



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
RECOMMENDATION 20240205-007**

**Resolution on Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Arab Sentiments in the
City of Austin and promoting a peaceful resolution for all.**

Date: February 5, 2024

Subject: Recommendation on Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Arab
Sentiments in the City of Austin and promoting a peaceful resolution for all.

Motioned by: Commissioner

Seconded By: Commissioner

RECOMMENDATION:

In response to the ongoing Gaza Crisis and subsequent rise in hate-related incidents, the Commission on Immigrant Affairs recommends that City Council directs City staff to execute a coordinated public awareness campaign combating antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Arab sentiment; for the Austin Police Department to develop a comprehensive coordinated response to victims of violence stemming from rhetoric of the Gaza Crisis; and calls on City Council to express support for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

DESCRIPTION OF RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is dedicated to fostering a community that embraces diversity, racial equity, and upholds the principles of equality and human rights;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Immigrant Affairs was created Ordinance No. 20171214-043 to advise the city council on issues of common concern to immigrants, particularly in the areas of health and human services, education, and the demographic makeup of the Austin immigrant community;

WHEREAS, the attack on October 7th by Hamas has led to the tragic loss of Israeli civilians and the subsequent indiscriminate retaliation by the State of Israel has led to the continued loss of civilian lives in Gaza;

WHEREAS, rhetoric as a result of the global conflict has led to incidents of antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Arab sentiments rising within our city, posing a significant threat to the well-being and safety of our diverse communities;