

City Council Meeting
Public Comments
November 1, 2023

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Council Meeting Date 11/1/23

Item #0

Subject Solidaridad con Palestina. Palestina Libre

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Gloria Rosario Conejo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This council needs to tell Darell Issa and Scott Peters to stop funding, and spending our tax dollars, to the same Zionist military that trains the EPD and brutalizes Palestinians. You are enabling Genocide with your complacency. While you're at it, reallocate that EPD money to public services Escondido residents need. Spending money on cops over services for our residents is ghetto. Do better.

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Item # Oral Communication

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Gladys Guzman

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Oppose the U.S. transfer of more weapons of war, which would only intensify this already terrible conflict. Instead, please publicly call for a ceasefire, de-escalation, restraint, and respect for international law to prevent further civilian harm. We must act to protect lives and seek to address the underlying drivers of this conflict, including decades of institutionalized oppression and collective punishment of Palestinians through brutal military occupation and a 16-year Gaza blockade.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Aisha Chaudry

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear City Council,

I ask of you to please follow great cities like Richmond, CA, in supporting Palestine, and taking a stance against the genocide being perpetrated by Israel. For the past three weeks all we have heard is politics and talking points that pretend that this is an issue happening that does not impact us. It impacts us, we are people, we are humans we are one. No one has the right to determine who should live or die, and Palestinians are dying by the thousands because Israel has decided their lives are not valuable, they call them "animals" and dehumanize them over and over. You yourselves have probably been exposed to some of this harmful language, I only pray this hate and manipulation has not seeped into your hearts and embedded itself in your minds. We cannot under and circumstances justify the murder of innocent civilians including children, many less than a year old. We must stand up and stop this madness that has taken ahold of people, and work to end the bloodshed. Please do what is in your power to denounce the war crimes (verified by amnesty international, Doctors Without Borders, and other honorable organizations) and call for a ceasefire to save lives. As voices for our community you can lead the way to a better society and world, where we do not ignore the cries of others, and where we stand up for what is just and right. I implore you for oppressed and war affected people all over the world, stand against this genocide and stand for peace. Thank you.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Alexandra Villegas

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Please pass this resolution to support the people of Palestine. It is important for Escondido to take a stand and be a leader in our country to show solidarity with the Palestinian people, many of whom have diasporic relations here in our county of San Diego. Doing so will encourage other cities to do the same, and will hopefully bring about a de-escalation of violence and a ceasefire that will save countless lives. Thank you.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anisa Chaudry

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Over 8 thousand people killed is not self defense, it is ethnic cleansing. Please stand against war crimes and be on the right side of history.

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Free Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Anzy McWha

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Anzy, I am a North County local. I went to high school at Classical Academy, just up the street. I urge the Escondido City Council to pass a resolution supporting the Palestinian people and condemning the ongoing war crimes and genocidal occupation currently being carried out by Israel. The city of Richmond recently did this and we should do the same to show that Escondido stands on the right side of history.

Nelson Mandela, who led the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa, said "We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians." That is because what is happening in Palestine right now is also apartheid. It is genocide. Even the UN has confirmed that what Israel is doing is ethnic cleansing. The land rightfully belongs to the Palestinian people, and the zionist settlers have absolutely no right to wage a campaign of terror and violence against them and to occupy their homeland.

Families have been forced out of their ancestral homes and made into refugees in their own country. Innocent people are trapped in Gaza, which is functioning like a concentration camp. The Israelis continue to bomb and terrorize everyone trapped inside, and even bombed a group of refugees trying to flee Gaza and get to safety. What makes these crimes even more egregious is that about half of the people in Gaza are children. Israel recently destroyed all communications infrastructure, completely cutting off Gaza's contact with the outside world. They are deliberately preventing information about what is happening from reaching the rest of the world. They have attacked the families of journalists who try to expose the truth of what is happening. There is no doubt that what they are doing while Gaza is cut off from communication is comparable to the campaign of terror and death carried out by the nazis. What they are willing to do when the cameras are on is already horrifying.

I support the Palestinian resistance. When people are occupied, resistance is justified! How would you feel if a foreign occupying army came to Escondido, and violently dispossessed you of your family home

feel if a foreign occupying army came to Escondido, and violently dispossessed you of your family home and land? I understand the irony of this statement, considering that all of this land was stolen, but I'm simply asking you to try to have some empathy.

As human beings, we should not and cannot sit by and do nothing while the Israelis carry out their fascistic terror campaign. We need to speak up, add our voices to the chorus supporting liberation for

Palestine, and collectively demand that our government end all monetary support for the Israeli regime. Our tax dollars are funding genocide! This is unacceptable. We should use our money to pay for healthcare, housing, and education, not to support terrorism and provoke another world war.

