

1 [Calling for Sustained Ceasefire in Gaza, Humanitarian Aid, Release of Hostages, and
2 Condemning Antisemitic, Anti-Palestinian, and Islamophobic Rhetoric and Attacks]

3 **Resolution calling for a sustained ceasefire in Gaza, humanitarian aid, release of**
4 **hostages, and condemning antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, and Islamophobic rhetoric and**
5 **attacks.**

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7 WHEREAS, All human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians is a violation of
8 international humanitarian law; and

9 WHEREAS, Between October 7 and December 4, 2023, armed violence has claimed
10 the lives of at least 15,000 Palestinians and over 1,200 Israelis, and wounded thousands
11 more; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 1,700,000 Palestinians have been displaced from Gaza
13 since October 7, 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk in Gaza without a
15 sustained ceasefire and without massive humanitarian relief; and

16 WHEREAS, The lives of more than 137 remaining Israeli hostages in Gaza are also at
17 imminent risk; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Government currently provides substantial military
19 funding to Israel; and

20 WHEREAS, On October 26, 2023, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted
21 a resolution calling for an “immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce” between
22 Israeli forces and Hamas militants in Gaza, and various other international humanitarian
23 organizations have similarly called for a sustained ceasefire; and

24 WHEREAS, A growing number of cities around the country have called for a ceasefire;
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1 WHEREAS, A growing number of labor unions have recently called for a ceasefire,
2 including local unions in San Francisco that represent City workers, some of whom are
3 reporting higher instances of anti-Palestinian racism, Islamophobia, antisemitism, and
4 xenophobia as they perform their job duties; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 21, 2023, the Biden Administration announced an
6 agreement to a four-day pause in hostilities, the release of at least 50 Israeli hostages, and
7 the release of 150 Palestinian prisoners; and

8 WHEREAS, On November 24, 2023, the four-day pause in hostilities began, and was
9 extended two days on November 28, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, On November 27, 2023, the UN Secretary General issued a statement
11 urging that “[t]he dialogue that led to the agreement must continue, resulting in a full
12 humanitarian ceasefire, for the benefit of the people of Gaza, Israel and the wider region;” and

13 WHEREAS, The temporary pause ended on December 1, 2023, and was immediately
14 followed by aerial bombardment and rocket fire; and

15 WHEREAS, Many San Franciscans have deep connections to Israel, Gaza, and the
16 region, including family, friends, and loved ones there; and

17 WHEREAS, Following the brutal attack by Hamas militants on Israelis on October 7,
18 2023, San Francisco Israelis, Jews and others have experienced, and continue to experience,
19 shock, trauma, grief, and fear, compounded by rising antisemitism in our nation and our city;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Israel’s sustained and devastating military assault on Gaza since October
22 7th has caused San Francisco Palestinians, Muslims and others to experience, and continue
23 to experience, shock, trauma, grief, and fear, compounded by rising anti-Palestinian racism
24 and Islamophobia in our nation and our city; and

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1 WHEREAS, Antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, Islamophobic, and xenophobic rhetoric and
2 attacks are on the rise across the nation and in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls for a sustained
4 ceasefire, provision of life-saving humanitarian aid in Gaza, and the release of all hostages;
5 and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Biden
7 Administration and Congress to call for a ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and the release of all
8 hostages; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns
10 antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, Islamophobic, and all xenophobic rhetoric and attacks.

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