the perpetuation of these conflicts. Strengthening CR22-2024 to include these aspects will not only demonstrate our county's dedication to justice and peace but also set a precedent for

other communities to follow. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and I earnestly hope for your support in making CR22-2024 a robust and impactful resolution.

Sami Baig

Sami Baig

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Laurel, Maryland 20723

From: Sara Ahmd <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:45 AM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. I have lived in howard county for the last 10 years. I live in Laurel, at the border of howard county and PG county. We are a big community here and very connected. I am heavily vested in the schools, the communities that support the schools, especially the special needs! I promote businesses and resources in the howard county to my fellow community members and families. Howard County is home and I expect to be heard and represented for something that is impacting our community vastly.

The conflict in Gaza is not just a distant issue; it resonates with us here in Howard County, Maryland. We have a proud tradition of advocating for human rights and peace. Supporting this resolution aligns with our commitment to these principles and showcases Maryland's role as a compassionate, globally aware community. We are served by many professional members such as doctors, social workers, businesses within howard county. How can we look away from what is clearly causing all of us trauma? We are loosing faith and disinterest to support any representative that does not show support of our needs. It is making us question, who is it we vote to REPRESENT my values? And I will make sure during elections, it is also a concern and question I raise awareness of among my friends, family and community members: who called and supported for ceasefire?

As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

Sarah

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From: Sarah Ahmad Ali <sarahmad2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Public Hearing on CR22

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Hello,

I am a constituent of Howard County. I wish that you would please support CR33 calling for a cease-fire because our community should stand for peace and use the power of our voice to urge others to as well. The council should allow a public hearing and appropriate consideration for this important bill.

Thank you,
Sarah Ali

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Council member Jung - Please support CR22-2024

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From: Sarah Ahmad Ali <sarahmad2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:52 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Council member Jung - Please support CR22-2024

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Hello,

I am a constituent and I am calling to have the councilmember support the resolution CR22-2024 calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

Thank you!
Sarah

From: Seme Khan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:53 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Cease fire please

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Shahan Rizvi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:33 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

Shahan Rizvi

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From: Shaista Khalid <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire resolution

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Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Shakeel Ahmed <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:19 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,

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From: Shamma Natour <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:01 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

As a Palestinian American who has lost more than 20 family members killed by the Israeli bombings. And many family members starving due to the aid blockade. Enough lives have been lost and this needs to end.

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Sincerely,

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From: Sharon Glazer <sharon.glazer@usa.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote 'No' to Resolution CR22-2024

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Dear County Council Members,

I'm a resident of District 4, represented by council member Deb Jung. Eight years ago, my son had his Bar-Mitzvah and invited to the celebration were friends of different religions (Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Catholics, Episcopalian, others, and atheists). My husband, who grew up behind the Iron Curtain, who could not have a Bar-Mitzvah, gave a most moving speech. He spoke about how when he was growing up in the mid-1980s, he could not have a Bar-Mitzvah. On the day of our son's celebration, he was moved to tears to see not only that we could celebrate openly, but we celebrated with the love of friends of every ethnic, religious, and racial background that makes up the beautiful tapestry of people in Howard County.

Last month my son lost one of his close friends to a horrible car accident in College Park (you might have heard about it). In searching for pictures of his friend from when they were younger, I came across one in which Jewish kids, Muslim kids, Hindu kids, and Christian kids were hanging out with the biggest smiles on their faces. They were happy! Politics, religion, or color of skin did not divide them.

Sadly, today, politics and ideologies, false information and blood libels are causing deep deep animosities; prior close friendships are now breaking apart. Indeed, his best friend, a Muslim boy, who we cared for with love and joy, who enjoyed many days at a time in our home as his mother was earning her graduate degree, who we picked up in the middle of the night when there were thunderstorms and his mom had not returned from her studies, who ate in our home (never having to worry about dietary issues), slept in our home, and whose college applications I reviewed because his mother was not around, has radicalized. My son is so hurt and grieving in a way I had never seen someone grieve the loss of a friend before. His own best friend—no longer—wants nothing more to do with my son merely because his friend was told by his religious leaders that Jews are infidels.

This is not what Howard County is about. It is not what Howard County should be about. It is not why we moved to this multicultural county.

We moved to Columbia because Jim Rouse had a vision of people living together in harmony, where creed, race, religion, ethnicity, SES, and politics would not divide us, but instead allow our humanity to unite us.

The County Council Resolution [CR22-2024](#) for a ceasefire in Gaza is a resolution that divides, stokes animosity and marginalization of the Jewish community, and devalues the lives of innocent civilians who are still held hostage by Hamas and their operatives, by ignoring their existence.

On October 7th, my childhood best friend's nephew was killed in one of the kibbutzim, my cousin's 12 year old student and her mother were taken hostage, my graduate student's neighbor was killed at the peace party, and my colleague's grandson was shot and miraculously survived. How can Howard County even consider calling for a sovereign nation to ceasefire against Hamas, evil do-ers? Such an act, without the release of all hostages, puts Israeli Jews, including my family, in harms-way, **and** it also puts Israeli Arabs, Druze, and Bedouins, as well as peace-wanting Palestinians in harms-way—causing more misery and destitution for them by Hamas. To uplift people out of misery, we should not enable bad actors to flourish. A call for ceasefire is a call for Hamas to strengthen its resolve to eliminate the State of Israel and oppress people, much as Iran does to its people today, where women are forced to wear hijabs, even if they do not want to.

