

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Somerville City Council affirms the right of all Palestinian civilians and Israeli civilians to live in peace; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Somerville City Council supports an enduring ceasefire ~~and/or any means to support long-lasting peace~~, the provision of life-saving humanitarian aid in Gaza, and the release of all hostages, ~~detainees and political prisoners on all sides~~; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Somerville City Council recognizes Israel's right to defend itself within the bounds of international law, and condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas on October 7th;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Somerville City Council condemns antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, ~~anti-Israeli~~, anti-Arab, Islamophobic, and all xenophobic rhetoric and attacks; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Somerville City Council urges the Biden Administration, Senate and Congress to work towards an enduring ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and the release of all hostages, ~~detainees and political prisoners~~; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of our federal delegation and to President Biden, urging them to use their position to enact a sustained ceasefire.