

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2024

PACIFICA RESOLUTION FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

WHEREAS, the beautiful city of Pacifica, which means Peace, stands committed to the belief that all human life is precious in all communities and nations of the world regardless of national, ethnic, political, or religious affiliations or identities; and

WHEREAS, recent and ongoing armed violence and destruction have resulted in the tragic loss of thousands of lives of Palestinians and Israelis; and

WHEREAS, these brutal attacks have caused ongoing shock, trauma, grief, and fear to those directly experiencing them as well as to those watching the horrors unfold; and

WHEREAS, Islamophobia and anti-semitism have risen significantly across the United States and around the world with direct impact on communities, including Pacifica – from synagogues and mosques, to schools, universities, offices and wherever people gather; and

WHEREAS, the people in Gaza have been effectively cut off from basic life necessities, and most have been displaced multiple times, resulting in mass starvation and ongoing crisis; and

WHEREAS, the majority of nations in the UN have voted for a cease-fire resolution, and millions of people worldwide, including residents of Pacifica, have joined in peaceful actions since Oct. 7th to amplify the call for human rights, peace and justice; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that we are globally connected through our shared humanity and that our actions, however local, carry global implications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pacifica joins the calls from the growing number of cities across our country and the world for an immediate and lasting cease-fire in Gaza and Israel, the safe return of all hostages and detainees, immediate, unconditional provision of life-saving humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza and the initiations of reconciliation and a viable peace process for Israelis and Palestinians to create a better future for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on the 28th day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES, Councilmembers: *Beckmeyer, Bier, Bigsby, Boks, Vaterlaus*

NOES, Councilmembers: *n/a*

ABSENT, Councilmembers: *n/a*

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: *n/a*

Sue Vaterlaus
Sue Vaterlaus, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Coffey

Sarah Coffey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Kenyon

Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney