Calling for Protection of Human Rights in Gaza and Israel

The Israeli Defense Forces and Hamas must follow international humanitarian law and protect human rights. International humanitarian law is clear that targeting or indiscriminately attacking civilians is prohibited, and parties must take precautions to protect civilian life. The United States has a critical role to play in urgently calling for the stabilization of the region and the protection of human rights.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Make a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need to take action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision(a); and

2. Approve and execute the attached Resolution calling for the protection of civilians in Gaza and Israel.

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GAZA AND ISRAEL

Whereas, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

Whereas, Israel has the right to defend itself but must take caution to protect civilian life and move towards de-escalation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles calls for the Israeli Defense Forces and Hamas to abide by humanitarian law in Gaza and Israel and to prioritize the protection of innocent Palestinian and Israeli civilians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles calls upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza.
The foregoing resolution was on the 17th day of October, 2023, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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