



Associated Students

Resolution 5

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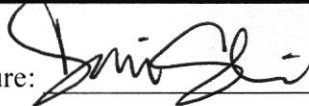
Subject: Humanitarian Ceasefire Resolution _____

Date: 23/05/2024

Whereas:	According to the news network, Al Jazeera the latest statistics on the 22nd of May at 4:00 PM in Gaza or (1:00 GMT), the Palestinian death toll since October 7 has reached at least 35,000 people with more than 15,000 of those being just children additionally, more than 80,000 have been injured and an additional 10,000 are missing. While the events of October 7 2023 are a horrific event that claimed over 1,200 Israeli lives in no way justifies the brutal campaign inflicted against the Palestinian people.
Whereas:	According to the holocaust museum genocide is an internationally recognized crime where acts are committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group. These acts fall into one of five categories including: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Killing members of the group2. Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group3. Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part4. Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group5. Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group The current conflict in Gaza has seen most if not all of these five directives enforced by the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) in an attempt to remove the Palestinian people from their homeland. While Hamas remains a terrorist

	organization it does not justify the brutal treatment of the innocent Palestinian people and the blatant ethnic genocide being perpetrated.
Whereas:	The United Nations reported in an article published on the 26th of March 2024 that “Rights expert finds ‘reasonable grounds’ genocide being committed in Gaza. These words were declared by the UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese on the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian Territories said on the same day the article was published. Under the genocide convention of 1948, the UN and its allies must stand vigilant and condemn genocide in any capacity. Despite the mandate, the United Nations has continued to support the IDF mission while also supporting their own interest despite the brutal consequences faced by the Palestinian people daily as a result of this inaction. In this capacity, higher education must call out such hypocrisy and hold our institution to the values it proclaims. We must not forget about past tragedies and recognize the importance of the 1948 treaty upholding the weight of those lost to genocide.
Whereas:	Seventy cities and counting have implemented a ceasefire resolution including but not limited to Pomona, Montebello, La Puente, El Monte, Alhambra, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Pasadena, Long Beach, Santa Ana, Oakland, and San Francisco with many more in the process. A Ceasefire resolution is supported by our governor Gavin Newsom. By contributing, Mt.San Antonio College will continue to be a leading voice in the development of a more equitable and peaceful world. The campus would not only align itself with the voice of student demonstrators on campus but also the overall view of college students around the world in the call for a ceasefire and peace talks.
Whereas:	Associated Students is a body of government that represents Mt. SAC’s student voices. Of our various responsibilities, the common purpose is to represent and serve students. Many in the student body have expressed their desire for a humanitarian ceasefire and an end to the genocide. Through this resolution, Associated Students’ priorities, including Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Social Justice, and Anti-Racism, are being called upon to acknowledge the suffering of innocent people in this ongoing humanitarian crisis. Associated Students seek to utilize our leadership positions to create a more equitable world, and this includes our campus.
Whereas:	This proposal will benefit Associated Students and the Mt. SAC community at large since we will be reaffirming our commitment to students. This resolution will be a step forward in providing a safer space for our students on campus members of these identities, but also to help educate members of the community that are outside of these identities. By calling for the ceasefire the campus would send a clear message that the college supports its vulnerable student populations which would deter future acts of violence. Through this resolution, we hope to strengthen our community through education and acknowledgment of cultural insensitivity. We seek to address these concerns outlined above and move forward to a united and respectable college community.

	<p><i>“Mt. San Antonio College strives to be a fully student-centered and welcoming campus that provides our diverse community an educational experience which is anti-racist, integrated, connected, and technologically advanced with unique and distinguished programs in an expansive and sustainable environment.”</i></p> <p><i>“The College will carry out this commitment by providing an engaging and supportive teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities, and goals.”</i></p> <p><i>-mtsac mission statement line 4</i></p>
Therefore:	<p>Associated students are calling for supporting the declaration of a ceasefire. The act of human suffering must be condemned in all forms around the globe regardless of arguments to the contrary. Genocide in all its forms must be condemned in order to prevent future acts of violence from being perpetuated around the world. Mt.Sac should stand with the student body and other institutions to urge for the peaceful resolution of conflicts and a global mission for the human race.</p> <p>Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. The President approves <u>the subject or title of the item being proposed.</u></p>

A.S. Senate			
For: <u> 15 </u>	Against: <u> 0 </u>	Abstain: <u> 0 </u>	Date: <u> 5/28/24 </u>
A.S. Executive Board			
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A.S. President			
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