

# ADDENDUM MATERIAL

DATE 10-17-23

ITEM NO. ADD 3

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## Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Dr. Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: October 13, 2023

RE: BOS Addendum Agenda 10/17/23: Substitute Resolution – Peace in the Middle East

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Please attach this SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION to Addendum Item #3 on the 10/17/23 Board agenda.

**RESOLUTION 2023 - \_\_\_\_\_: PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Thank You.

Cc:  
Hon. Adelita Grijalva, Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors  
Jan Leshar, Pima County Administrator

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - \_\_\_\_**

**PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**WHEREAS** on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a massive and brutal attack on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thousands of rockets on civilian targets and committing atrocities against innocent civilians of all ages, including children, effectively declaring war on Israel; and

**WHEREAS** Hamas' brutal attacks led to at least 1,200 Israeli deaths as well as the deaths of dozens of Americans and others, the injuries of thousands of other innocent civilians, terrorized the entire State of Israel and shocked the conscience of us all; and

**WHEREAS** Hamas abducted an estimated 150 hostages during the attacks, including Israelis, Americans and others; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Israel immediately declared war on Hamas, has bombed the Gaza Strip with missile attacks every day since, sealed the borders of Gaza, and sealed off the people of Gaza from vital supplies of food, water, fuel, and electricity, all of which has led, as of last Thursday, to the deaths of at least 1,537 Palestinians including at least 500 children, and to the internal displacement of more than 300,000 Palestinians; and

**WHEREAS** the United Nations has recognized the immediate humanitarian disaster that exists in Gaza, as Palestinians are trapped and running out of the basic supplies needed to survive, while the borders to both Israel and Egypt remain completely closed off; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Israel has the right to defend itself by eliminating terrorist threats, but at the same time, has the moral obligation to preserve civilian populations in any and every way possible,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows that the Pima County Board of Supervisors:**

1. Condemns Hamas' brutal attack against Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023, in no uncertain terms;
2. Affirms Israel's right to exist and their right to defend themselves against extremism and terror threats such as those posed by Hamas and others;
3. Affirms the right of the Palestinian people to also exist, and to live free from the terror of air strikes and blockades that prevent needed food, water, medicine, electricity, and fuel from reaching them;

4. Affirms the desire of the majority of the people of Israel AND the majority of the people of the Palestinian Territories to live in peace and to pass down a better world to their children;
5. Affirms the rights of all human beings to live in peace, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or geography;
6. Strongly urges the State of Israel to employ every possible precaution to prevent harming civilians as it endeavors to hold Hamas accountable for the atrocities committed by Hamas militants;
7. Calls on Hamas to accept the right of Israel to exist, to immediately cease all attacks on Israeli civilians, and to immediately and safely release all hostages it has taken; and
8. Urges the Israeli government and Palestinian leadership to sit down and negotiate a lasting peace, which will involve compromise on both sides, as this is the ONLY way to ensure the long-term safety and stability of the region and therefore the future of all the region's people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of October 2023.

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Hon. Adelita Grijalva, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez,  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Sam Brown,  
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney