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Hi Victor,

Please include this email in the file for No. 231263.

Best,

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Dec. 12, 2023

Dear Supervisor Preston and the Board of Supervisors et. al.,

Now that Israel's Prime Minister and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have made clear that they have no intention of ceasing their assault on Gaza any time soon\* it is imperative that Americans of conscience speak up. For that reason, and many others, the Racial Justice Committee (RJC) of the San Francisco Public Defenders office now calls on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to support Supervisor Dean Preston's resolution for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

The RJC opposes the use of state violence against the civilian population of Gaza and the near unconditional support by the United States for the IDF bombardment and assault, which, at this point, has become practically genocidal. We, as members of the RJC, cannot stand by silently as this disaster unfolds.

A single resolution by itself will undoubtedly have little impact on the situation. But, in the same way that one voice is not loud, when one voice is joined with that of hundreds of

thousands of others sometimes a symphony of resistance can be created. Out of that symphony change can come, and for the Palestinians now dying under U.S. built bombs, that change cannot come soon enough.

We implore you to support Dean Preston's resolution.

Sincerely,

The Racial Justice Committee of the San Francisco Public Defenders office.

\* Israeli defense chief resists pressure to halt Gaza offensive, says campaign will 'take time'  
<https://apnews.com/article/israel-hamas-war-news-12-11-2023-2beb52343a9b25050d8df801ad977bbd>

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