## **City Council**

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## City of Newton



Statement in Support of Israel October 11, 2023

We stand strong in our support for Israel. Our hearts are broken and we vehemently condemn the senseless, brutal deaths and abductions by Hamas terrorists. The world stood strong for us when we were hit by terrorists on 9/11 and now we must do the same for Israel. Peace should always be the goal, but there is no path when the terrorists call for the death of all Jews and the destruction of the State of Israel. We pray for the safe and hasty return of the hostages and share in the grief of family and friends of murdered innocent civilians, many of whom were elderly, disabled and children.

We wrap our arms around Newton's Jewish community, our vibrant Israeli-American community, and all who are affected by this horrific attack and we pray for safety and security of Israel. As anti-Semitism in America and around the world increases, we must come together as a community and stand against bigotry and racism of any kind, as we support the State of Israel.

Sincerely,

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