

## Committee Agenda Sheet

### Urban Experience Committee

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<b>Select Agenda Item Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion    Time Requested:
<b>Agenda Item Name</b>	Resolution against antisemitism and Islamophobia
<b>Summary (Background)</b>  *use the Fiscal Impact box below for relevant financial information	<p>A resolution affirming that Spokane will continue to be an inclusive, respectful, and just city that is proud of its mosaic of people of diverse cultures, faiths, beliefs, and identities, and to celebrate both our individuality and commonality.</p> <p>Recognizing that there are moments, conflicts, issues that separate and pit community members in opposition to each other. At the request of community members, Council brought together a diverse group of community members that are impacted by the conflict between Israel and Hamas to draft a proposed resolution that reflected the impacts felt locally and abroad, and the desire to come together as a community and to together standup against hate, antisemitism, and Islamophobia.</p> <p>The resolution expresses the City Council’s solidarity with those whose lives have been forever altered by the conflict between Israel and Hamas. The Council envisions a world where every life is cherished and valued as equal - where all humanity lives in peace, freedom, and safety.</p>
<b>Proposed Council Action</b>	Urban Experience – January 8, 2024 Council Action -- January 22, 2024
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	
Total Cost: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>	
Approved in current year budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Funding Source <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring	
Specify funding source: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>	
Expense Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring	
Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)	
<b>Operations Impacts (If N/A, please give a brief description as to why)</b>	
What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?	
This resolution is a statement by council that was drafted along with leaders in the Jewish and Muslim communities, and other residents with connections to Israel and Palestine.	

How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?

The resolution states the Spokane City Council will continue to support policy that improves the City's process for reporting hate crimes, incidents, and threats, as well as supporting enhanced community-based structures for the people and communities affected, and supporting the Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion. The resolution encourages people to report incidents of hate to Human Rights Spokane.

How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy or product to ensure it is the right solution?

Not applicable

Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?

Not applicable

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_**

A resolution of solidarity with those whose lives have been forever altered by the conflict between Israel and Hamas. We envision a world where every life is cherished and valued as equal - where all humanity lives in peace, freedom, and safety.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane has taken great steps to promote and foster inclusivity, diversity, anti-racism, and belonging and is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation or any other protected characteristic as defined by law; and

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in SMC 01.03.030, the official motto of the City of Spokane is “In Spokane, We All Belong”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its community members and to ensure that they will be protected and their rights respected; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane recognizes the significance international conflicts have on a local scale; and

**WHEREAS**, profound collective grief has followed Hamas’ attack and Israel’s military response, and the resulting humanitarian crises. We mourn the lives lost and continue to hold Israeli and Palestinian victims, and their families and loved ones, in our hearts and thoughts; and

**WHEREAS**, if you are Palestinian, Israeli, Jewish or Muslim and/or have connections to the region and live in Spokane, we are glad you’re here. You make Spokane a better place to live, and we want you to feel that you belong here. People should be able to attend school, go to work, and live their lives without the threat of violence regardless of where they live, what they look like, or how they worship; and

**WHEREAS**, our hearts are with Spokane community members who are hurting, including those who are worried for the safety of their loved ones, or mourning loved ones they have already lost; and

**WHEREAS**, we yearn for the swift recovery of the injured, the safe release of those taken hostage, the safe return of those displaced, taken from their homes, or detained and or incarcerated unlawfully, and we welcome and support efforts to ensure that basic necessities of food, water, medicine, and other services are provided to the civilian population caught in the midst of war; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that the local Israeli, Jewish, Palestinian, and Muslim communities are not responsible for the actions of the Israeli government or Palestinian militant groups such as Hamas; and

**WHEREAS**, we emphasize the sanctity of all human life and stand firm against any violence towards the most vulnerable, especially children; and

**WHEREAS**, this conflict is a stark reminder of the global struggles for equity, justice and peace that have unfolded over centuries and millennia. We stand in solidarity with those whose lives have been forever altered by this tragedy. And we envision a world where every life is cherished and valued as equal - where all humanity lives in peace, freedom, and safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council affirms that Spokane will continue to be an inclusive, respectful, and just city that is proud of its mosaic of people of diverse cultures, faiths, beliefs and identities, and to celebrate both our individuality and commonality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council affirms the basic rights of all people to live, love, learn, work, and worship in a safe environment free from discrimination, intimidation, threats or fear; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council affirms that all human beings should have uninhibited access to water, food, healthcare, medical supplies, electricity, or basic needs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council condemns all acts of violence aimed at Israeli and Palestinian civilians and mourns the loss of life and liberty of every civilian; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council calls upon our local, state, and federal elected officials to support efforts towards immediate and sustained peace in Israel and Palestine that recognizes the liberty and shared humanity of all Israelis and Palestinians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council calls for the unconditional release of all civilians who are being held hostage or unlawfully detained and or incarcerated, and demands their safety, well-being, and humane treatment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, our hearts are also with our community members who fear discrimination and violence being committed against them here. We condemn both antisemitism and Islamophobia, and the City of Spokane is dedicated to act against hate and oppression; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council will continue to support policy that improves the City's process for reporting hate crimes, incidents, and threats,

as well as supporting enhanced community-based structures for the people and communities affected, and supporting the Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Inclusion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Spokane City Council encourages people to report incidents of hate to Human Rights Spokane (formerly the Spokane County Human Rights Task Force) at [spokanecountyhumanrightstaskforce.org](http://spokanecountyhumanrightstaskforce.org); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the City Council strongly encourages thorough policy and pursuing aggressive investigation of all credible reports of hate crimes and incidents and threats against minority groups or individuals, and holding perpetrators of those crimes, incidents, and threats accountable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Spokane City Council commits and calls on the City's Administration, businesses, educational institutions, and other institutions to proactively educate and act against antisemitism, Islamophobia, and other forms of hate and oppression as well; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the City Council pledges to continue their education and understanding of cultural diversity in Spokane.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Assistant City Attorney