I fear that the good heartedness of some people on our County Council is impeding their abilities to see that they are doing more harm than good to residents of the county, and, if a ceasefire without the release of all hostages is pressed upon Israel, they would be part of the reason why nearly 1+ million Palestinians who do not want to be under Hamas's oppressive rule will be subjected to it.

The fact that this resolution even came to existence breaks my heart. The County Council should put forward resolutions that create unity, togetherness, care, and respect.

I urge you to vote no to resolution CR22-2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Glazer

From: Shima Daneshpour <shima.daneshpour@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR22 - Howard County Ceasefire Resolution

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Good morning,

I am a Howard County resident that resides in District 3 (North Laurel/20723) and am represented by Councilmember Rigby. I am urging all the members of council to vote in favor of CR22. For over 100 days now, the citizens of Gaza have been maimed and killed by weapons funded by US taxpayer dollars. The majority of these people are women and children. In what world is slaughtering children an act of self-defense? This needs to stop and we must have humanity. We need a ceasefire immediately and one that is permanent. I have never paid much attention to my local government but this has been a wake up call to me. I will be remembering who stood where when it comes to elections. Please, do not ignore this resolution and vote in favor of it.

Thank you,

Shima Daneshpour

From: Sirajum Munira <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:35 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Sincerely,
Sirajum Munira

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From: Somia Aslam <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:45 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am a long time resident of Maryland, a mother, and entrepreneur. I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

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Sincerely,
Somia Aslam

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From: Sonia Aslam <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:16 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
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Sincerely,
Sonia Aslam

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From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:35 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Gaza resolution

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From: Stacey Berger <staceyberger@bergerestatelaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:09 PM
To: CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Gaza resolution

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Hi. It would be greatly appreciated if you could add language that the hostages be immediately released to the resolution calling for an immediate cease fire. It's only fair that both sides stop their wrongs.

Although the resolution states that targeting civilians is a violation of international law, there's no mention of the hostages.

Stacey Berger

From: Stefanie Kresky <sjkresky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:56 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution CR22-2024

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Dear Council Members,

I have been a Howard County resident since 1996. I do not believe the council is justified in proposing this bill. I struggle to understand why the county is involving itself in global affair's and not giving its energy and resources to Howard County residents and their issues ; ie. crime, taxes, and education, to name a few. I hope you will consider not passing this legislation and move on to solving Howard County problems instead.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Kresky /District 5

Sent from my iPhone

From: Stan Kusnetz <skusnetz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: To The Howard County Council

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My name is Stanley Kusnetz. My wife is Fany Kusnetz I am a retired officer of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S Public Health Service. Fany at one time was the Office Manager of the DC Council of Jewish Federations. I was also a volunteer in our County Executive's campaign. We have lived in Howard County since 1979. Our three children are all graduates of Howard County Schools.

Frankly, when I saw the resolution, calling for a cease fire I was very unpleasantly surprised. Consider this, as our county council, your mandate is to make this a better county through legislation and other administrative duties, NOT to take sides in international affairs. The context in this resolution makes it very clear that you are speaking of Israel. You are our council, not our Department of State. You were not elected to take any side in this issue that is a source of passions and division among your constituents.

Further the resolution itself is misleading. You quote a number of Gazan casualties supplied by Hamas and not backed with any evidence whatsoever. Keep in mind Hamas includes the losses of its own fighters presenting the total as all civilian to inflame passions as part of its psychological warfare to influence groups such as this council.

The resolution uses the names of Reps Raskin and Mfume as well that of Sen van Hollen, giving the impression that they support an immediate cease fire. However, those seeming endorsements lack context. Their support is for a Bi-lateral cease fire when the hostages are released as a whole package. None of this is mentioned in your resolution.

When Hamas broke the existing cease fire (one broken cease fire of many) to conduct a brutal invasion of an Israeli holiday festival and nearby citizen communities, committing unspeakable acts, in itself a violation of International law, a goal was to take hundreds of hostages, another violation of international law.

Make no mistake, this was a long time in planning. It was known that Israel would mount a robust response and to that end Hamas used civilians and civilian structures as human shields or human sacrifices which better describes their goal of maximizing casualties, again as part of their psychological operations.

In their barbaric invasion of Israel, one of those murdered was a friend of Fany's from the early seventies. Vivian Silver was an internationally recognized worker for peace. She moved to Kibbutz Be'eri specifically to be able to work with the Gazans to improve their lives and spent her adult life in that effort. She was intentionally murdered, mutilated and burned. It took weeks to identify her.

As a constituent who is strongly invested in Howard County I strongly suggest that this resolution not be considered at all.

