**Resolution In Support of an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza**

**WHEREAS** all human life is precious and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law;

**WHEREAS** between October 7 and December 30, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of [at least 21,672 Palestinians (approximately 40% of whom are children)](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/fighting-between-israeli-forces-hamas-rages-after-nearly-200-killed-gaza-2023-12-30/) and over 1,200 Israelis, with tens of thousands more wounded;

**WHEREAS** in response to the attack by Hamas on October 7, the Israeli military has imposed a siege -- following more than 16 years of military blockade -- on the Gaza Strip, depriving the 2.3 million Palestinian people in Gaza (nearly half of whom are children) of water, food, electricity and fuel;

**WHEREAS** as of November 1, the Israeli military admitted to having dropped 29,000 bombs on Gaza, with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimating that [at least 60 percent of housing units had been destroyed or damaged](https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-85) as of December 30.

**WHEREAS** hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk without an immediate long-term ceasefire, restoration of basic necessities, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid without delay to the Palestinian people;

**WHEREAS** the United States government and our elected leaders hold immense diplomatic power to prevent the further loss of Israeli and Palestinian lives;

**WHEREAS** the majority of the world and the majority of Americans support an immediate long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, and millions of people worldwide including from the 32nd LD have joined in peaceful protests since October 7 to amplify this call;

**WHEREAS** the 32nd LD Democrats have the ability to request that Washington State’s federal delegation call for an immediate long-term ceasefire to stop the violence, the safe return of all hostages, the delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people without delay in order to prevent the loss of hundreds of thousands more lives;

**WHEREAS** antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry have risen significantly in the Seattle area, across the United States, and around the world in the past three months, with direct impacts on our local communities – from synagogues and mosques to schools, homes, offices, and places where communities gather, as well as at protests and rallies;

**WHEREAS** all of these forms of bigotry, violence, and oppression serve to divide our communities and weaken our efforts to achieve collective safety, justice, and true multi-ethnic, multi-racial democracy here and everywhere;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 32nd LD Democrats condemn both the attack on October 7, 2023 by Hamas, and the Israeli military’s subsequent response on the 2.3 million Palestinian people living in Gaza (nearly half of whom are children).

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 32nd LD Democrats call on members of the Congressional delegation in Washington to support and sign-on to the “Ceasefire Now” resolution, [HR 786](https://www.congress.gov/118/bills/hres786/BILLS-118hres786ih.pdf), co-sponsored by Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, and to advocate more broadly for an immediate long-term ceasefire and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the 32nd LD Democrats affirm our commitment to combat antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, our support for the people of both Israel and Palestine to live in peace and security, and the right of all people to live, learn, work, play, pray, and engage in peaceful protest without threats, intimidation, violence, or death.

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