



# AGENDA REPORT

Mayor's Office

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| <b>DATE:</b>                    | October 24, 2023  |
| <b>TO:</b>                      | Members of the City Council   |
| <b>FROM:</b>                    | Mayor Martinez and Vice Mayor McLaughlin  |
| <b>Subject:</b>                 | Resolution Affirming Richmond's Support and Solidarity with the Palestinian People of Gaza  |
| <b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>        | None  |
| <b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b> | None  |
| <b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>  | Resolution affirming Richmond's solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza and condemnation of collective punishment and ethnic cleansing, while reaffirming the city's commitment to combating antisemitism, ethno-nationalism, and advocating for peaceful diplomacy and the dignity and safety of all communities. |
| <b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>      | APPROVE a Resolution affirming Richmond's solidarity with the Palestinian people in Gaza - Mayor's Office (Mayor Eduardo Martinez 510-620-6503) and Vice Mayor Gayle McLaughlin (510-620-6636).   |

## DISCUSSION:

Considering recent events, it's essential for Richmond's city council to reflect on our community's role in the broader global landscape and to stand in solidarity with oppressed people everywhere.

The UN Human Rights Council has expressed grave concerns about the treatment of the Palestinian People. Given this context and understanding the U.S.'s historical backing of Israel, Richmond should evaluate its stance. There are concerns about war crimes against Palestinians due to this support. The lessons from the Afghanistan and Iraq situations further emphasize the need for a measured response in international matters.

At the same time, Richmond acknowledges the importance of safety and dignity for the Jewish community. The city is committed to combating any form of antisemitism. Our discussions should focus on these issues, ensuring Richmond's actions are consistent with our commitments.

**DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – Resolution