

**PROCLAMATION FROM THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ON THE CONFLICT IN GAZA AND ISRAEL**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

*Whereas, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors are elected to represent our constituents and are mandated to address issues impacting their lives around social services, health care, mental health, transportation, education, public safety, and*

*Whereas, we are also elected leaders sworn to uphold the Constitution of the State of California, the United States of America, and be responsive to community concerns beyond our mandates, and*

*Whereas, our Board does not have an adopted policy concerning foreign policy issues, and*

*Whereas, we have heard loud concerns from some members of our communities to address the Israel-Hamas War triggered by the October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attack in Israel, and*

*Whereas, our Board's conversations about these topics with Alameda County communities will proceed with civility and respect and not tolerate any hate speech or the shouting at or down of other community members, and*

*Whereas, we do not condone or tolerate hate speech of any kind, we condemn antisemitism and islamophobia, and we take seriously our duty to ensure an inclusive community that must be safe for all, and*

*Whereas, the terrorist acts carried out by Hamas and its agents on October 7, 2023 were a tragedy and crime against humanity. The trauma from this day and the continuing pain being suffered must be acknowledged, dealt with, and all hostages taken must be returned, and*

*Whereas, the Israeli response to Hamas has been out of proportion leading to unimaginable suffering for innocent children and families. The humanitarian needs, suffering and trauma of the Palestinian people in Gaza must be prioritized with a cessation of hostilities, and*

*Whereas, it is essential for responsible leadership to emerge that rejects any tactics which escalate tensions and fosters an environment conducive to negotiations that leads all stakeholders onto a path of enduring peace and co-existence, and*

***THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, State of California does hereby recognize the value of all human life and urges national governments to prioritize peace and the preservation of life for all peoples everywhere.***

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