

City Council  
February 7, 2024

## STAFF REPORT

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Bryan H. Montgomery, City Manager  
**Prepared by:** Bryan Montgomery, Executive Director  
**Subject:** **Resolution Amendment of Resolution 10411 calling for a peaceful resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict and condemning any and all acts of Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.**

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the amended Resolution No. 10411 and direct the City Clerk Administrator to replace the resolution adopted on December 20, 2023 with this amended version.

### SUMMARY:

On December 20, 2023 the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 10411. Direction was provided at the January 17, 2024 Council Meeting to bring back an amended resolution.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the December 20, 2023 Council Meeting, some members of the community expressed concern that the City Council was taking sides in an international conflict over which the City had no role or jurisdiction. It was stated by some that portions of the adopted resolution were offensive and did not adequately provide a balanced statement of the City Council's long-stated policy that all people should be free of discrimination; and, specific to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, that the violence stop and peace be achieved.

At the January 17, 2024 City Council Meeting, City Councilmembers stated that there was never an intent to offend or take sides on such a matter and staff was directed to bring back an amended resolution. The amended resolution was to be more clear that the City Council wasn't taking sides regarding the conflict, but that it would restate that the conflict should end peacefully and that **both** Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia are condemned.

Attached is a redlined version of Resolution No. 10411 that shows the proposed amendments to the resolution, and a clean version is also attached.

### ALTERNATIVES:

Not adopt the amended resolution.

### ATTACHMENTS:

[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 10411 Amended \(redline\)](#)

[Attachment 2 - Resolution No. 10411 Amended](#)



**RESOLUTION NO. 10411 (AMENDED)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO, CALIFORNIA  
~~CONDEMNING THE HAMAS TERRORIST ATTACKS IN ISRAEL,~~ CALLING  
FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT;  
AND CONDEMNING ANY AND ALL ACTS  
OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA.**

**WHEREAS,** on the 20th of December, 2023 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10411 and now desires to amend that resolution to now read as follows:

**WHEREAS,** ~~the City Council of the City of Indio unequivocally condemns the attacks by Hamas and any harm that falls~~ mourns the loss of innocent lives upon innocent civilians in Israel, in Palestine, and in the occupied territories. ~~This body~~ The City Council is committed to promoting peace, justice, and security for all people, regardless of their nationality or religion; and

**WHEREAS,** ~~just before 7:00 a.m. local time, a rocket attack perpetrated by the terrorist organization, Hamas, began to hit major cities including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Within the hour, Hamas fighters poured into Israeli territory. They ferociously targeted civilians, kidnapping, killing, and leaving a trail of terror. To date, thousands on both sides have been either killed or wounded; and~~

**WHEREAS,** ~~the attacks~~ the conflict in Israel, Palestine and the occupied territories have ~~has~~ impacted both Israeli Jews and Arabs, undermining the peaceful coexistence and harmony that must undergird any resolution to the ongoing political conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of denounces any war crimes committed during the Palestine-Israel conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** violence and terrorism ~~can never be~~ not justified as means to achieve political goals. Dialogue, negotiation, and peaceful resolutions are the only viable paths towards lasting peace and stability; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council supports the provision of water, food, fuel, humanitarian aid and essential healthcare for the citizens of Gaza; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council supports the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights, in its efforts to protect its citizens from acts of terrorism and ensure their safety and security; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges the suffering and loss experienced by innocent Palestinians in the ongoing conflict, and believes that a just and lasting peace can only be achieved through a negotiated settlement that respects the rights and national aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council affirms the inalienable human rights enshrined in our nation's constitution. It strongly believes that by ensuring these rights for all, a peaceful and just resolution to the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict can be achieved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Indio, California hereby amends Resolution 10411 and condemns the Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel and calls for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and condemns any and all acts of Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> day of December February 20243, by the following vote:

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LUPE RAMOS-AMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SABDI SANCHEZ, CITY CLERK ADMINISTRATOR

**RESOLUTION NO. 10411 (AMENDED)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO, CALIFORNIA  
CALLING FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE  
CONFLICT; AND CONDEMNING ANY AND ALL ACTS  
OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA.**

**WHEREAS**, on the 20th of December, 2023 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10411 and now desires to amend that resolution to now read as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Indio mourns the loss of innocent lives in Israel, in Palestine, and in the occupied territories. The City Council is committed to promoting peace, justice, and security for all people, regardless of their nationality or religion; and

**WHEREAS**, the conflict in Israel, Palestine and the occupied territories has impacted both Israeli Jews and Arabs, undermining the peaceful coexistence and harmony that must undergird any resolution to the ongoing political conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of denounces any war crimes committed during the Palestine-Israel conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, violence and terrorism are not justified as means to achieve political goals. Dialogue, negotiation, and peaceful resolutions are the only viable paths towards lasting peace and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports the provision of water, food, fuel, humanitarian aid and essential healthcare for the citizens of Gaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports the values of freedom, democracy, and human rights, in its efforts to protect its citizens from acts of terrorism and ensure their safety and security; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council acknowledges the suffering and loss experienced by innocent Palestinians in the ongoing conflict, and believes that a just and lasting peace can only be achieved through a negotiated settlement that respects the rights and national aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council affirms the inalienable human rights enshrined in our nation's constitution. It strongly believes that by ensuring these rights for all,

a peaceful and just resolution to the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict can be achieved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Indio, California hereby amends Resolution 10411 and calls for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and condemns any and all acts of Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, by the following vote:

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LUPE RAMOS-AMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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SABDI SANCHEZ, CITY CLERK ADMINISTRATOR