

More than 27,000 Palestinians and 1200 Israelis have lost their lives to the Israeli-Gaza conflict since October 7. Gaza is now home to a humanitarian crisis of horrific proportions. As an organization dedicated to building just, inclusive communities, Howard Progressive Project is appalled at the scale of violence and also keenly aware of how this conflict impacts members of the Howard County community.

We support the [draft statement](#) from the Howard County Interfaith Advisory Council calling for a ceasefire and the release of all remaining hostages. Additionally, HPP encourages elected officials to continue to push the Biden administration to broker an immediate ceasefire in Gaza to end the violence and the humanitarian crisis.

The Interfaith Advisory Council draft letter also points out a “shocking increase in Islamophobia, antisemitism, and racism across our county.” Hate has no home in Howard County, and we urge our community leaders to come together to address this rising intolerance.