Stanley and Fany Kusnetz
Sent from my iPhone

From: R Susan Grossman <rabbiima@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:00 PM
To: Jung, Debra; CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; Yungmann, David; CouncilDistrict2@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilDistrict3@howardcountymd.gov; Rigby, Christiana; lwalsh@howardcountymd.gov; Jones, Opel; CouncilDistrict4@howardcountymd.gov; CouncilMail; CouncilDistrict5@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Resolution CR 22-2024

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Dear County Council Members,

You may know that I have spent my entire adult life trying to further understanding, cooperation, and peace between Jews and Muslims, between Israelis and Palestinians, and between peoples of different races and ethnicities. Perhaps you have attended some of the programs I created and cosponsored with the Muslim Council, Courageous Conversations, and others over the years about furthering peace and understanding.

I have been following the events in Israel and Gaza closely. Like you, I worry about the terrible toll on the people of Gaza and the fate of the hostages held by Hamas.

However, CR 22-2024, based on HR 786, is not the way to help the Gazan people or help bring peace to the region—just the opposite. Based on the one-sided and biased HR 786, this resolution can do actual harm. CR 22-2024 ignores the plight of the hostages held by Hamas, the continued bombardment of Israeli cities by Hamas, and the tragic victimization of the people of Gaza by Hamas, who intentionally used their own people as human shields by setting its command centers, arms depots, rocket launchers, and tunnels in densely populated civilian areas, even utilizing schools and hospitals, all contrary to international law. Your resolution further undermines the recent and courageous protests of the Gazan people themselves against the terror Hamas has visited upon them since Hamas took over control of Gaza in a bloody coup and fails to recognize the right of Israel to defend itself and its citizens.

This resolution is flawed. It does not call for the return of the hostages or the removal of Hamas from operational control of Gaza. Even worse, a complete ceasefire that this bill calls for will merely allow Hamas to rearm with more potent weaponry, rebuild their command centers, coordinate further attacks on Israel, and track down and harm those brave Gazans who have been protesting against them. Hamas has been their own people's worst enemy, ruling through violence and intimidation and subverting international aid to support their cause of destroying Israel. Hamas leadership admitted to New York Times journalists (see link below) that their goal was to create a permanent state of war, using the suffering of the Gaza People to further their strategic objectives of the destruction of Israel. (See [Behind Hamas's Bloody Gambit to Create a 'Permanent' State of War](#)).



Behind Hamas's Bloody Gambit to Create a 'Permanent' State of War

Hamas leaders say they waged their Oct. 7 attack on Israel because they believed the Palestinian cause was slipp...

A helpful resolution that holds out hope and peace for all people in the region requires Hamas to be removed from operational control of Gaza, includes a commitment to a two-state solution, and demands the return of the hostages. In the meantime, there are efforts currently underway to broker not a unilateral ceasefire that plays into Hamas' hands but a temporary ceasefire that would return all the hostages, deliver needed aid to Gaza, and set up the conditions that would hopefully result in a more peaceful region. It is critical not to unintentionally harm the genuine efforts being pursued by the United States and its allies to bring immediate aid to Gazans and rescue the hostages.

We are all pained by the tragedy unfolding in Gaza. We need to be thoughtful and smart about how we can best help. CR 22-2024 is neither thoughtful nor helpful. I urge you to vote down CR 22-2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Rabbi Susan Grossman

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Daughters of the King: Women and the Synagogue
<https://jps.org/books/daughters-of-the-king/>

Etz Hayim Torah and Commentary

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/resources-ideas/publications/etz-hayim-humash>
Winner of the National Jewish Book Award

From: Williams, China
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:45 AM
To: Anderson, Isaiah
Subject: FW: Reaction to resolution CR22-2024
Attachments: Letter to HC Council 2-1-24.docx

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From: Susan Horowitz <sclh1226@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 3:11 PM
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Subject: Reaction to resolution CR22-2024

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Please see attached my letter in strong opposition to CR 22-2024.

Thank you.

Susan Horowitz

To the members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Calvin Ball,

I am writing to you today to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the Resolution (CR 22-2024) introduced by Councilmember Walsh which I believe is going to be first considered at the County Council meeting on February 5th.

I would like to be on the record with the full council in my opposition to this harmful resolution.

The crux of my opposition to CR 22-2024 is that the resolution calls for a ceasefire, but does not explicitly call for the release of all of the 130+ hostages (or remains of hostages) still being held in Gaza by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other associated terror groups. The ceasefire resolution also appears to be a one-sided ceasefire, which pins the blame for the devastating loss of innocent civilian life in Gaza and Israel solely on the actions of the State of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces. Further, the resolution makes no mention of the brutal events of the unprovoked attacks of October 7th, which claimed the lives of more than 1200 civilians – brutally murdered in their homes, in the fields, at a dance festival, on the road and in any place where the terrorists found them. Again, the details of these attacks have been chronicled by those who witnessed and survived, but also by the explicit body-cam images captured and disseminated by the Hamas terrorists.

When the deniers will come to say that these things did not take place, the very perpetrators of these actions will have provided the incontrovertible evidence.

