



Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve
Councilwoman Digna Cabral
Councilman Rafael Pineyro
Councilwoman Maureen Porras

From: Mayor Christi Fraga

Subject: **Supporting Peace and Security for Israelis and Palestinians**

Introduction

During the May 8, 2024 Doral City Council meeting, I sponsored Resolution 24-120 entitled 'Peace and Security for all Innocent Civilians in Israel and Palestine.' As the title reflects, my actions were well intended. However, the process followed and final wording of the resolution, which was unanimously approved by the City Council, was fundamentally flawed. The war and collateral damage suffered by Gazans can end now as soon as Hamas releases all hostages and surrenders unconditionally. This is a commonsense issue, not a matter of partisanship. It is a case of right versus wrong. In order to remedy the resolution our City Council adopted last week, I am sponsoring a replacement Resolution for your consideration which accurately portrays the current war in the Middle East and the sentiment of the City of Doral. I urge my colleagues to adopt this resolution unanimously.

Additionally at the May 21st Special council meeting we witnessed as members of the public who purported to be advocating peace and humanitarianism quickly turned to the use of antisemitic rhetoric. Many of these statements made at our council meeting included denials of the horrific terrorist attacks on October 7th by Hamas, the murder of babies, how women were raped; and the denial of the Jewish State of Israel's right to exist or defend itself. The comments aired at our last meeting make it morally imperative that we immediately condemn the hurtful display of antisemitism and national origin-based discrimination that was put before us. Doral is a place of tolerance and decency, and antisemitism and all other forms of hate are unwelcome in our city.

Recommendation

I am requesting your support in joining me in passing the amended version of Resolution No. 24-120 on August 14, 2024.