



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
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INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Ron Nirenberg  
**COPIES TO:** Erik Walsh, City Manager; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Special Meeting  
**DATE:** January 10, 2024

San Antonio is a global, diverse, and compassionate city. We live, work, and prosper together. We face our challenges united and broadcast a message of collaboration across the world. Where the fires of hate arise, we extinguish them in one breath. Antisemitism and Islamophobia must be condemned in the strongest terms as hate has no place in the city we know and love.

The violence in Israel, Gaza, and throughout the Middle East has rippled across the world, inflicting tremendous pain in countless communities. San Antonio is no exception. We join the pleas for an end to violence in the region and pray for a just and lasting peace.

No gesture – however well-intended – from our city’s government can capture the intricacies or the history of the Arab/Palestinian-Israeli conflict, nor could it appropriately represent the breadth of the grief and pain that has been felt for generations. Wading into a complex and volatile international environment with an incomplete understanding could prove to be reckless.

In consideration of our goal to ease rather than exacerbate trauma within our community, the special meeting will not be scheduled now that the request lacks the required support.

We must encourage the pursuit of education and healing through continuous and productive dialogue. Like all paths for San Antonio, this must be one that we walk together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Nirenberg', written over a horizontal line.

Ron Nirenberg  
*Mayor*