I really believe that in the future your children and grandchildren will ask you what you did at this moment in history. You have the privilege of a public platform. Much like the holocaust, the truth of what is happening in Palestine will eventually come out, and you will have to answer for your actions and the decisions you make at this moment for the rest of your life. Did you speak up, did you stand up for what's right, did you condemn the deaths of thousands of innocent people whose only crime was existing on their own land? Did you prevent another mass extermination of human beings? Or will you remain quiet in this critical moment, and carry the burden of silence on your consciousness for the rest of your life? The choice is yours, and I hope you make the right one.

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Council Meeting Date 11/01/2023

Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Cinthya Gonzalez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The city council of Richmond has already passed a resolution supporting Palestine and condemning the horrible war crimes committed by Israel. This week savethechildren.org reported more children have died in Gaza in the past 3 days than the total amount of children that have died annually in any war zone in the past 5 years. Israel is not doing this alone. Israel is committing genocide on the Palestinian people with the financial support of the United States. Not only have our politicians been funding a genocide in Palestine for the past 75 years, but they have been funding this genocide while telling the American people there is no money for healthcare, affordable housing, and education. This should not be the case but it is going to take overwhelming pressure from the American people, including politicians, to stop congress and president from continuing to fund a genocide. Please stand on the right side of history by passing a resolution denouncing these atrocities. Thank you.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Hugo Gonzalez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Item # Oral Communication

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine, pass a ceasefire

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Irish Alminar

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jacqueline Huff

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This is an important stance to show your humanity. Pass this to support a resolution that allows aid and A CEASEFIRE TO HAPPEN.

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Item # Oral Communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jade Brant

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

We cannot support the entities that are only escalating the number of innocent lives taken, we cannot sit back and watch while families are experiencing unbearable conditions and death at the hands of those in power. We claim to have learned these lessons and now is our time to show it. PEACE AND POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Jasper Anda

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Palestinians have been living in occupation for the past 75+ years enduring the loss of their land, stripping of its resources, and demolition of their homes while being subjected to violent attacks by the Israeli occupation forces across Palestine. In the past 3 weeks, Israel has unleashed its most brutal assault on the civilians of Gaza, killing over 6,000 Palestinians, with over 2,500 of them being children. Israeli occupation forces have been targeting residential neighborhoods, evacuating civilian convoys, emergency aid vehicles, and most recently a hospital and church. Israel has barred the entrance of water, food, and fuel and blocked aid going into Gaza for the past 3 weeks while simultaneously dropping over 6,000 bombs on Palestinian civilians, half of whom are children under the age of 18. These acts are war crimes under international law. As the news of the loss of life of Palestinians and Israelis unfolds, we must be clear: this is the direct result of decades of Israeli occupation and apartheid over millions of Palestinians. More munitions and weapons to the Israeli military will only fuel violence. Since this latest escalation of violence began, Israeli government officials, including Prime Minister Netanyahu, have openly declared their intent to wreak devastation on Gaza. In spite of this, the Biden administration has already begun sending more military support to the Israeli government, and it is expected to include munitions for fighter jets and other weapons. Sending weapons and military support to the Israeli government when its leaders are publicly stating their violent intentions is knowingly facilitating collective punishment and war crimes. The U.S. already sends \$3.8 billion in unconditional military funding to the Israeli military every single year, and this support for Israel's systematic oppression of Palestinians and total impunity for Israel's war crimes helped pave the path for the violence of this moment.

The U.S. must focus on a political solution and de-escalation, not fuel violence by sending the Israeli military more weapons. U.S. complicity in Israel's occupation, blockade, and apartheid must end.

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Item # ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Joe Masso

