

Taylor Day

From: H. B. Winkler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 4:32 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comments - Responding to remarks made at the 11/28/23 City Council meeting

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Dear Grass Valley City Council,

Below are remake I intent to deliver at this evening City Council meeting:

Grass Valley City Council Meeting
Public Comments on the situation in Israel
(Responding to remarks made at the 11/28/23 City Council meeting)
December 12, 2023
H. Benjamin Winkler

Happy Holidays to our City Council members and members of the public.

I come here to speak on the Foreign Policy of the City of Grass Valley.

I didn't realize that U.S. cities could have a foreign policy. I figure you are busy enough with more pressing issues closer to home, and that our city council is not authorized nor qualified by the U.S. State Department to address foreign policy, and therefore my remarks are unnecessary.

Unnecessary except that at the last city council meeting on November 28, a few dozen people brought up foreign policy regarding Israel, Hamas and a ceasefire. On October 7 of this year, Hamas, designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department, sent terrorists into Israel from Gaza where they murdered in the most gruesome manner Israeli men, women and children.

Hamas burned infants alive, tortured children in front of their parents, and parents in front of their children. Hamas raped women – both alive and after they killed them. Over 1,200 Israelis, mostly Jews, were murdered. About 240 were kidnapped. Thanks to the Israeli offense, Hamas felt pressured to release over 100 hostages in exchange for a temporary ceasefire, which Hamas then broke.

The speakers at our last city council meeting asked that our city council demand that these murderers, rapists, torturers, and kidnappers get off scot-free. They called this amnesty a “permanent ceasefire.”

This is moral deprivation.

I am Jewish, but you do not have to be a Jew to see that giving an unrepentant Hamas amnesty is moral bankruptcy.

Do you know that 240,000 Israelis are homeless? These survivors of the October 7 terror attacks cannot return to their communities until Hamas and their allies are eliminated, and buffer zones are established.

The Hamas Covenant states: “Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it”

Article II of the Convention to Prevent Genocide, which does not include political groups, states that genocide means, among other items:
Killing members of the group; Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Yahya Sinwar, leader of Hamas in the Gaza Strip stated, “The leaders of the occupation [Israel] should know, Oct. 7 was just a rehearsal.”

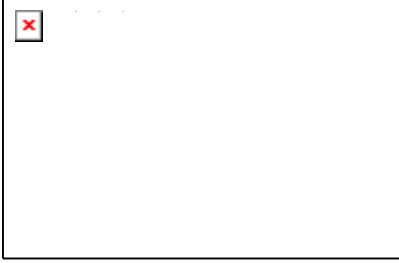
Yet, last meeting’s speakers bandied about the word “genocide,” applying it cavalierly to the intentions of the world’s only Jewish state.

We are all at risk with this sloppy thinking, encouraged as it is with “Intersectionality,” D.E.I. and “post-colonial studies” that justifies any kind of violence against Israel or the United States.

Whether we are Israelis or Americans, we are all affected by the pernicious thinking – that we are all either permanent victims or permanent oppressors – that turns Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream on its head: we are judged not by the content of our character, but by the immutable condition of the circumstance of our birth.

Sincerely,

H.Ben Winkler



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From: Thaddeus Stoenner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 3:58 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Ceasefire for Gaza and Palestine

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I think the current situation in Gaza is a defining moment for our country and for the human race in general. The Guardian just had an article stating that there have been more civilian deaths in the last 2 months than there have been at any other time in the last millennium.

There is no excuse for this kind of savagery! Regardless of the alleged reason for the attack, there is no excuse to be slaughtering so many children and disabled people. There is no ex use for bombing hospitals.

I encourage the GV city council to stand on the right side of history and to please speak out!

