



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 06, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Karen T. Diemer, City Manager

PREPARER: Karen T. Diemer, City Manager

DATE: February 29, 2024

TITLE: **Consider Resolution No. 234-36, A Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Arcata Calling for Peace in the Middle East.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council consider Resolution No. 234-36, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata Calling for Peace in the Middle East.

INTRODUCTION:

During the February 21, 2024, City Council meeting, after public comment the Mayor received input from at least three Councilmembers that there was interest in considering a resolution supporting peace in the Middle East. This sentiment was in part due to continued work in the community to bridge communication between individuals and groups with many perspectives on the war and their work to develop resolution language that would also seek to heal and not further divide the community over the Israeli-Hamas War.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

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Based on suggested resolutions that have been developed locally and many views expressed to the City Council over the past several months the attached Resolution is being presented to the City Council for consideration.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The City recognizes that this resolution is outside of the City of Arcata's direct jurisdiction and is outside of the normal purview. In light of that, the elected officials are using the platform provided by their office to advocate for measures that minimize violence and promote peace.

The resolution also acknowledges that Arcata has a longstanding history of supporting peace and diplomatic solutions to international conflicts.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):

N/A

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Draft Resolution No. 234-36 Calling for Peace in the Middle East (DOCX)