

New Haven People's Hearing ceasefire testimony template

My name is **[FIRST AND LAST NAME]**, and I'm a New Haven resident in the **[neighborhood]**. I'm here to speak in support of a resolution calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, and to ask that the Board of Alders assign the resolution to a committee.

As a **[insert identity, community, or organization you are connected to, i.e. Jewish resident]** it is important to me that New Haven call for a ceasefire because... **[Share your story, stakes, or values and why a ceasefire matters to you]**

[Some examples of talking points you may want to include:

- *I've followed South Africa's irrefutable evidence against Israel at the Hague of genocide and genocidal intent;*
- *All of us in the US are implicated because its our tax dollars and weapons that are being used to kill more than 30,000 Palestinians;*
- *We know that as funding goes to military aid to Israel, residents of New Haven continue to suffer from lack of funding towards basic resources;*
- *More than 80 cities across the country have passed resolutions in support of a ceasefire, including Bridgeport and Windsor CT, as well as large cities like Chicago and San Francisco.*
- *New Haven should listen to the many residents from diverse backgrounds who support a ceasefire, including the many Jewish and Muslim Hamden residents;*
- *As the bombing and humanitarian crisis in Rafah worsens it is paramount we take a stance against the brutal slaughter of an entire group of people. 1.9 million people are trapped in an open air prison;*
- *Israeli airstrikes have targeted refugee camps and hospitals, and decimated entire neighborhoods. Over 1.9 million Palestinians are displaced or homeless.*
- *The Israeli government is now bombing the entirety of Gaza, including areas that they ordered people to evacuate to. The UN clearly stated that right now, "there are no safe places in Gaza."*
- *The context of 75 years of occupation and apartheid is still glaringly missing from the mainstream conversation.*
- *The Palestinian struggle is a human struggle just as slavery and Apartheid were and it's imperative, especially during Black History Month, to never forget that fact.]*

I am calling on the Board of Alders to support passing a resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.