



Agenda Report

March 18, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE CITY POSITION RELATED THERETO

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council has requested background information to assist in determining whether and how to address the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Among the alternative approaches for consideration, after public comment, are the following:

- A. Not take any official position on the ongoing conflict in the Middle East; or
- B. Adopt a policy that the City will not take official positions on any non-local, political, or social issues; or
- C. Adopt a resolution taking an official position on the ongoing conflict in the Middle East; or
- D. Take any other action determined by the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 11, 2024, City Council meeting, public speakers raised concern about the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The speakers requested that the City Council adopt a Resolution calling for an immediate peaceful resolution. As a result, the Council voted to add this topic to its March 18, 2024 meeting agenda and requested staff to compile a list of existing Resolutions from other city governments.

To date, approximately 70 U.S. cities have passed Resolutions on topics related to the conflict in the Middle East. In California, some 20 cities have passed Resolutions or Proclamations. Please see Attachment A for the full list of U.S. cities, and Attachment B for copies of 61 Resolutions collected for review. Recently, the City of Claremont adopted a Resolution declaring that it would not take a position on non-local political issues after a public discussion on the conflict in the middle east. This Resolution is found in Attachment C. In addition, Councilmembers Rivas has developed a draft Resolution for the City

Council to consider. This is included in Attachment D. On March 22, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 9831 – *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena, California, Condemning Hate and Xenophobic Violence Against all Persons*. This Resolution is found in Attachment E.

Staff has compiled these materials to assist the City Council as it considers this important topic.

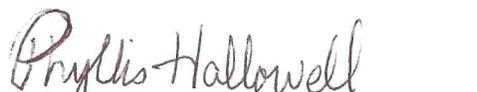
FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachments:

Attachment A – List of U.S. Cities that have Passed a Resolution

Attachment B – Copies of Existing Resolutions

Attachment C – Resolution Adopted by the City of Claremont

Attachment D – Proposed Resolutions by Councilmember Rivas

Attachment E - Resolution No. 9831 – *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena, California, Condemning Hate and Xenophobic Violence Against all Persons*