Thank you,
Thaddeus Stoenner

Taylor Day

From: WIRELESS CALLER <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 2:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (3 minutes and 9 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

Hello, my name is Nicholas Correa at 219 Glenwood Rd. In Grass Valley. I'm calling today to speak to the members of the Grass Valley Planning Commission, and I'd like to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed expansion of the subsidized housing facility at 131 Glenwood Ave. That's APN number 035 270035. While I understand the importance of affordable housing, I believe that the current proposal for a development with 27 units in such a small area is inappropriate and could have significant negative impacts on our community. First and foremost, I would like to address the environmental concerns associated with this proposed development. The proposed variance request number 23, P LN-23 does not impact qualify for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to the environmental to the California Environmental Quality Act, the CE QA and its guidelines. The increased density and reduced setbacks would likely result in the removal of mature trees and green spaces, which do play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance our neighborhood. Preserving the environment should be a top priority, and this proposal seems to disregard the importance of maintaining A sustainable and green community. The proposed development would neglect the amount of drainage needed as well for a building of this size, and it would potentially displace water to surrounding properties. Neglecting proper drainage not only poses a risk to the ecological balance of our community, but it also jeopardizes the well-being of residents and neighboring properties. I strongly urge you to thoroughly assess the potential impact on drainage systems and consider the long term consequences on our environment before approving the proposed expansion. Moreover, the proposed density raises serious questions about the impact of the overall character of the neighborhood. This community is predominantly consisting of single family homes. Introducing such a high density development would disrupt the harmony and aesthetic appeal that attracts many residents to this area in the first place. We fear that this development could set a precedent for future projects that may not align with the character of our neighborhood and thus reduce property values. Additionally, the requested rear setback exemption and 50% lot coverage limit exemption are concerning. Granting these exemptions would not only compromise the safety and privacy of neighboring properties, but could also increase contribute to increased traffic congestion. The current infrastructure is not equipped to handle the additional strain on traffic flow, and it poses a risk to the safety of both pedestrians and drivers in the area. Our neighborhood is already strained when it comes to parking, and introducing 27 additional units without a comprehensive parking plan is a recipe for congestion and inconvenience. Inadequate parking not only creates frustration among residents but can also pose a safety hazard as residents may resort to parking and restricted areas or along Narrow St. hindering emergency vehicle access and exacerbating traffic concerns. I urge you to carefully consider the long term consequences development on our neighborhood. I believe that is essential for the City government to prioritize sustainable growth that reflects the existing community and its residents. Rather than hastily approving exemptions, I encourage you to explore alternative solutions that balance the need for affordable housing with the preservation of our environment, neighborhood character, and Traffic Safety. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust you'll make decisions that benefit the community as a whole.

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Taylor Day

From: Nicholas Koch Correia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Subsidized Housing Facility Expansion (APN: 035-270-035)

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Nicholas Correia
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(619) 569-7830
12/12/23

Dear Members of the Grass Valley Planning Commission,

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The proposed development would neglect the amount of drainage needed for a building of this size and potentially displace water to surrounding properties. Neglecting proper drainage not only poses a risk to the ecological balance of our community but also jeopardizes the well-being of residents and neighboring properties. I strongly urge you to thoroughly assess the potential impacts on drainage systems and consider the long-term consequences on our environment before approving the proposed expansion.

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Our neighborhood is already strained when it comes to parking, and introducing 27 additional units without a comprehensive parking plan is a recipe for congestion and inconvenience. Inadequate parking not only creates

frustration among residents but can also pose safety hazards as residents may resort to parking in restricted areas or along narrow streets, hindering emergency vehicle access and exacerbating traffic concerns.

I urge you to carefully consider the long-term consequences of this development proposal on our neighborhood. I believe that it is essential for the city government to prioritize sustainable growth that respects the existing community and its residents. Rather than hastily approving exemptions, I encourage you to explore alternative solutions that balance the need for affordable housing with the preservation of our environment, neighborhood character, and traffic safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make decisions that benefit the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Correia

Taylor Day

From: Christopher Gage [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: public comment (22PLN-37)

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To Whom it May Concern,

Regarding the drc application **(22PLN-37)** for construction of a new Holiday Inn, I would like to submit a request that the conditions of approval for this project require that 1 in 3 of the existing mature pines onsite are required to be protected in place.

I believe the tall pine trees of nevada county are a key element to our county, and their removal will greatly diminish the future quality of living in our community.

Let me know if you need any additional information regarding this subject matter.

best regards,

Christopher Gage
resident of nevada county

Taylor Day

From: Aida Raphael [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 9:42 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comment for 12/12/23 City Council Meeting

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Good day Members of the Council,

It is hard to imagine what difference a declaration made by a small city somewhere in California can have on the ongoing genocide of an entire people a world away. But it absolutely can have one in concert with other cities. And there is nothing, truly nothing, more important than to declare that we as a community of human beings stand against the slaughter of other human beings.