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This issue is personal to as a Palestinian American and a resident in Escondido. Despite the narrative in the mainstream outlets Israel is currently engaged in and has been for decades a war of collective punishment against the Palestinian people, not just against Hamas. Despite the narrative of Israel defending itself, they are currently engaged in a military campaign that involves flatting the entire Gaza Strip into a pile of rubble and leave the people of Gaza with no food, water, electricity, or medicine in words the Israeli defense minister. While it is easy and justified to condemn the actions of Hamas, we must not forget the power dynamic. It is the Israeli government that has sanction the removal of Palestinians out of their homes. it is the Israeli government who has turned the Gaza Strip into an open air prison, it is the Israeli government that has built settlements in the West Bank (which are considered illegal by every legal body on this Earth including the Israeli Supreme Court), it is the Israeli government who created Hamas itself to delegitimize moderate and secular Palestinian groups, it is the Israeli government who knee capes the Palestinian Authority from being an effective governing body. It is the Israeli government who has made Palestinians into second-class citizens. Before anyone says they are some Arabs who have citizenship in Israel. First, not all Arabs are Palestinians. Second, just as how some Arabs have citizenship and voting rights. I'm sure there were a few black people in the South in the 1950s and 1960s who has full citizenship and voting rights. Yes, I am equating Israeli State and the Jim Crow South. If Arabs do enjoy the same protections how come my uncle is filing a lawsuit for discrimination and has do it as an American citizen, not the citizenship he gets from Israel.

While I am fully aware this city council would only be able to make a statement. This statement would be powerful and would send a message to leaders in Washington and other local governments to consider doing the same. The city of Richmond has done it already it is Escondido's turn.

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Item # Oral communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Leslie Gonzalez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

We need to stand up to the events currently happening and not just pretend nothing is going on.

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Item # Oral Comnunication

Subject Solaridad con palestina

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Melinda

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

We are with Palestine. Youguys are elected officials that are suppose to be representing the people not your own self-interest. I ask that each of you consider how much suffering this awful war is causing, children suffering. I ask you to not include the city of Escondido to participate in this evil act of cruelty. Free Palestine!!!! I have lived here in the North county for nearly all of my life. That is good enough to include me as if I was a resident of Escondido.

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Passing a Resolution to Support Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Sarah Brown

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The Israeli government has declared a genocidal war on Palestinians in Gaza.

Israeli officials are openly planning to open "the gates of hell" on Gaza, referring to the 2 million Palestinians trapped inside as "human animals." I studied genocides in my Master's Program at the University of San Diego's Kroc School of Peace & Justice but you don't need a degree to be able to see that a genocide is already underway.

The Israeli government has shut off all electricity to Gaza. Hospitals cannot save lives, Gazans do not have access to the internet or social media, and do not have access to phones to communicate with the outside world. Gaza is being plunged into darkness as Israel turns its neighborhoods to rubble.

Israel has openly stated an intention to commit mass atrocities and even genocide, with Prime Minister Netanyahu saying the Israeli response will "reverberate for generations." All with the full throated support of the U.S.

It is absolutely urgent that we demand a de-escalation and call for a ceasefire, and demand that humanitarian assistance be allowed into the Gaza Strip. We must also not exacerbate and fuel violence by further arming the Israeli government as it commits mass atrocities. The Gazan death toll of recent weeks is estimated to be at least 8,000 yet it could be even higher, as they haven't counted everyone under the rubble. It will be higher still by the time this is over. We need to act before it is too late; There is only one way to end this and that is to address the root cause of everything happening: 75 years of Israeli military occupation and apartheid, and U.S. complicity.

As a resident of Escondido I would like to ask that we pass a resolution in support of Palestinians before it is too late.

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Suhail Virgen

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Item # Oral communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Tiffany Gonzalez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

The city council of Richmond has already passed a resolution supporting Palestine and condemning the horrible war crimes committed by Israel. I urge the city of Escondido to please do the same. This week savethechildren.org reported more children have died in Gaza in the past 3 days than the total amount of children that have died annually in any war zone in the past 5 years. Israel is not doing this alone. Israel is committing genocide on the Palestinian people with the financial support of the United States. Not only have our politicians been funding a genocide in Palestine for the past 75 years, but they have been funding this genocide while telling the American people there is no money for healthcare, affordable housing, and education. This should not be the case, but it is going to take overwhelming pressure from the American people, including politicians, to stop congress and the president from continuing to fund a genocide. Please stand on the right side of history by passing a resolution denouncing these atrocities. Thank you.

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Item # Oral Communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Leslie Ellsworth

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

We as a community need to make it clear, that Escondido supports the people of Palestine. What is happening in Palestine right now is a genocide, we at Escondido should never stand for those committing these genocidal acts. Lives are being taken by the day, we need to show our support in the liberation of Palestine.

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Item # Oral communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Max Yang

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

People of Escondido cannot stay silent about the genocide and destruction of palestine. We cannot take part in history repeating this bloody mess. Though our officials have failed us so many times and have stood complacent in avenging the deaths of children and people in school shootings, and many other things, we SHOULD NOT continue to fail out people in Palestine. Please. Do not stay complacent. If we were getting mass murdered, wouldn't we want people to go as hard for freedom and justice as we should for them? It's our duty to do so. By principle. Do the work and protect people as if our own. One people. The same.

