

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2024

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND FOR DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO CIVILIANS IN GAZA

Whereas, all human life is precious, and all people, both in West Lafayette and abroad, have a right to be respected and feel safe; and we oppose all violence that leads to the loss of innocent lives; and

Whereas, the Common Council of West Lafayette, Indiana condemns all forms of antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism and bigotry in West Lafayette, and we welcome people from all background and beliefs in our City; and

Whereas, the City of West Lafayette is home to people of diverse nationalities, ethnicities, and faiths for whom the current conflict in the Middle East has a real and personal impact; and

Whereas, on May 6, 2024, in conjunction with Mayor Erin Easter, the City of West Lafayette released a Joint Statement acknowledging West Lafayette's support for its citizens; and

Whereas, an immediate multilateral ceasefire in Gaza can create safer conditions for the return of all hostages - and ensure humanitarian aid can be delivered; and

Whereas, child malnutrition, lack of potable water and rampant levels of disease as well as imminent famine are reported by the World Health Organization in Gaza; and

Whereas, the consequence of international hostilities are being felt by our Jewish and Palestinian neighbors here in West Lafayette, and our Council and City leadership are united in protecting our residents against acts of antisemitism, Islamophobia, or hate crimes toward our Arab, Israeli, Jewish, and Muslim neighbors; and

Now therefore, be it resolved that the West Lafayette Common Council:

Urges our national leaders to work swiftly and diligently toward:

1. Providing significant financial support for humanitarian aid
2. Seeking a long-term bilateral ceasefire, the release of all hostages, and the protection and security of all innocent civilians
3. Urging the Biden administration to call for and facilitate de-escalation and a sustained, bilateral ceasefire

Be it further resolved that the West Lafayette Common Council asks the City Clerk that copies of this resolution be quickly forwarded to the President of the United States, our congressional delegation, and state representatives.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING ON THE 3 DAY OF June 2024.

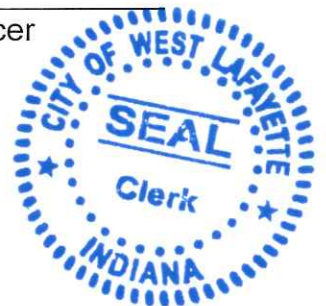
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 3 DAY OF June, 2024, FAILED TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY A VOTE OF 2 IN FAVOR AND 5 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bellisario	✓			
Blanco		✓		
Burr			✓	
Dennis		✓		
Lee		✓		
Leverenz			✓	
Parker		✓		
Sanders		✓		
Veidemanis	✓			

Kathy Parker
Kathy Parker, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2024.

Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2024.

Erin R. Easter, Mayor

Attest:

Sana G. Booker, Clerk