Councilmember Walsh has referenced several leaders of the Democratic Party who have called for ceasefires. Councilmember Walsh fails to mention in her resolution that these Democratic leaders specifically called for the immediate release of all 130-plus hostages. The decision to consciously omit this from the resolution submitted to the Howard County Council can be seen as nothing else than a deliberate decision to erase the existence and legitimacy of the lives of these hostages – civilians who range in age from one year old to mid-80s. This decision alone should make anyone who cares for all of humanity carefully consider what a vote for this resolution would say about their values, commitments and ethics.

I say all of this with the simultaneous deep concern for the untold amount of suffering being experienced by the civilian population of Gaza. The civilian casualty numbers are beyond comprehension, and I call on the Israel Defense Forces to do everything possible to avoid any and every civilian casualty, even as they legitimately proceed in this war against the Hamas terrorists who have repeatedly vowed to conduct attacks worse than October 7th again and again – witness repeated public statements by Hamas officials both in the Gaza strip and speaking from their relative safety of Qatar.

I believe any ceasefire resolution must also acknowledge the deliberate and calculated tactics and actions of Hamas that make them culpable for substantial percentages of the civilian deaths that have occurred throughout the prosecution of Israel's war on Hamas. The employment of human shields, the placement of weapons depots, rocket launching stations and command centers deliberately inside of dense civilian areas, inside and beneath hospitals, schools, UNHCR facilities and other places which are sure to result in civilian loss of life have been a hallmark of Hamas's tactics for years, but in this specific war have resulted in the most devastating of consequences. My heart breaks for the civilian population of Gaza who are unsupportive of Hamas. I pray for their liberation from this brutal terror group.

Finally, it is my belief that the Howard County Council's mission should focus solely on the needs of the Howard County community. It is not the purview of the Howard County Council to propose and consider a resolution unrelated to issues specific to Howard County and its residents. Advancing this legislation does nothing to strengthen and unite our Howard County community. Indeed it has already done great harm towards the relationships within our community, causing deeper divisions between people who genuinely care for one another, and who may have deeply divergent assessments of the Israel-Hamas war.

No good comes from the introduction of this deeply flawed resolution. I urge all members to reject this resolution and to work towards actions that will help heal the divisions that this resolution has already caused.

Submitted by,

Susan Horowitz

4688 Smokey Wreath Way
Ellicott City, 21042

From: Susan Levine <susanp0621@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: NO to CR22-2024

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Dear Howard County Council,

My name is Susan Levine and I am a Howard County resident of council district 4. I am strongly opposed to CR22-2024. The Howard County Charter does not task the county council with making statements regarding foreign affairs. Respectfully stay in your swim lane and deal with the problems facing Howard County such as increasing crime and the declining quality of the schools.

Sincerely,
Susan Levine
Sent from my iPhone

From: Syed Ali <sma2b1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:32 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Written Testimony for CR22-2024

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Dear Howard County Council and Council Representative Opel Jones,

I live in Council District 2 (8681 Wheatfield Way, 21043) and I am writing to ask you to support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza because this continued war is not only leading to death and destruction overseas but it is leading to hate in our own community. The number of hate crimes and hate incidents in our communities have significantly increased due to this ongoing war. This war has led and will continue to lead to increased anti-semitism and Islamaphobia in our communities. Allowing this war to continue will only hurt this community further. Let's call for a permanent ceasefire now to help end this humanitarian crisis.

Thank you,
Syed Ali

From: Syed Salahuddin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:53 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire now

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Syed Salahuddin

Syed Salahuddin
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From: tfwinc <tfwinc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose CB22-2024

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to implore you to vote **AGAINST CB22-2024**. This resolution demands an unconditional ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas which would leave Hamas in power and Israel with no recourse for recovering the hostages.

Hamas is a terrorist organization that rampaged through southern Israel, raping and murdering Jews of all ages, and they have vowed to do so again. Such a group should not be left in power. A ceasefire was in place prior to October 7th, and Hamas violated it in the most horrendous ways. A new ceasefire would only allow them to attack again.

CB22-2024 fails to even mention the hostages, Israeli and American civilians kidnapped, raped, murdered, and held as human shields. As such, the resolution shows a callous disregard for the lives of Jews while seeking to protect those who would slaughter them. Finally, US foreign policy is outside the purview of the County Council, and the Council has no authority in such matters.

My interfaith family moved to Columbia in part because it was built on the values of diversity and acceptance. We are frightened by the recent steep rise in antisemitism even in this area. This resolution will only serve to cause further divisiveness. I (like many others in HoCo) also have family in Israel who are fighting to defend their homeland and they need our support.

I respectfully ask that you vote against this resolution.

Sincerely,
Tally Frenkel
Columbia, MD

From: Tamara Milstein <tamarazip@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 7:52 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please oppose CR 22-2024

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From: Tami Milstein <tamarazip@gmail.com>
Date: February 1, 2024 at 10:50:30 AM EST
To: cball@howardcountymd.gov, djung@howardcountymd.gov, ojones@howardcountymd.gov, dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov, crigby@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: CR 22-2024

Dear Council and Executive Ball-

As a Howard County resident, I am writing to request that CR 22-2024 be withdrawn or rejected.

According to the official government website, the Howard County Council is “responsible for making the laws that govern the County... [and is] the zoning authority and the licensing and enforcement authority for alcoholic beverages in the County.” CR 22-2024 has no basis in County governance, is a waste of taxpayer time and resources, and accomplishes nothing (other than virtue signaling).

