

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1874**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN OPEN LETTER, CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON ISRAEL CARRIED OUT BY HAMAS.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorists launched a calculated attack on Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is deeply concerned about the attacks carried out by Hamas against Israeli citizens and citizens of other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council condemns violence and terrorism of any form, as it jeopardizes the safety and well-being of innocent civilians, and impedes the progress toward peace and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calabasas has always stood for the values of peace, justice, and understanding among all peoples, regardless of their national, ethnic, or religious affiliations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Calabasas, does hereby approve the attached document as An Open Letter Condemning the Terrorist Attacks on Israel by Hamas.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and shall cause the same to be published or posted according to law.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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David J. Shapiro, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk  
*Master Municipal Clerk*  
*California Professional Municipal Clerk*

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Matthew T. Summers  
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City Attorney



CITY *of* CALABASAS

October 12, 2023

**An Open Letter Condemning the Terrorist Attacks on Israel by Hamas**

On October 7, 2023, the Jewish holy day of Shemini Atzeret, Hamas terrorists launched a coordinated and brutal attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip. As part of the heinous attack and in the hours that followed, Hamas breached Israeli borders, some as paratroopers, indiscriminately bombed densely populated cities, and infiltrated communities killing and kidnapping innocent civilians.

As expected, the world quickly learned of the attack through social media, texts, and the traditional news media. What the world saw was stunning: Hamas ruthlessly killed and tortured Israelis as well as citizens from other countries, including the United States. The world saw how Hamas fired thousands of rockets indiscriminately into Israeli towns and cities as far away as Tel Aviv, with no regard to where they landed. The world saw how Hamas kidnapped more than 100 people, using them as bargaining chips or so-called human shields. Many of those still being held are not Israeli soldiers or other combatants – they are regular men, women, children, the elderly – including a survivor of the Holocaust who uses a wheelchair – as well as infants and young children.

These people who died at the hands of Hamas could have been any of us; they were average people. They were killed attending a music festival, killed while sitting at a bus stop, killed inside their homes, killed while driving in their own neighborhoods.

Despite the anger directed at Hamas by virtually every peace-loving nation on Earth, we must remember these acts were perpetrated by a terrorist organization, Hamas, with the likely aid of another terrorist organization, Hezbollah, based in southern Lebanon. **Terrorists** did this and we must not equate these terrorists with the majority of average Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank who wish for peace.

In light of these facts, the City of Calabasas condemns these violent and deplorable atrocities carried out by Hamas against Israel, and extends its heartfelt sympathies to the victims and their families, and calls upon all concerned parties to engage in constructive dialogue and actions toward achieving a lasting peace.

We, the City Council of the City of Calabasas unite our voices with others in declaring support for Israel, and reaffirm our stance against violence and hatred in any form. Israel has a right to defend itself. We also denounce any violence or

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hatred directed at anyone of Palestinian descent. Calabasas is not a place for hate, period.

We also wish to express our heartfelt grief for those who have lost loved ones and to those who have family and friends who are being held hostage. We call upon the President of the United States and United States Congress to take appropriate action.

Respectfully,

CITY OF CALABASAS COUNCILMEMBERS

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David J. Shapiro, Mayor

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Alicia Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem

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Councilmember

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