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Good Afternoon,

I attached my comment to be read for the city council meeting tonight. I am also going to type it in this email. Thank you for your time.

Good Evening Mr. Mayor, City Council Members and Staff,

My name is Jennifer Nuno and I have lived In Whittier my entire life. I wanted to take the time to urge the mayor and city council members to pass a permanent ceasefire resolution. According to the Ministry of Health, since October 7th, 29,878 Palestinians have been murdered by Israel and 70,215 have been wounded. The last time I emailed a comment, 28,340 Palestinians were martyred. That means that due to your silence and your continued rejection of passing a permanent ceasefire resolution, 1,538 Palestinians have been murdered. Your silence and the silence of other city council members in other cities have caused this many deaths. This is not an issue that you can continue to be silent on. Silence isn't peaceful or neutral. It is violent, and deadly and continues to support genocide. Your silence costs innocent lives. Let's also keep in mind that there are possibly even more Palestinians martyred that are yet to be reported.

This issue directly impacts us and our daily lives. It affects the lives of everyone on this planet. Passing a permanent ceasefire resolution is not a controversial choice. It is the only action that will show that the city of Whittier does not support genocide. The failure to pass this will show that Whittier is complicit in genocide. As I mentioned in the email I sent for the last meeting, Whittier is a city that is proud to share its history. Its history from right now will show that Whittier supported genocide and that is not something to be proud of. I hope that you understand that if you do not pass a ceasefire, your legacy as a city council member will showcase that you were silent during the genocide. As I stated earlier, your silence cost the lives of 1,538 Palestinians. Your legacy will show that you were unable to stand for humanity and the lives of innocent people. With all of the information that is shared daily by journalists such as Bisan Owda and Hind Khoudary, you won't be able to claim that you were not aware of the genocide Israel is committing. 10 years from now when people have had time to reflect on events today, you will have to sit with the silence that you had during this time. You will not be able to say that you did anything to stop this genocide. Passing a permanent ceasefire resolution will also help other cities get closer to passing a resolution as well. Whittier can be a city that motivates other cities to stand on the right side of history.

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I wanted the city council members to sit with this last quote from Aaron Bushnell, a 25-year-old active duty member of the U.S. Air Force who burned himself alive to bring attention to the genocide of Palestinians. He shared, "Many of us like to ask ourselves 'What would I do if I was alive during slavery? Or the Jim Crow South? Or apartheid? What would I do if my country was committing genocide?' The answer is, you're doing it. Right now." Thank you for your time.