

## PLEASE JOIN THE FAST FOR PALESTINE, FOR PEACE, IN DEFENSE OF LIFE, AND IN FAVOR OF THE LEAHY LAW



We call on you to join people who are fasting from 6 am to 6pm daily, starting December 14, 2023 and until all our elected officials have supported the following demands or until these two goals have been achieved.

1. A permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the West Bank.
2. Enforcement by the President and Congress of the Leahy Law with respect to the Israel Defense Forces. This law prohibits shipment of U.S. weapons to gross violators of human rights.

### **What's the plan?**

The fast involves drinking water or juice during the fasting hours and eating light meals in the morning and evening before and after the fasting hours.

Please call all your elected representatives to let them know of your fast and your demands.

To maintain their credibility as guardians of public well-being, every elected official must take a public position in support of the above demands intended to stop the slaughter of Palestinian people

Mayor of Northampton – Gina-Louise Sciarra – (413) 587-1249 Northampton

City Council President – Jim Nash – (413) 582-0637

Massachusetts State Senator - Jo Comerford – (413) 367-4656

Massachusetts State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa – (413) 270-1166

U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern – (413) 341-8700 (Cong. McGovern has called for a ceasefire.)  
U.S. Congressman Richard Neal – (413) 785-0325  
U.S. Senator Ed Markey – (413) 785-4610  
U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren – (413) 788-2690  
President Joe Biden – (202) 456-1111

Use the QR code for speed in dialing.



### **Why the fast?**

On October 18, 2023, Josh Paul resigned from his U.S. State Department post in which he shared responsibility for approving U.S. weapons transfers, saying that weapons transfers to Israel for its current assault against Palestinians are “short-sighted, destructive and unjust.”

Mr. Paul also said further: “There is a Leahy vetting process for Israel. It has never found an Israeli unit to be guilty of gross violations of human rights. It’s a broken system.”

Since, the October 7, 2023 attack in which the Israeli government has announced 1,200 of its citizens were killed, Israeli military attacks, fully supported by the United States politically and with U.S. weapons, have killed more than 18,000 Palestinians, to date. According to Palestinian officials, 70 percent of those killed are women and children.

In addition, more than two million Gazans are living in fear of instant death or slowly dying from starvation, disease, absence of medical care, lack of housing, lack of sanitary facilities and lack of protection against the rain and cold of winter.

Participants in the fast also call on people owning stock in L3Harris, which has a plant in Northampton, to sell that stock and/or call for divestment in it because of L3Harris’s provision of equipment to the Israeli Defense Forces.

### **Endorsed by:**

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