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Item # Orap Communications

Subject Pass a resolution supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Chad Adapon

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Our tax dollars that could be going to support the livelihood of Escondido citizens are instead going to support a genocidal ethnostate that is Israel. Stand with your community members and demilitarize by calling for ceasefire. Avoid war and support your community.

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Item # Oral Communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Eliana Pelayo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

It is despicable to know that the US (among other countries) is still involved in colonialism after destroying so many tribes and other ethnic groups that reside here in North America. We can even look beyond our borders to see this pattern of violence that the US utilizes to displace people who just want to live in peace. The violence needs to stop. We the people demand a ceasefire for the Palestinians who are living through hell watching their home and people crumble to rubble. The people of Palestine have been subjected to displacement and violence for over 75 years. Enough is enough. The people of Palestine need our support more than ever. We need to amplify their voices as they are being drowned by the lies and censorship of Israel. Moreover, our money speaks louder than our voices in the US so we need to collectively boycott companies and brands that are funding this war and military. From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

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Item # Oral Communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Melinda Yang

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please help make our voices heard - we do not consent to the U.S. funding Israel's genocide of the Palestinian people. Over the past few weeks, the Palestinians have fought hard for their lives, and they're still fighting just to live. As an Asian American whose family fled during wartime, and as a U.S. citizen who has given tens of thousands of dollars in taxes to the government, I do not consent to the U.S. abusing their power as an active agent of terror. Palestinians must be free.

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Item # Oral Communications

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Position In Favor

First and Last Name Daisy Olivarez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I support the liberation of Palestine and their right to life. Israel is committing a genocide against the Palestinian people. Please pass a resolution supporting Palestine and condemn Israel's war crimes.

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pass a Resolution Supporting Palestine

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Maria Olivarez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Stop the genocide. Cease-fire NOW!

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Item # #6 "PLEASE READ ALOUD"

Subject Eastwood Meadows MHP Public Rent Review Hearing

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name David Martin

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is David Martin. My mother & I moved into our Eastwood Meadows HOME Jan. 1981. This 2023 Rent Review Public Hearing reminds all of us that these

Eastwood Meadows MHP Business Owners have not responded to our Health & Safety concerns many times. In the 1990s a Court Case for improper rent

increases and many code violations was won by me and my neighbors against the Eastwood Meadows business owners, Casenhiser & Jacobson [CEJ]. Also, our

HOA found then several times in our Rent Review Hearings where the Business expenses were submitted twice with the same costs that were paid.

During this 2023 Hearing the expert auditor RSG has found unsupported \$547,365 adjustments that had to be deducted. When some were again duplicated

expenses submitted to the City. [on STAFF C-6 attach "5" page 232 of 542] It appears to us that the Eastwood Business is still up to their same accounting tricks.

I now ask that Council Member Joe Garcia recuse himself from this 2023 City Council public decision because of the hostility that all of the Residents from both my and his MH Park receive from these same Business Owners. A Rent Review quorum is 3 City Council Members.

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Item # Rev #1 #6 "Please READ ALOUD"

Subject Eastwood Meadows MHP Rent Review Hearing

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Bob Wise

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My name is Bob. The HOMEOWNER residents of Eastwood Meadows Mobile Home Community are concerned that they are NOT getting all of the services that

they are now paying for. So why should they pay to help the Business Owners pay for ANY increase in Property Taxes at \$34 per month? That provision of

our 1988 Prop K Law is not fair to all of us . Also California Real Estate Law requires ALL HOA's to have a Reserve Fund for repairs & Capital Projects .

HERE the City of Escondido allows a full 100% BACK-CHARGE to the HomeOwner Residents? Why NOT only 50% repayment to a Business that gets an income Tax write-off on it?

The \$199,0000+ road repaving adds to the value of the land , which is a business asset , not for the HOMEOWNERS to pay \$11.57 a month to help the Business Owners increase their 45% profit margin .

The HOMEOWNER Residents say they are not getting value: #1 The swim pool is not open during the hours -OR- months that are promised to them!

#2 The Eastwood Meadows On-Site Business Office is NOT OPEN 5-days [daily] 7:30 am to NOON!
#3 Many maintenance issues go on too long, because a Maintenance Man is NOT on-site 5-days a week

We all certainly hope that these Business Owner(s) are not ALSO hostile and angry after this Public Hearing Decision , toward the City Council Member , Joe Garcia , who is also a HOMEOWNER RESIDENT at their other Mobile Home Community .