Regarding the merits of CR 22-2024, Liz Walsh proves herself to be at best, woefully ignorant, and at worst, antisemitic. CR 22-2024 ignores the two key variables that would in fact create an immediate ceasefire: surrender of the terrorists and safe return of the hostages, some of whom are American citizens. It also ignores Hamas's rejection of multiple ceasefire deals.

What is the purpose of a performative local government resolution in a foreign conflict? There are many conflict regions in the world right now. Why does Liz Walsh feel that this conflict is the one that merits a resolution? We should all find this behavior alarming.

As an American Jew—and the daughter of Israeli immigrants—I find Liz Walsh’s proposed resolution to be a direct attack on Jews. While the words of the resolution appear benign, the intention behind it is not. Of all the global conflicts, Liz Walsh chooses to single out Israel’s response to terrorism as her focus for a county resolution. She never expressed concern for the victims of rape, torture, kidnapping and murder at the hands of terrorists; she never demanded Hamas ceasefire. It is antisemitic to delegitimize Israel, demonize Israel, and apply double standards toward the only Jewish State in the world. Anti Zionism IS antisemitism.

If this resolution passes, a dangerous precedent will be set and a clear message will be sent to the residents of Howard County: Jews are not welcome here.

Please rescind or reject this resolution. Thank you so much for taking the time to read my concerns.

Sincerely,
Tami Milstein

From: Tamim Sookoor <tamim.sookoor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:26 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Written Testimony for CR22-2024

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Dear Howard County Council and Council Representative Liz Walsh,

I live in Ellicott City in Council District 1, and I'm represented by Councilmember Liz Walsh. I wish that you would please support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza because this continued war is not only leading to death and destruction overseas but it is leading to hate in our own community. The number of hate crimes and hate incidents in our communities have significantly increased due to this ongoing war. This war has led and will continue to lead to increased anti-semitism and Islamophobia in our communities right here. Allowing this war to continue will only hurt this community further. Let's call for a permanent ceasefire so we can heal together.

Thank you,

Tamim Sookoor

From: Thais Moreira <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:32 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: Urgent Call for Strengthening CR22-2024: A Resolution for Peace and Justice in Gaza

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Councilmember Liz Walsh,

Dear Members of the Howard County Council and County Executive Calvin Ball,

I am writing to express my strong support for Councilmember Liz Walsh's resolution, CR22-2024, which calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. This resolution is a critical step in reflecting the values and conscience of our community, and it highlights our collective desire for peace and an end to the humanitarian crisis. The introduction of this resolution is a commendable act, demonstrating our community's commitment to global human rights and the importance of taking a stand against violence and injustice.

However, while CR22-2024 is a significant step forward, I believe it is imperative for the council to strengthen this resolution further. I urge you to consider officially recognizing Israel as an Apartheid State within the resolution. This recognition is crucial in accurately reflecting the systemic injustices and human rights violations occurring in the region. Additionally, adopting a policy of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel will align our county with a global movement that seeks to apply economic pressure to promote human rights and justice.

I also urge the inclusion of a demand in CR22-2024 for the immediate release of the thousands of Palestinians unjustly detained by Apartheid Israel, reaffirming our commitment to human rights and international law.

Lastly, I call upon the council to advocate for the immediate cessation of all political, diplomatic, and military support for Israel. Our community should not be complicit in the perpetuation of these conflicts. Strengthening CR22-2024 to include these aspects will not only demonstrate our county's dedication to justice and peace but also set a precedent for

other communities to follow. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and I earnestly hope for your support in making CR22-2024 a robust and impactful resolution.

Thais Moreira

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Walkersville , Maryland 21791

From: tomkasubamd@netscape.net
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please REJECT CR22-2024

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It is said that "all politics is local" so why don't we keep it that way in Howard County. Please REJECT CR22 concerning Gaza fore it is nothing more than superficial virtue signalling and a trap of an ideological purity test. Perhaps efforts should be redirected to public concerns such as the ever increasing trash along Rt 29 as well as Rt 32 just to name one. You know, tangible actions to improve our **local** community.

Thank You,
Thomas Kasuba
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Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-917-1239

From: carrtoni@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:19 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Gaza Resolution

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to urge you to vote against the Gaza Resolution. While I agree with bringing in food and medicine for the civilian population of Gaza, when safely possible, the terrorists continue to use these defenseless people as human shields. This puts IDF at risk. The terrorists started this war by brutally invading, murdering, kidnapping and raping Israeli civilians. They continue to hold more than 100 as hostages. A ceasefire is unimaginable under these conditions. When the US was bombed by the Japanese, we didn't ask for a ceasefire, nor did we do that after September 11, 2001. Israel has the right and responsibility to defend its people and property, as any other country would and should. When and if Hamas ever decides to release all the hostages, destroy their tunnels, and surrender their weapons, a ceasefire can be considered, but none of those conditions has been met. I beg you to vote against this divisive resolution that has no place in Howard County.

Toni Carr

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

From: Tracey Perrick <tracey@apmdlaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:23 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Ms. Walsh,

I am member of your District.

