

HUMAN RIGHTS BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

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CALL FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA

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WHEREAS, 2024 is the 75th year following the adoption of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, (UDHR) by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR states in its first article that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights [as] they are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of [kinship]”; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR states in its fifth article that “no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment”; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR states in its sixth article that “everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law”; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR states in its ninth article that “no one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board, the governing body of the Office of Civil Rights, is committed to preserving, protecting, and promoting human rights and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque Human Rights Board recognizes the ongoing genocide of Palestinian people in Gaza which has cost the lives of over 23,000 people in the escalating conflict since the fall of 2023; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not achieved and if humanitarian aid is not delivered immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Human Rights Board recognizes the outcry of advocates and activists across the world including those within the city for an immediate ceasefire; and

27           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Albuquerque Human Rights  
28 Board, the governing body of the City’s Office of Civil Rights, that:

29           Section 1: The Albuquerque Human Rights Board calls for an immediate humanitarian  
30 cease-fire in Gaza by recommending all responsible parties:

- 31           A. Promote or facilitate negotiations for de-escalation and ceasefire immediately to halt  
32           current violence.
- 33           B. Provide humanitarian assistance to include fuel, water, food, medical supplies, and  
34           medical personnel into Gaza so as to alleviate suffering effectively and quickly.
- 35           C. Pause all military aid to Israel and call upon all allies of combatants to halt the shipment  
36           of weapons into the war zone.
- 37           D. Secure the release of civilians being held hostage or political prisoners being detained  
38           and allow foreign nationals freedom of movement.

39           Section 2: The Board recommends that the City of Albuquerque should also call for an  
40 immediate humanitarian cease-fire in Gaza by recommending that all responsible parties:

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48           and allow foreign nationals freedom of movement.

49 Section 3. The City of Albuquerque Office of Civil Rights shall publish this signed  
50 resolution on the Albuquerque Human Rights Board’s webpage alongside the minutes of the  
51 meeting during which this resolution was approved by a majority vote of the members of the  
52 Human Rights Board, within 72 hours of the signing of this document.

53 Section 4. At least one (1) representative of the Human Rights Board and at least one (1)  
54 staff member of the City of Albuquerque Office of Civil Rights or that of another office of the  
55 City’s Legal Department, are tasked with delivering and presenting this resolution to the City’s  
56 Chief Administrative Officer and a Member of Albuquerque City Council.

57 A) Notice of the completion of this delivery shall be sent to the Office of Equity & Inclusion  
58 Director via email, and a discussion of the meeting where this resolution was discussed  
59 shall be added to the agenda for the next Human Rights Board meeting where the agenda  
60 has yet to be published.

61 Section 5. If any section, paragraph, sentence clause, word, or phrase of this resolution is  
62 for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such  
63 decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Board  
64 hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section paragraph sentence  
65 clause word or phrase of this resolution irrespective of any provision being declared invalid or  
66 unenforceable.

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68 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024

69 BY A VOTE OF 4 FOR and 0 AGAINST

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71 Members Absent: Member Galvez-Trujillo, Vice Chair Champagne

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73 Members Voting Against: 0

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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE  
HUMAN RIGHTS BOARD

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Anami Dass

82 Chairperson of the Board

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Lisa Y. Schatz-Vance

89 Attorney for the Human Rights Board