

Item 10.5

Notices of Motion

Stand with Israel

By Councillor Jarrett

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on the morning of 7 October 2023, the terrorist organisation, Hamas launched Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, firing more than 5,000 rockets from multiple locations in Gaza towards Israel, as well as launching a ground operation into Israel;
- (ii) that as of 16 October 2023, over 1,200 Israelis, particularly women and children have been murdered and there have been multiple abductions of Israeli men, women, and children which the terrorists are threatening to kill one at a time in retaliation for unannounced attacks on Gaza civilians;
- (iii) that the UN Secretary-General, the Prime Minister and the Premier of NSW have all condemned “in the strongest terms” the attack by Hamas against Israeli towns and citizens;
- (iv) that the illegal terrorist attack on 7 October 2023 was the deadliest incursion since the Yom Kippur War in 1973; and
- (v) on Wednesday 11 October 2023, over 10,000 people from within Sydney came together for a vigil to demonstrate that Australia and the Australian Jewish community stands with Israel following the violent actions of Hamas on 7 October 2023; and

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to:

- (i) as a mark of respect from the City of Sydney for Israel and the Jewish community, illuminate the City of Sydney Town Hall with the colours of the Israeli flag for a period of time;
- (ii) as a mark of respect from the City of Sydney for Israel and the Jewish community, raise the Israel Flag, at Sydney Town Hall for a period of time; and
- (iii) write to the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and the Great Synagogue expressing the City of Sydney’s denunciation of the violent terrorist attacks by Hamas and affirm its commitment to stand in solidarity with Israel and the Jewish community in the City of Sydney and express hope for peace in the Middle East.

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