

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R067

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY CONDEMNING THE RECENT ATTACKS ON ISRAEL AND STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL AND ITS PEOPLE, AND EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN FOR THE INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN GAZA

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a coordinated, unprovoked attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS, Hamas has fired thousands of rockets toward Israel's major population centers, breached Israel's borders, infiltrated Israeli communities and as of today has kidnapped over 200 civilians from numerous nations, killed more than 1,400 Israelis including babies, children, and the elderly, wounded over 3,000 more and committed the war crime of rape; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these casualties, it is reported as of today that thousands of innocent Palestinian civilians have been injured or killed; and

WHEREAS, we strongly acknowledge the pain and suffering that the civilians of Palestine are going through; and

WHEREAS, as of today, 33 Americans have been declared dead at the hands of Hamas, and 20 Americans have been kidnapped; and

WHEREAS, Hamas' stated mission is the destruction of Israel and murder of Jews; and

WHEREAS, this is the most significant attack on Israel since the Yom Kippur War, which was launched 50 years ago nearly to the day; and

WHEREAS, more than 360,000 reserve soldiers were called to defend the state of Israel, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that Israel was at war to defend itself; and

WHEREAS, as the war in Israel continues, many Jews around the world face a familiar threat: a surge in antisemitism.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Culver City unequivocally condemns Hamas for this deplorable and unprovoked attack on Israel.

SECTION 2. The City of Culver City stands in solidarity with the State of Israel and condemns this unprovoked attack by Hamas against Israel and its citizens, supports Israel's right to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism and calls on all parties to abide by international law.

SECTION 3. The City of Culver City unequivocally supports the right of the Jewish State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, with the full recognition of its borders and territory, and in accordance with United Nations Resolution 181, which was passed by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1947, calling for the partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states.

SECTION 4: The City of Culver City expresses deep concern for the innocent civilians in Gaza who themselves are victims of Hamas and are suffering the consequences of their terror campaign and urges that all measures are taken to limit harm to innocent civilians. The City also advocates for continued and increased access to humanitarian aid to the civilians in Gaza.

SECTION 5: The City of Culver City expresses our desire for peace in the region that will bring an end to the ceaseless cycles of violence and suffering among Israelis and Palestinians.

SECTION 6: The City of Culver City remains steadfast against all forms of antisemitism and hate in our community. APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 23rd day of October, 2023. ALBERT VERA, Mayor City of Culver City, California APPROVED AS TO FORM: ATTEST: HEATHER BAKER, City Attorney JEREMY/BOCCHINO, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)	SS
CITY OF CULVER CITY)	

Certification of Resolution No. 2023-R067

I, Jeremy Bocchino, City Clerk of the City of Culver City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council, which was held on the 23rd day of October 2023, at the Mike Balkman Council Chambers by the following vote:

AYES: Eriksson, O'Brien, Puza, Vera

NOES: None

ABSENT: McMorrin

ABSTAIN: None

Certified on this 23rd day of October 2023, at the City of Culver City.

Jeremy Bocchino, CMC, City Clerk

Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council
City of Culver City, State of California