

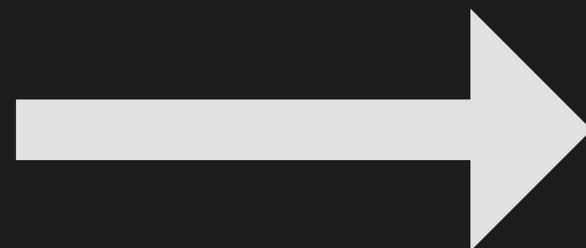
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NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL

"STATEMENT FOR PEACE"

RESPONSE BY THE CEASEFIRE

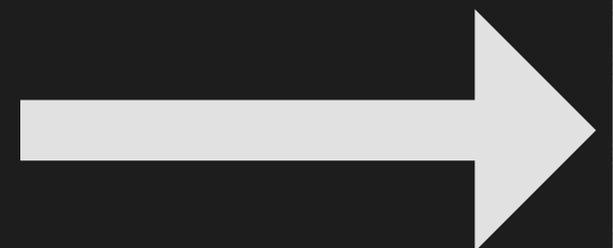
COALITION



IN RECENT DAYS, OUR COALITION HAS
BEEN MADE AWARE OF A "**STATEMENT
FOR PEACE**" DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL
LEADERS AND INSTITUTIONS AND
**SIGNED BY EVERY MEMBER OF THE NEW
ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL.**

**WE CONSIDER THIS
STATEMENT **INSIDIOUS** IN
ITS LANGUAGE AND FIRMLY
REJECT IT.**

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT
TOGETHER



WRITTEN WITHOUT CONSULTING PALESTINIANS

Statement for Peace

As the world witnesses the conflict in Gaza and Israel, New Orleans prays for peace.

When violence spills over into our country, with extremist attacks on Jewish, Muslim, and Arab communities, New Orleans stands firm: not here.

**SINCE FEBRUARY 2024, EVERY SINGLE
COUNCILMEMBER OR A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR OFFICE
HAS HAD PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH
PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS IN THEIR
OWN DISTRICTS TO DISCUSS A
CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION.**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY ZIONIST FEDERATION

Statement for Peace NOLA

The following statement addresses the conflict in Gaza and Israel and its impact on our local community. We, the undersigned, call for unity and peace both internationally and here at home in New Orleans.

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MEANWHILE, TO DRAFT THIS STATEMENT,
THE COUNCIL INVOLVED **LOCAL ZIONIST
INSTITUTIONS ONLY.**

BY DOING THIS, THE COUNCIL HAS
SHOWN COMPLETE DISRESPECT TO THEIR
CONSTITUENTS, ESPECIALLY
PALESTINIANS.

ENDORSES U.S. COMPLICITY

THE STATEMENT NEGATES THE BASIC PURPOSE OF A LOCAL CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION - TO PRESSURE THE WHITE HOUSE, THE U.S. SENATE, AND CONGRESS TO CHANGE COURSE ON THEIR SUPPORT OF ISRAEL'S GENOCIDE.

We support the diplomatic efforts by the United States for a negotiated ceasefire, including the release of all hostages, and emphasize that far too many lives have been lost. Whether it is here on the streets of New Orleans or across the world, our deepest and most sacred value is to protect life and resolve our differences peacefully through democratic means. Calls for violence and conflict in New Orleans are contrary to the values of our community and our commitment to preserving lives.

WHILE 172 CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE ISSUED **RESOLUTIONS** CALLING FOR A **PERMANENT CEASEFIRE** IN GAZA AND **ENDING ALL MILITARY AID** TO ISRAEL, OUR CITY COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ASKS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF **FACILITATING GENOCIDE IN GAZA.**

NO PERMANENT CEASEFIRE

**THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS
PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
ABSENCE OF A CEASEFIRE, AND THE
CONTINUATION OF THIS GENOCIDE
FOR 9 MONTHS, BY ARMING AND
FUNDING THE ISRAELI STATE
APPARATUS.**

**THIS IS OPPOSITE TO WHAT
WE WANT IN A CEASEFIRE
RESOLUTION.**

IMPLICIT MISINFORMATION ABOUT PROTESTS

NOT ONLY DID THIS STATEMENT NOT INVOLVE THE VOICE OR OPINION OF PRO-PALESTINE ACTIVISTS, BUT IT ALSO **PAINTS PROTESTORS AND ACTIVISTS AS VIOLENT, UNDEMOCRATIC, AND CONFLICT-DRIVEN AGITATORS.**

Whether it is **here on the streets of New Orleans** or across the world, our deepest and most sacred value is to protect life and **resolve our differences peacefully through democratic means.** **Calls for violence and conflict in New Orleans** are contrary to the values of our community and our commitment to preserving lives.

THE ONLY VIOLENCE EXHIBITED IN THIS MOVEMENT SINCE OCTOBER 2023 IS THAT ENACTED BY THE STATE POLICE, THE TULANE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE NOPD, THE HARBOR POLICE, AND THE TULANE ADMINISTRATION AGAINST PROTESTORS AND ACTIVISTS - WHICH THIS CITY COUNCIL HAS CATEGORICALLY REFUSED TO CONDEMN.