I am appalled and disgusted at the Council's resolution regarding the Ceasefire in Gaza. All of the Jewish people I know, me included, want the war to end and do not relish in any true innocents dying. How quickly you and many, however, seem to forget is that this is a war started by Hamas. In order for the war to end, the hostages need to be released and Hamas – a literal terrorist organization who's charter included the annihilation of Israel and who is still holding CHILDREN hostages – needs to put down its weapons and be disbanded.

I've seen your social media posts and I feel you have portrayed yourself as antisemitic. You will never have my vote again and I will actively campaign against you for as long as I reside in your district unless and until I see a different message from you.



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From: Umme Yasmin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:29 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Let Humanity prevail

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Ellicott city , Maryland 21042

From: Wendy Peer <shaiwendy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:12 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 22-2024 Opposition

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I am writing to you today to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the Resolution (CR 22-2024) introduced by Councilmember Walsh which I believe is going to be first considered at the County Council meeting on February 5th.

The crux of my opposition to CR 22-2024 is that the resolution calls for a ceasefire, but does not explicitly call for the release of all of the 130+ hostages (or remains of hostages) still being held in Gaza by Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other associated terror groups. The ceasefire resolution also appears to be a one-sided ceasefire, which pins the blame for the devastating loss of innocent civilian life in Gaza and Israel solely on the actions of the State of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces. Further, the resolution makes no mention of the brutal events of the unprovoked attacks of October 7th, which claimed the lives of more than 1200 civilians – brutally murdered in their homes, in the fields, at a dance festival, on the road and in any place where the terrorists found them. Again, the details of these attacks have been chronicled by those who witnessed and survived, but also by the explicit body-cam images captured and disseminated by the Hamas terrorists. As someone who has seen some of the most graphic imagery that was deliberately and joyfully distributed by Hamas, I can tell you that when the deniers will come to say that these things did not take place, the very perpetrators of these actions will have provided the incontrovertible evidence.

I say all of this with the simultaneous deep concern for the untold amount of suffering being experienced by the civilian population of Gaza. The civilian casualty numbers are beyond comprehension, and I call on the Israel Defense Forces to do everything possible to avoid any and every civilian casualty, even as they legitimately proceed in this war against the Hamas terrorists who have repeatedly vowed to conduct attacks worse than October 7th again and again – witness repeated public statements by Hamas officials both in the Gaza strip and speaking from their relative safety of Qatar. I believe any Ceasefire resolution must also acknowledge the deliberate and calculated tactics and actions of Hamas that make them culpable for substantial percentages of the civilian deaths that have occurred throughout the prosecution of Israel's war on Hamas. The employment of human shields, the placement of weapons depots, rocket launching stations and command centers deliberately inside of dense civilian areas, inside and beneath hospitals, schools, UNHCR facilities and other places which are sure to result in civilian loss of life have been a hallmark of Hamas' tactics for years, but in this specific war have resulted in the most devastating of consequences. My heart breaks for the civilian population of Gaza who are unsupportive of Hamas. I pray for their liberation from this brutal terror group.

I urge all members with my full voice to reject this resolution and to work towards actions that will help heal the divisions that this resolution has already caused.

Wendy Peer

From: Yasmeen Abou-Sayed <yabousayed@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:11 PM
To: Jones, Opel; Jung, Debra; CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Yungmann, David; Hira, Safa; hrc
Subject: Howard County Resolution CR22

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Good afternoon Howard County Council and Executive Ball,

My name is Dr. Yasmeen Abou-Sayed, I am a local pharmacist and resident of Howard County since 2004. I have worked in and served this community since then, always striving to be a productive and compassionate contributor to my community. I choose civility daily, even when faced with incivility by frustrated patients, slander and stereotyping in the media against people of my faith and ethnic background, and now in being silenced by this very county council.

I have spent all week refining my statement to you all asking you to support CR22, to call for a ceasefire in Gaza. I don't need to repeat the statistics for you. I don't need to break down the enormity of the humanitarian disaster. I don't need to describe the scale of the public health implications and political firestorm this war on Palestinians is creating. My basic assumption of most people is that they are good, they will call out evil and hate when they see it, and will stand up for freedom and justice for all.

Imagine my shock when my county that I have made my home for almost 20 years, where I choose to live in, raise my children in, and work in, deliberately profiles my community and does not allow us to partake in the legislative process that is our right. You serve on this council and as our county executive because we elected you to. And yet, as Deb Jung put it today in a meeting with constituents, allowing people to testify for or against CR22 would be 'divisive'. It would hurt the feelings of the other side.

You are saying that the hurt feelings of those who want a genocide to continue are more important than the hurt feelings and loss of our very own Howard County residents who have lost hundreds of family members combined in Gaza over the last 4 months. We are imploring you to recognize our pain and loss, and stand with us. Calling for a ceasefire is not antisemitic. Calling for a ceasefire is not wishing harm to come to ANYONE. It is asking for ALL harm to stop.

We are asking you to choose civility by calling for an end to needless violence and destruction. You ignore and belittle our contributions to this community and the moral stance we are taking and are asking you to take. Countless community members have asked for meetings with our Council members over the past week and have been met with stonewalling and silence.

And you can't say that this is political and outside of our jurisdiction. Howard County sent material support to Ukraine in their time of need. We're asking you to say - enough killing. Chicago, San Francisco, and Cambridge are some of the highest profile United States cities to call for a ceasefire, are we here in Howard County less capable of taking a moral stance?

Let the record note I am asking you to support this resolution. Let the record show where you stand come Monday, when you vote on this resolution without hearing out one single constituent. And let the record show that the decisions made in local politics today, will be reflected on the national scale come November 2024. We won't forget.

Shame on you for silencing the Arab and Muslim community in Howard County.

Dr. Yasmeeen Abou-Sayed
5853 Donovan Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043
District 2

From: Yumna Valiulla <yvaliulla@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Jones, Opel; CouncilMail
Subject: Your power can stop the death of children - Support CR22

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Dear Howard County Council and Council Representative Opel Jones,

I live in Long Reach in Council District 2, and I'm represented by Councilmember Opel Jones. I am writing to ask you to support CR22 calling for a cease-fire in Gaza because this continued war is not only leading to death and destruction overseas but it is leading to hate in our own community. The number of hate crimes and hate incidents in our communities have significantly increased due to this ongoing war.

Calling for a ceasefire does not equate to choosing a side in the war, it sides with compassion for human life, for families, for children who are dying from starvation and curable diseases.

This war has led and will continue to lead to increased anti-semitism and Islamophobia in our communities right here. Allowing this war to continue will only hurt this community further. Let's call for a permanent ceasefire so we can heal together.

Please, please support CR22 and call for a ceasefire.

Thank you,
Yumna Valiulla

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Yusra Quddusi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:35 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Ceasefire now!

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Yusra Quddusi
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From: Yuvi Krausz <yuvikrausz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:11 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov; Walsh, Elizabeth
Subject: County Council Resolution CR22-2024 for a ceasefire in Gaza

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The Honorable Council Representative: Liz Walsh

Dear Ms Walsh,

My name is Yuval Krausz, and I live at 4017 Dorseys Ridge Square.

I'm a member of our five person HOA at the Reserve at Dorseys Ridge. I am also an Israeli with both American and Israeli citizenship. I came to live in the USA in April of 1991, and this March will be twenty years since I became a naturalized American Citizen.

My four adult children from my first marriage live in Israel. I have eight grandchildren who live there as well.

Ms Walsh, I served in front-line combat units and I lived to tell about two wars that I was called to active duty. I was in Syria during the Yom Kippur War of 1973, and during the first Lebanon War (1982) I was on the new Egyptian border with my unit. My unit and I were deployed countless times to the Gaza Strip during the 1980's. My final three years in the Israel Defense Forces I served as a Liaison Officer with the MFO (Multinational Force and Observers).

I have always been a proponent of the two-state solution.

What happened on October 7th, 2023 cannot ever be described in words. No video footage, no testimony, nothing can describe the horrors of that day.

It is my sincere hope that no country, no people on this planet ever experience this horror.

And yet, it was perpetrated on the people I know personally. I lived on a Kibbutz (Yad Mordechai) just a few kilometers north of the Gaza Strip. My friends lived through that horror.

One of my daughters lives in a city called Be'er Sheva, about twenty five miles or so from the Gaza Strip. My three small grandchildren (two in elementary school and one in Kindergarten) had to hide in their safe room when missiles from Gaza flew in their direction.

One of my daughters and her mother (my ex wife) fled to live with my other daughter in the center of Israel.

My daughter-in-law's aunt and uncle and their two children were murdered, along with many other families of Kibbutz Be'eri.

No one in Israel now lives without that memory.

And yet, yes, and yet, I continue to support a two-state solution. I do not support the extreme right-wing and racist members of the current government. I do not support the current Prime Minister, a man who has sadly (in my opinion) lost sight of what is moral and what is not.

To the point, a cease fire will, as we all know, allow the murderers who perpetrated the October 7th 2023 massacres to re-organize and re-arm. It is a fact of life there. It will allow Hamas to continue to oppress the very population they claim they serve. They do not serve the Palestinian Arab population. Not in the Gaza Strip, and not in the West Bank. They are a true threat not only to Jews but to Americans and Europeans everywhere.

They are in fact the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization and philosophy that desires to establish a Caliphate with all the ramifications thereof.

Ms Walsh, I personally do not support a cease-fire at this time, because there are still hostages held in terrible captivity in the Gaza Strip, whether by Hamas, PIJ or just plain thugs. Until all hostages are returned, whether dead - to be mourned, or alive, there must be an agreement. The agreement must first and foremost return all hostages to Israel. Then we could discuss a cease-fire, and eventually (it is again my sincere hope) a neighbor state willing to live in peace with Israel.

I remain sincerely yours,

Yuval Krausz
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From: Zoobia Chaudhry <zoobiaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution CR22-2024 calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

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Peace be upon all of you!