That we are all complicit is unquestionable. The tax dollars of each one of us have paid for the rendering of Gaza into an hellscape, and that is too high a price for the privilege of being an American, I assure you. All the propaganda that is successful, the decades of miseducation, and the condoning and celebration of our ignorance as a society are possible because in exchange for our active blindness we are sold peace of mind, safety, convenience, a land of opportunity... freedom. And we all want these for our babies, don't we? Freedom is not freedom, however, if it is won at the cost of innocent people's lives. Nor peace of mind, nor safety. These are hollow, rotten things. And they sully all who touch them!

They have many of us believing that anti-semitism is the same thing as anti-zionism and, worse, they have even more of us not bothering to wonder what the difference is! I trust this council is not prey to this.

And I implore you to do what is moral, ethical, and good! Take an official stand against the Israeli government's genocide in Palestine, and US complicity in the form of arms sales.

Thank you,

Aida Chaldranyan
Resident of Grass Valley

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Taylor Day

From: Nicholas Wilson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 8:33 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Gaza Ceasefire

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I as Jewish person call on the city of Grass Valley condemn Israel for its genocide of the Palestinian people, to call of an immediate ceasefire, and to end US military aide to Israel.

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From: Patrick Herbert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 7:35 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Ceasefire

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If the US can't condemn Israeli actions and call for a full and endless ceasefire on a national stage, we must be brave enough to do it at local levels. Grass Valley and Nevada City are my home towns. I am currently disappointed in being American. I don't want that same feeling from the places I grew up in. Please call for a ceasefire now!

-Patrick Herbert

Taylor Day

From: Alena Loomis
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 7:10 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact us

From: Laila Murfin, LPCC <info@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 9:55 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail <COGVGeneralVM@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Subject: Form submission from: Contact us



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Submitted by anonymous user: [50.115.205.166]

Your name:

Laila Murfin, LPCC

Your e-mail:

[REDACTED]

Your Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

Message:

To the City Council of Grass Valley -

As a mother to a three-year-old, who is free to be healthy, live vibrantly, with little to worry about, I am in agony over the unfolding violence in Gaza. By conservative estimates, 8,000 children have been killed, and many more wounded without medical care, facing imminent starvation due to the siege of Gaza by the Israeli forces in TWO MONTHS. Half of the population of Gaza is under the age of 18, with 40% of the population 14 years of age or younger. I can only imagine the pain of

the parents who have lost their children, the children who have lost their mothers, or fathers, or aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, grandparents due to indiscriminate attacks upon the civilians of Gaza.

I am writing today, for these families, and for my own, because I can't bear the thought of my child, when he is old enough to understand, asking, "how could you see what was happening and not do anything to stop it?" This is not the world I want to pass on to our children, we are global citizens, these humans are our kin, and this is absolutely not where I want my tax dollars to go.

It is beyond unconscionable that our country is the only nation in the UN who voted against a ceasefire, when UN experts state, "grave violations committed by Israel against Palestinians in the aftermath of 7 October, particularly in Gaza, point to a genocide in the making."

(<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/11/gaza-un-experts-call-international-community-prevent-genocide-against>). Whatever our perceived foreign interests, nothing excuses genocide.

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Sincerely,
Laila J. Murfin, LPCC
Nevada City, CA

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Taylor Day

From: Laila Murfin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 9:57 PM
To: Public Comments; publiccomment@nevadacityca.gov
Subject: Imploring you to stand for a ceasefire in Gaza

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To the City Councils of Grass Valley and Nevada City -

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Sincerely,
Laila J. Murfin, LPCC
Nevada City, CA

Taylor Day

From: Pam Jung [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 2:41 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Dorsey Marketplace

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I agree with CEA Foundation: deny this project.

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Grass Valley

Taylor Day

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:56 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Smoking in downtown

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It seems that one reason Nevada City is so popular in the evenings is the smoking laws are not regularly enforced. I wonder if you would consider having the anti smoking laws dropped during certain hours when young children are not likely to be about and create "night-life" smoking areas in the downtown area. One reason the anti smoking laws are not enforced in Nevada City is years ago I pointed out to the city council that I had watched a man who could have been a lawyer or doctor complain that because he had to hide to smoke a cigarette he felt like he was in high school and suggested they go elsewhere next time they go out.

Thank you,
Paul Carner