

A letter to our Federal Delegation, President Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

The City of Salem City Council and our residents share concerns about the ongoing conflict in Palestine. We urgently request your immediate action on this matter. It has now been over seven months and every day seems to bring increased violence to civilians in this atrocity. The human cost of this war has truly been staggering with thousands of innocent civilians and children's lives senselessly lost. The residents of Salem implore you to ceasefire.

Salem condemns all forms of hate including anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian sentiments. Salem values all lives, all ethnicities and all religions.

Targeting civilian populations is a violation of international law as are acts of violence meant to spread terror among civilian populations. Salem sides with peace and declares that all people including Israeli's, and Palestinians, are entitled to live in safety and free from violence. Through the attached resolution, the Salem City Council urges you to use all your powers to bring about a ceasefire, allow the swift delivery of humanitarian aid, the freeing of all hostages and to find a path to permanent peace.

Children, families - innocent civilians should never be targets of terrorism or acts of war. Please act urgently to end the violence now.

Sincerely,

Chris Hoy, Mayor