I am Dr. Zoobia Chaudhry. I live in old Ellicott City in Council District 1, and I'm represented by Councilmember Liz Walsh. I am with the group Baltimore health care workers for Palestine. I would like you to support **CR22** Ceasefire resolution as we witness 100+ days of genocide in Gaza, it's crucial for us as concerned Maryland residents and taxpayers to take a stand. As a physician I have been esp. concerned about the attack on hospital and healthcare workers. I have been in touch with a few physicians on the ground in Gaza. Among them is Dr. Ebrahim Matar who works as an internist working in ICU and cardiology in the Gaza Hospital. He was living in the hospital for the last 4 months not only to help with patients but also to take refuge. He has not only been posting the dire situation in the hospital but also the emotional and physical toll this conflict has taken on him. Few weeks ago, his hospital was raided by Israeli forces and he was forced to leave. Now he is a refugee on the streets and still not able to see his family because of the limited movement between north and south Gaza. He writes beautiful prose poetry and I will read a line from it:

I have seen all of this, oh God. I have seen people rushing to the hospital after the shelling, covered in blood, sand, and ashes. I have seen their faces, filled with shock, as if they had no idea what had just happened, as if they couldn't comprehend the magnitude of the event.

I sat with someone who talked to himself, wondering, 'All these wounded and martyrs were like us an hour ago. They were with us just a while ago in life. When will it be our turn?'"

I have wondered why this situation has such an impact on a lot of us. It may be because of what we identify to be. Part of our identity is who we are born as, and who we grow up to be. As a Muslim most of us here testifying have carried the pain of suffering of fellow Palestinians for as long as I was able to read or listen to the news. As a physician it hurts me to see my fellow health care worker suffer. Now part of my identity is being an American and the pain is compounded as the US is backing Israeli military operations with

our taxpayer money. And if you do not identify as any of the above then I implore you to call on your humanity to further this resolution to call for a ceasefire and allow us to act like, well like human beings, and help us call an end to this senseless violence.

Thank you

Zoobia Chaudhry
8120 winding ross way,
Ellicott city MD 21043

From: Zunaira Awan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:29 PM
To: CouncilDistrict1@howardcountymd.gov
Subject: Stand With Peace: Call For Ceasefire

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Howard County, deeply troubled by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. As our community stands for justice and humanitarian values, I urge you to support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution.

The conflict in Gaza is not just a distant issue; it resonates with us here in Howard County, Maryland. We have a proud tradition of advocating for human rights and peace. Supporting this resolution aligns with our commitment to these principles and showcases Maryland's role as a compassionate, globally aware community.

As a member of this community, I believe it is imperative that we raise our voices for those suffering. This resolution is more than a political statement; it's a beacon of hope for a peaceful future. By backing this resolution, the Howard County Council can demonstrate leadership and compassion that reflects the values of our community.

I trust that you will consider this urgent plea and stand on the right side of history by supporting Councilwoman Walsh's resolution. Thank you for your time and for representing the best interests of our community.

Sincerely,

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Dear Howard County Council Members,

We, a concerned group of Howard County residents, are reaching out to urge our county elected leaders to support CR22, calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. This appeal stems not only from a global humanitarian perspective but from the deeply personal impact this conflict is having right here in Howard County.

For nearly four months, the ongoing violence has led to the loss of over 26,900 lives, including many children, devastated by relentless bombing and a crippling blockade that has cut off access to food, water, and electricity. The humanitarian crisis has escalated, with more than 30,000 individuals at risk of disease outbreaks and a desperate need for humanitarian aid.

The repercussions of this conflict extend far beyond its geographical borders, directly affecting our community in Howard County. We have witnessed a distressing rise in anti-Muslim hate and Islamophobia, manifesting in hate bias incidents across schools, supermarkets, and throughout the county. This atmosphere of fear and division undermines our community's core values of diversity and inclusion.

Our appeal for your support in passing a ceasefire resolution is not just about international diplomacy; it's about protecting our local community from the fallout of this conflict. The fear and intimidation faced by our residents, particularly those who are Muslim or of Middle Eastern descent, are unacceptable. Incidents like the recent assault on a young girl wearing a hijab in a suburban Chicago middle school are stark reminders of the tangible consequences of this conflict on our community's psyche.

By supporting CR22, Howard County can take a stand for peace, human rights, and the protection of innocent lives. It's an opportunity for us to demonstrate solidarity with those in our community who are directly impacted by this conflict and to reaffirm our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the safety of all residents.

We believe that Howard County has a role to play in the global call for peace and humanitarian aid. Let us lead by example and show that even at the local level, we have the power to make a difference in the world and in the lives of our fellow community members.

Thank you for considering our appeal. We trust in your leadership and compassion to make the right decision for our community and for the global community at large.

Sincerely,

Howard County Muslim Council

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Councilwoman Liz Walsh,

Dear Howard County Council Members,

My name is Nasir Gulzari and I am an engineer by profession. I am resident of Howard county for last 30 years.

I am deeply concerned about the crisis in Gaza, where over 27,000 lives have been tragically lost. As a fellow Howard County resident, fellow Marylander and above all a fellow human being, I urge your support for Councilwoman Liz Walsh's ceasefire resolution. This action aligns with Maryland's and American values of human rights and peace. Your support will reflect our community's commitment to global humanitarian issues.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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