

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 23-0206R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Schleifer, President Mosby, Councilmembers Costello, Glover,  
Cohen, Conway  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**1                   Condemning the Hamas Terrorist Attack on October 7, 2023 and Antisemitism**

2           FOR the purpose of condemning the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel and standing in solidarity  
3           with the Jewish people in Israel, in Baltimore, and around the world to condemn antisemitism  
4           and genocide against the Jewish people.  
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**6                   Recitals**

7           The Baltimore City Council stands in solidarity with the Jewish community in Baltimore and  
8           all around the world in the aftermath of the horrific Hamas terrorist attack on Israel that killed  
9           and injured thousands of innocent civilians in the region, including the elderly, men, women, and  
10          children.

11          We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends who lost loved ones in this  
12          appalling tragedy.

13          Our message to the Jewish community is clear and unequivocal. You are in our hearts and  
14          you are on our minds. We join you in your mourning and stand with you during this sorrowful  
15          time.  
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17          This attack was fueled by the same anti-Jewish and religious hate and rhetoric that has led to  
18          violence against communities of color in their houses and communities of worship, including  
19          Sikhs practicing in their gurdwara of Oak Creek, Wisconsin and African Americans celebrating  
20          in Mother Emanuel AME Church in South Carolina. It is not mere coincidence that this most  
21          recent attack occurred on a Jewish holiday when synagogues were filled with people gathering  
22          for holiday prayers and observances.

23          This type of shameful violence is a consequence of dangerous rhetoric and policies  
24          perpetuated by reactionary ideologues. Whether it's by separating families through the Muslim  
25          Ban, taking children away from their families at America's border, or by dehumanizing refugees  
26          in Europe, individuals who amplify these messages and implement these policies are only  
27          enabling hate and future attacks in hate's name.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1        In the aftermath of this terrible and cowardly attack, the Baltimore City Council resolves  
2        itself once again to condemn hate speech and violence in every form and demands the return of  
3        all hostages being held in Gaza. Further, the Council calls on citizens across Baltimore to stand  
4        with us in solidarity with our Jewish neighbors, co-workers, and others to demonstrate that hate  
5        has no home in Baltimore City.

6        **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City  
7        Council condemns the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel and stands in solidarity with Jews in  
8        Israel, in Baltimore, and around the world to condemn anti-Jewish hate and fear.

9        **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the  
10       Mayor's legislative liaison.