

The People's Ceasefire Resolution

written by the New Orleans Ceasefire Coalition

WHEREAS, the people of New Orleans recognize that all human life is precious and that the targeting of any civilian under any circumstance is a violation of international human rights law; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans has a longstanding tradition of being a welcoming city for refugees and understanding the challenges faced by those displaced by conflict and disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans proudly led the international charge against South African Apartheid in the 1980s and is pushed to take action given the ICJ ruling confirming apartheid against Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, more than 40,000 Palestinians have been killed, 1.7 million people are internally displaced, and 1.1 million face catastrophic levels of food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of New Orleans have been protesting for freedom for the Palestinian people for more than nine months, and have been met with attempts to suppress their freedom of speech including arrests by the Louisiana State Police, New Orleans Police Department, and the Port of New Orleans' Harbor Police Department; and

WHEREAS, between October 2023 and May 2024, large quantities of weapons have been supplied by the United States to Israel through the Port of New Orleans, including 400 tanks, 6,007,271 rounds of ammunition, 82,508 drones, 32,830 firearms, and 51,265 rocket launchers, flamethrowers, grenade launchers, and torpedo tubes; and

WHEREAS, to date, over 172 U.S. cities, including Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlottesville, St. Louis, Detroit, and Durham, have adopted resolutions urgently calling for a ceasefire in Israel and Palestine; and

WHEREAS, the billions spent in United States funding for this conflict could be allocated toward mitigating crises in our community, including the need for affordable housing, public health services, job training, revitalization of infrastructure, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic and appropriations powers to save Palestinian lives and a responsibility to protect U.S. Citizens' rights abroad, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or political opinion.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of New Orleans calls for an end to the genocide in Gaza and specifically joins the call for U.S. gov't action to effect:

1. an immediate, unconditional, permanent, and enforceable ceasefire in Gaza; and
2. the immediate end to arms transfers to the Israeli military, especially through the Port of New Orleans; and
3. the immediate and unconditional exchange of prisoners, including the 3,300+ Palestinian prisoners currently held by Israel on "administrative detention" without charge or trial; and
4. Israel's immediate compliance with international humanitarian law, including allowances for the safe, unrestricted entry and distribution of humanitarian aid, fuel, water, and medical assistance into Gaza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of New Orleans calls for the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem to

1. to demand that Israel drop all charges against U.S. Citizen Samaher Esmail; and
2. Investigate the murder of 17-year-old U.S. Citizen Tawfic Abdeljabbar by a member of the Israeli forces; and
3. take additional measures to safeguard the rights of U.S. citizens and the rights of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of New Orleans condemns the deployment of Louisiana State Police Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team against student protestors on May 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of New Orleans asks the bodies' staff to quickly forward copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the U.S. State Department, Congressional Delegation, and the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem.

Signed by,

Organizational Endorsements

New Orleans Renters Rights Assembly
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights
New Orleans City Workers Organizing Committee (NOCWOC)
Louisiana National Lawyers Guild
Masjid Omar
Masjid Abu Bakr
Masjid-ur-Rahim
Masjid Yaseen
Slidell Masjid Al-Islam
Uptown Masjid al-Rahma
The Islamic Center
Midcity Zen
University of New Orleans Muslim Students Association
Loyola University Muslim Students Association
National Lawyers Guild at Tulane Law
Muslims for Just Futures
Southerners on New Ground (NOLA)
VAYLA New Orleans
Louisiana Interfaith for Human Rights
Justice and Beyond
Dancing Grounds
Sunrise Movement New Orleans
El Pueblo NOLA - NOLA Village
Queer and Trans Community Action Project (QTCAP)
Unión Migrante
Bloco Sereia
First Grace Community Alliance
European Dissent New Orleans
RISE Collective
Louisiana Just Recovery Network
Imagine Water Works
New Orleans for Community Oversight of the Police
VOTE (Voice of the Experienced)
Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) - New Orleans
The Islamic Shura Council of Greater New Orleans
Free Congo NOLA
Sugar Cloud Collective
Seraphic Spirit of Mary
The Bourbon Alliance of Responsible Entertainers (BARE NOLA)
Savage Daughters
GulfRoots Collective
Patois Film Festival
Eyes on Surveillance NOLA
Fight Covid NOLA
Feminist Alliance of Students at Tulane
NOLA Freedom Forum
Palestinian Youth Movement New Orleans
New Orleans Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
Loyola University New Orleans Students for Democratic Society
Tulane Students for a Democratic Society
Party for Socialism and Liberation - Louisiana

Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO) - New Orleans
New Orleans Stop Helping Israel's Ports (NOSHIP)
Healthcare Workers for Palestine
Freedom Theatre Bulbancha
Palestine Film Day
Dillard University for Palestine
New Orleans Musicians for Palestine
West Bank Muslim Association (Masjid Omar)
Jewish Voice for Peace - New Orleans

Business Owners & Businesses

Malek Abdeljabbar, *Owner of Athlete's Foot and Cousin of the martyr, Tawfic Abdeljabbar*
Mohammad Alkurd, *Owner of MoMunchies, LLC and family member of 200+ People Murdered by IDF in Gaza*
Mason Hereford, *Owner, Turkey and the Wolf, Hot Stuff, Molly's Rise and Shine*
DJ Johnson, *Owner, Baldwin & Co.*
Chuck Perkins, *Owner of Cafe Istanbul*
Marlon "Chicken" Williams, *Owner, Chicken's Kitchen*
Charles Carey, *Owner of Espiritu Mezcaleria*
Quest Riggs, *Co-Owner of Pagoda Cafe*
Andrew Stephens, *Owner of SPORTS DRINK*
Chad Barlow, *Owner, Original Slap Burger LLC*
Cherie White, *Owner, Bellinaloo Coffee, LLC*
Owen Ryan, *Owner & Chef, Catawampus*
Angela Jackson, *Owner, Mojo Coffee House*
Liz Shephard, *CEO, LifeCity*
Jennifer Whitney, *Owner, Vitality Natural Health Center*
Nicole Caridad Ralston, *Founder & CEO, Caridad Consulting*
Cherie White, *Bellinaloo Coffee, LLC*
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Nael Elabed, *Owner, Inhibit, LLC & House of Beauty, LLC*
Sarah LaForte, *Member of Nola DIY community*
Motaz Ahmad, *Owner, Taz Smoke Shop*
Lily Keber, *Filmmaker/Owner, Mairzy Doats Production*
Ryan Scully, *Owner, BJ's Lounge*
Cindy Wood & Chris Songy, *Owners, Vaughan's Lounge*
De'Auan McClaine, *LifeCity L3C*
Carrie Moulder, *Business Owner*
Voice Monet, *Owner/Operator Flippin Birds LLC*
Mary Jacobs, *Owner of Vitality Community Fitness & Mary's Rack*
Mehwish Issa, *Mental Health Therapist and Owner of Issa Counseling*
Kate Iberg, *Healing Nature Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine, Founder*
Dena Borman, *Owner, Yoga With Dena LLC*
Remy Diamond, *Owner, C'Mere, Marie's Little Athletes*
Sam Crewdson, *Owner, Taxed Co.*
Haley Saucier, *Owner of Planchette Group and Espiritu Mezcaleria, Small Business Owner and Restaurateur*
Athlete's Foot St. Claude
Baldwin & Co.
Beauty Kingdom
Beauty Palace
Beauty Corner
Chicken's Kitchen
Denali
Culture, Men's Clothing Store
Fashion & More

Wireless Depot, LLC
Wireless General #2, LLC
Wireless General #3, LLC
Wireless General #4, LLC
Northbroad Wireless, LLC
American Fashions
Elite Sports
Mona's Cafe
Bullard Wireless, LLC
Gretna Wireless, LLC
Rahm Haus
Orleans Market Center
Santiago Inc.
HEY! Coffee Co.
Cottage Magick
Cafe Istanbul
Inhibit, LLC
House of Beauty 2, LLC
Vaughan's Lounge
Mairzy Doats Production
BJ's Lounge
The Broad Theater
Addis Nola
Schoen Sound LLC
Vitality Community Fitness
Issa Counseling Services LLC
C'Mere LLC
Miriam Eisenstat Therapy
Crowder Center
Healing Nature Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine
Lowpoint, Coffee Shop
All Ways Supported Birth Services
Miss Anne's Maypop Herb Shop
Denim DEN
Vitality Natural Health Center

276 New Orleans Residents