



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Merritt Perry, City Manager

PREPARER: Beth Redfern, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

DATE: September 17, 2025

TITLE: **Consider Adopting Resolution No. 256-07 Supporting Immediate Safe, and Unhindered Delivery of Humanitarian Aid to Gaza.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the council consider adopting Resolution No. 256-07 supporting immediate, safe, and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

INTRODUCTION:

This resolution expresses the City of Arcata’s support for urgent humanitarian assistance to Palestinian civilians affected by the crisis, with a particular focus on Gaza, where the United Nations (UN) warns there is now a narrow window to stop famine from spreading. According to UN Humanitarian updates, hundreds of thousands of civilians face catastrophic food insecurity, while aid delivery remains insufficient.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

- Humanitarian Context: UN agencies report that famine conditions have already been confirmed in Gaza Governorate, and are expected to spread in Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis if aid is not delivered at scale. More than 640,000 people are projected to face catastrophic food insecurity by late summer 2025.
- International Framework: The United Nations Security Council, in Resolution 2720 (2023), called for immediate, safe, and unhindered humanitarian access, and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) continues to release weekly situation reports documenting severe shortages of food, fuel, and medicine.
- Urgency of Action: On September 7, 2025, the UN publicly emphasized that time is short to stop famine spreading in Gaza, calling for expanded humanitarian corridors and immediate scaling-up of aid.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Arcata for adopting this resolution.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Consider adopting Resolution No. 256-07 supporting immediate, safe, and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 256-07