



ALDERPERSON AGENDA ITEM MEMO

To: **Ald. O' Reilly, Jim Archambo, Alan Kesner, Steve Braatz**

From: Mike Morgan and Amanda Fuerst

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Subject: Memo in support of the victims of recent terrorism attacks in Israel and Gaza

A. Background/Rationale

The City should consider showing support for Israel due to current terror attacks that included American deaths and hostages, given the precedent of showing similar support for the Ukrainian people and community.

B. Key Issues for Consideration

With recent world and national condemnation of terror attacks on Israel, the City should show appropriate support for the people of Israel, local Jewish community, and cause of peace while recognizing the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people. We should also condemn all acts of terrorism and discrimination based on race, religion or nationality.

C. Fiscal Impact

None

D. Requested Action

City of Wauwatosa
Resolution of the Common Council

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, a terrorist organization invaded Israel, killed over 1,000 people, and committed unspeakable atrocities;

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa concurs with the joint statement of the governments of the United States, France, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom that they "support Israel in its efforts to defend itself and its people against such atrocities" and "recognize the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people, and support equal measures of justice and freedom for Israelis and Palestinians alike";

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa condemns all acts of terrorism and discrimination, including (but not limited to) any perpetrated on the basis of race, religion, and nationality; and



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WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa calls upon all people to reject violence and to work for peace in the Middle East, in the United States, and everywhere around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wauwatosa City Council resolves to promote peace amongst our community, stand against acts of terrorism at home and abroad, support the victims of terrorism be they allied members of our community or United States citizens who were victims of the recent attacks in Israel, and endeavor to continue our efforts to stand against discrimination. We encourage members of the Wauwatosa community to support, in whatever ways they are able, humanitarian efforts that contribute towards peace in the Middle East.

E. Attachments

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/west/news/wauwatosa/2022/03/25/wauwatosa-place-ukraine-flag-hart-park/7143472001/>

<https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-gaza-hamas-music-festival-6a55aae2375944f10ecc4c52d05f2ffe>