IGNORING THEIR CONSTITUENTS

We hope this email finds you well. In advance of next week's council meeting, we wanted to check in about the status of the ceasefire resolution.

**MOREOVER, PRO-PALESTINE ACTIVISTS
HAVE CONSISTENTLY UTILIZED LEGAL AND
DEMOCRATIC MEANS FOR OVER SIX
MONTHS.**

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet again and discuss the language of a resolution

**ORGANIZERS USED EMAIL CAMPAIGNS,
PUBLIC COMMENTS, CALL-INS, TESTIMONY
AT THE STATE CAPITOL, PRIVATE MEETINGS
WITH CITY OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS
LEADERS, AND LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLAINTS IN ORDER TO BE HEARD.**

Our organizations would like to support you in this effort

**INSTEAD, THE CITY COUNCIL IGNORED US AT
BEST, AND ACTIVELY REPRESSED US AT
WORST. NOW, THEY PRESENT THIS
"STATEMENT FOR PEACE" BEHIND OUR
BACKS.**

A "NOTHING BURGER" MEANT TO SILENCE US

We encourage all residents to show compassion and empathy during these difficult times. New Orleans is a diverse and loving city that comes together in tough times, and we are so much stronger for it. Together, we stand united in our determination to keep New Orleans peaceful and all its residents **safe**.

We pray for **peace** abroad and **at home**.

NEW ORLEANS IS NOT UNSAFE DUE TO THOSE OF US WHO ARE FIGHTING AGAINST U.S. AND LOCAL SUPPORT OF THE GENOCIDE IN GAZA.

THIS STATEMENT, THOUGH HAVING VAGUE AND BROAD LANGUAGE, UNASSUMINGLY PORTRAYS PROTESTORS IN A NEGATIVE LIGHT AND SUPPORTS THE ACTIONS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS IT FUNDS AND ARMS THE ISRAELI MILITARY WHICH WAGES THE GENOCIDE IN GAZA.

MOREOVER, THIS STATEMENT NEVER ONCE MENTIONS PALESTINE.

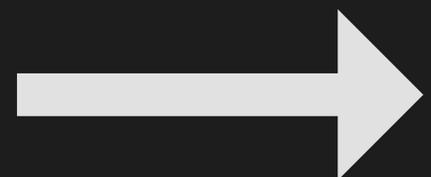
JOIN US IN FIRMLY REJECTING THIS STATEMENT

Signed (as of July 26, 2024).

Councilmember Helena Moreno, New Orleans City Council President
Councilmember Jean-Paul Morrell, New Orleans City Council Vice President
Councilmember Joseph I. Giarrusso, New Orleans City Council, District A
Councilmember Lesli Harris, New Orleans City Council, District B
Councilmember Freddie King III, New Orleans City Council, District C
Councilmember Eugene Green, New Orleans City Council, District D
Councilmember Oliver M. Thomas Jr., New Orleans City Council, District E

**TELL THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
THAT WE, THE PEOPLE AND THE
MOVEMENT, REJECT THIS INSIDIOUS
ATTEMPT TO SILENCE US AND
CATER TO ZIONIST POSITIONS.**

**IN THE MEANTIME, SIGN ONTO THE PEOPLE'S
RESOLUTION**



OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION DESERVES TO BE CONSULTED

OUR COALITION DRAFTED A RESOLUTION FOR CITY
COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OVER FOUR MONTHS
AGO.

OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION'S **MAIN POINTS:**

A. That the City of New Orleans call for an **end to the genocide in Gaza** and specifically join the call for **U.S. federal government** to effect:

1. an **immediate, unconditional, permanent, and enforceable ceasefire** in Gaza;
2. the immediate **end to arms transfers to the Israeli military**, especially through the **Port of New Orleans**;
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;
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;

B. That the City of New Orleans call for the **U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem** to:

1. Demand that Israel **drop all charges** against U.S. Citizen **Samaher Esmail**;
2. **Hold Israel accountable** for their murder of 17-year-old U.S. Citizen **Tawfic Abdeljabbar**;
3. Take additional measures to **safeguard the rights of U.S. citizens** and the rights of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories;

C. That the City of New Orleans **condemn attempts to suppress freedom of speech** in New Orleans and for sending a Louisiana State Police Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team against peaceful student encampment protestors on May 1, 2024.

IT IS TIME FOR US TO BE HEARD

**SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S
RESOLUTION AND TAKE
ACTION NOW!**

**CLICK THE LINK IN BIO
TO SHOW YOUR
INDIVIDUAL AND/OR
ORGANIZATIONAL
SUPPORT**

**JOIN US ON THURSDAY,
AUGUST 8 AT THE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING TO LET
THEM KNOW, IN PERSON,
THAT WE REJECT THEIR
"STATEMENT FOR PEACE"
AND DESERVE TO BE
HEARD!**

