



Statement of Irvine City Councilmember Larry Agran December 12, 2023

I join with people of good will here in Irvine and throughout the world in condemning the horrific mass violence of recent weeks that began with the October 7th Hamas terrorist attack on Israel in which 1200 men, women and children were brutally murdered and 239 hostages were taken. Days later, Israeli military forces began a full-scale attack on Gaza with massive aerial bombing that has, so far, taken the lives of more than 17,000 Palestinians, including more than 7,000 children; and reports so far put the number injured at nearly 50,000.

This mass violence — all of it — must stop right now!

I join with people of good will everywhere — again, here in Irvine, California and throughout the world — in calling for an immediate and sustained ceasefire which will do two things: First, it will permit the resumption of negotiations for the repatriation of all hostages taken October 7th; and, second, it will permit the provision of sustained humanitarian relief — food, water, shelter, clothing and medical and public health services — on a scale to match the magnitude of human suffering wrought by the mass violence that continues to shock us all.