

8.1 A CALL FOR PEACE

Submitting Councillor/s:	Cr Josh Fergeus
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RECOMMENDATION

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4. Rejects Islamophobia, antisemitism, and racism in its many forms;
5. Advertises in the next edition of the Monash Bulletin the UNICEF Gaza appeal^[1] which aims to provide immediate assistance to children in Gaza during this dire humanitarian crisis.

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INTRODUCTION

This notice of motion responds to growing concern in the Monash community about loss of life and the ongoing violence perpetrated against Palestinian and Israeli civilians by the State of Israel and Hamas.

BACKGROUND

On the 7th of October Hamas militants launched an attack on Israel resulting in the deaths of approximately 1,200 people.

In the months since the State of Israel have launched a series of attacks on Gaza resulting in the deaths of more than 15,000 people.

The current violence is part of an ongoing conflict which has continued for decades, including the mass displacement and dispossession of Palestinian people during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

ATTACHMENT LIST

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OFFICERS REPORT – A Call for Peace Notice of Motion

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Responsible Director:	Jarrold Doake, Director City Services

MOTION

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OFFICER RESPONSE

Council officers are not in a position to provide information to assist Council and notes that this is a decision for the Council.