

Date: December 11, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Teresa Chandler, Deputy City Manager 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Updated Equity and Human Relations Commission Recommendations  
Concerning the Israel-Palestine War**

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On December 6, 2023, the Equity and Human Relations Commission (Commission) discussed the impact of the Israel-Palestine War on human relations and the Commission's recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding the same.

On December 8, 2023, the Commission met to approve a recommendation to submit a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council, including the elements discussed and approved by the Commission at the meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

The Commission hereby respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council take agendized action as soon as possible incorporating the following elements:

- 1) Acknowledge the humanitarian crisis in Gaza;
- 2) Adopt a local resolution in support of a lasting ceasefire;
- 3) Identify community education and supportive resources aligned with this topic; and
- 4) Continue to acknowledge and condemn anti-Semitism, anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian sentiments, and Islamophobia.

In addition to the above, the Commission also requests the Mayor and City Council work with the Office of Equity to identify local organizations that center Arab, Jewish, Palestinian, and Muslim experiences and voices to provide input in developing the local ceasefire statement.

As stated in Article 8, Section 2 of the Commission's bylaws, the Commission requests staff to transmit their recommendations to the Mayor and City Council with the following statement, and thus it is also being transmitted.

*The Commission kindly requests staff to transmit the written recommendation with the following message to the City Manager:*

- I. *A request to the City Manager that the Commission's recommendation to the City Council is transmitted to the City Council for its consideration within thirty (30) days or sooner after the recommendation is adopted and/or finalized; and,*
- II. *The original recommendation from the Commission is transmitted to the City Manager unaltered and if staff and/or the City Manager has a recommendation*

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*that is different from that of the Commission, the staff and/or City Manager recommendation is presented to the City Council separately for its consideration.*

If you would like any further information regarding this communication, please contact Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, at (562) 570-6656 or via email at [Alanah.Grant@longbeach.gov](mailto:Alanah.Grant@longbeach.gov).

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