CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 23-0207R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Porter, Burnett, Ramos, and Dorsey

Introduced: December 7, 2023

Adopted: No

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 2	Condemning the Hamas Terrorist Attack and Calling for Peace: Denouncing Antisemitism and Islamophobia
3	FOR the purpose of condemning the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel, standing in solidarity with
4	members of the Jewish and Islamic communities in Israel and Palestine who have been
5 6	victims of violence, condemning antisemitism, Islamophobia, and genocide, and calling for a long-term ceasefire in Israel and Palestine.
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9	The Baltimore City Council stands in solidarity with members of the Jewish and Islamic
10	communities in Baltimore and around the world in the aftermath of the horrific Hamas terrorist
11	attack and Israeli counterattack that have resulted in the deaths of nearly 1,200 Israeli and 16,000
12	Palestinian people since October 7, 2023.
13	Our message to our Jewish and Islamic community members is unwavering: you are our
14	community and we join you in your mourning and stand with you during this sorrowful time.
15	This type of violence is a consequence of dangerous rhetoric and policies perpetuated by
16	reactionary ideologues. Whether it is by separating families through the Muslim Ban, taking
17	children away from their families at America's border, or by dehumanizing refugees in Europe,
18	individuals who amplify these messages and implement these policies are only enabling hate and
19	future attacks in hate's name.
20	The City Council resolves itself to continue its condemnation of hate speech and violence in
21	every form. The City Council demands the return of all hostages being held in Gaza and Israel.
22	Further, the City Council calls for an immediate and long-term ceasefire in Israel and Palestine to
23	prevent further unnecessary bloodshed. We ask the citizens of Baltimore to stand with the City
24	Council in solidarity with our Jewish and Islamic neighbors to demonstrate that hate has no home
25	in Baltimore City.

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1	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City
2	Council condemns the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel, stands in solidarity with Jewish and
3	Islamic peoples in Israel and Palestine who have been victims of violence, condemns
4	antisemitism, Islamophobia, and genocide, and calls for a long-term ceasefire in Israel and
5	Palestine.

6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.