

1 October 7th attack with physical and psychological injuries, and the continuing pain for the
2 suffering of those who are being held hostage; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes the fear, anxiety, and grief of Palestinians,
5 Gazans, and Albany residents whose friends and loved ones have perished since October 7 or
6 have survived with physical and psychological injuries; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, millions of lives are at imminent risk from the continued hostilities and
9 due to a lack of food and medical care; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United
12 Nations, European Parliament, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for
13 International Development (USAID), the International Rescue Committee, the International
14 Court of Justice, and many others have made calls for an end to the hostilities in order to
15 prevent the further loss of civilian lives, allow entry of humanitarian aid, and comply with
16 international humanitarian law; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, our nation and our leaders are uniquely situated to help bring about a
19 peaceful end to the current violence.

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Albany condemns the
22 violence and hostility that occurred at the ceasefire protest on January 6th of this year; and

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24 **BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Albany condemns the recent rise in
25 Antisemitic, anti-Israeli, Islamophobic, anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian, racist, and xenophobic
26 hatred in our community and across the nation, including efforts to target, harass, and
27 intimidate students, journalists, community leaders, elected officials and others who have
28 spoken for what they believe in; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Albany reaffirms the right to peacefully gather and protest, and to do so without fear of intimidation, harassment or retribution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council does hereby urge our community to develop and participate in activities that foster tolerance, empathy, education, understanding of people of all backgrounds and religious faiths, and promote peaceful conflict resolution among all parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Albany joins other cities in calling for our national government to demand an immediate, unconditional and bilateral ceasefire in Gaza, unconditional release of all hostages and civilian prisoners, the unrestricted entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza, the full restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza, and negotiation of a permanent, just solution to the conflict that results in lasting prosperity for all by affirming all parties right to self-determination and peaceful coexistence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of U.S. Representative Barbara Lee, U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, Qatari Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, U.S. President Joe Biden, and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, as well as the leadership of both Israel and Gaza urging them to take immediate action to use their position and influence to negotiate an end to the violence in Gaza and Israel.



JOHN MIKI, MAYOR



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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 25th day of March, 2024, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Jordan, López, Tiedemann and Mayor Miki

NOES: none

ABSENT: Council Member Hansen-Romero

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

26th day of March, 2024.

Anne Hsu
CITY CLERK