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From: Freedomji [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 5:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: February 25th City Council comment

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Dear Council,

Israel is a place where Jews, Muslims, Christians, Druze, Bahai and Hindus mingle freely among each other. In hospitals, Arab doctors will treat Jewish patients, Jewish doctors treat Arab patients. It is not legal to discriminate. Arabs and Druze serve in the police force and military along with Jews. Arab Muslims serve in the Israeli congress and as high court judges. You can walk into an ice cream shop in Jaffa Israel and be served by an Arab boy and Jewish girl (as I was this past summer). South Africans who visit Israel are appalled that it is falsely accused of apartheid.

You can listen online to the talks of the Arab 'Yoseph Haddad' or the testimony of many others. Or you can visit Israel yourself if making a resolution for them is of so much importance to you.

The government of South Africa was paid to bring a genocide allegation against Israel by Iran who is bombing Israel. The South African government has failed to bring proof of genocide to the International Criminal Court (ICC), and hence their case has gone nowhere except to be used as lawfare propaganda.

The UN secretary of Genocide prevention, Alice Nderitu, was fired from her position because she would not call the war in Gaza a Genocide, and instead called it a misrepresentation.

Despite what social media might say, the US Department of Security and Human Rights has not found any Israeli unit to have committed a gross violation of human rights, and hence Israel still as full and legal support of the United States.

The Grass Valley City Council is supporting far-left and Islamist propaganda and falsely accusing Israel of apartheid and genocide in this resolution.

Today's agenda is Tree Removal, a Round-About for traffic and then an international declaration smearing Israel under the cover of a ceasefire resolution pretending to care about Palestinian Arab Muslims.

Please remove this item from the agenda and do not allow radicalized people to manipulate city council to focus outside their scope of control.

Thank You,
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Hello, my name is Danielle Krauss. As a member of your local Jewish community here in Grass Valley and with family in Israel, of course, I want to cease fire and return of our hostages and an end to violence for innocent Palestinians and Israelis who are suffering immensely under the violent Jihadist death cult of Hamas, the terror proxy arm of the IRGC, a designated terrorist group which has ruled in Gaza since the Israeli withdrawal in mid-2000. That being said, I'm calling because I strongly and adamantly oppose the passing of agenda item number eight and implore you to reconsider. Calling for a ceasefire and an end to violence between Palestine and Israel. It sounds innocuous enough, but I can assure you it is anything but that. Since October 7th, we have seen European cities as well as US cities on our college campuses become hotbeds and strongholds for the brainwashing script of Qatari, IRGC, and Soviet-sponsored disinformation campaigns, fed to Westerners who have overlaid their own country's guilt, shame, and history over another part of the world in which it has absolutely no relevance or place. These propaganda machines have been spewing anti-Semitic, anti-democratic, and outright fascist, and violent rhetoric. Here in the

West, as well as much of Europe, these false narratives have been adopted with open arms, parroted, and then repeatedly forced down our throats by Western liberals. Genocide, apartheid, white colonialism, settler, oppressor, first oppressed. These words are becoming commonplace, but when examined under the lens of factual history or the actual geopolitics of the Swana region, they do not hold up. Furthermore, repeating these lies and revisionist history, repurposing old Jewish tropes and blood libel, both fuels and normalizes anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish sentiment and only perpetuates this targeted violence of radical Islamic jihadist ideology against Jews, Christians, Jews, other Muslims, and Westerners who uphold democratic values and the rights of women, our LGBTQ communities, and ethnic and religious minorities of all sorts. It is insane to call for a ceasefire in peace by effectively ignoring Hamas, the controlling government and militia of Gaza, the group that broke the ceasefire on October 7th and will continue to break every future ceasefire. Why do I know that? because they've told us that, as long as it is allowed to remain in power without any moderate Arab ally that actually wants peace. The thought behind this resolution at hand seems to be based on a lack of knowledge of the surrounding Middle Eastern Muslim countries and an absolute false presumption that Hamas wants peace for Palestinians alongside their Israeli neighbors or that they desire a two-state solution in which Palestinians could be free to live and thrive alongside Jews. This is not the case Hamas wants one thing which is in their charter and they tell us time after time to incite terror and to kill Jews. The glaring and obvious roadblock to the spread of the Islamic caliphate in the Middle East, Israel. And it is willing to sacrifice its own people in their words down to the very last Gazan child. This is the sole purpose of Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria, the Houthis in Yemen, all proxies of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. As for what has become of the Free Palestine Movement, it is grandly obvious that it has crossed far over the lines of peaceful protest or criticism of Israel or US government from becoming a movement in and of itself of advancing radical fundamental ideology here in the West. This has not only directly contributed the skyrocketing of anti-Semitism and heinous violence targeted attacks on Jews all over the world as well as here in the U.S., New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, but it is actually exactly what has emboldened these six terror proxies to continue to prolong the suffering and violence of this war in Israel and Gaza. There was a standing ceasefire which Hamas Broken October 7th with the sole purpose of slaughtering, burning, beheading, raping, and taking hostage young people, grandparents, babies, even our dead. As a Jewish person who's grieving deeply this week with the rest of my community after the horrific news of our slain hostages last week, I'm taking the time to call in because I'm scared. I'm scared of what normalizing anti-Semitic rhetoric has done over these last 15 months. I'm scared because My grandparents have survived the Holocaust, only for me to see the return of early 1930s levels of hatred towards Jews. If you think this isn't about Jews, please truly ask yourself, why is there no resolution on the table condemning actual genocides and mass

killings of civilians in Sudan, the Congo, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso? The list goes on. I urge you to reconsider. Thank you for your time and listening.

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From: Elad Gariany [REDACTED]
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To: Public Comments
Subject: Opposition to Resolution 2025-03

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Dear Respected City Council of Grass Valley, California,

I regret that I am unable to attend today's meeting as I am currently traveling back from my homeland in the Middle East.

The long-awaited ceasefire has finally allowed me to visit my elderly parents, siblings, and my 11 nieces and nephews—something I had not been able to do for the past two years. For that, I am deeply grateful.

I want to thank the council for taking an interest in this conflict. However, I must express my opposition to Resolution No. 2025-03, which is under discussion today.

I oppose this resolution on principle.

Our small town in Nevada County should not be involved in any international matters—period.

The city council has authority over local decisions such as zoning, employment opportunities, sidewalks, park hours, streetlights, and community events. These are the issues we should be focusing on.

Imagine a small mountain town in Germany, a village in the Philippines, or a city in Nigeria passing a resolution condemning the way we run our fire department or the opening of a Planned Parenthood branch. It would be absurd. Even on national issues like free speech or the right to bear arms, they would have no place in dictating our policies—just as we have no place in theirs.

To my friends who support this resolution, I urge you to direct your concerns to the Federal Government, where real influence over foreign policy lies.

If you had any doubt, consider this: less than two months ago, as soon as the soon-to-be-elected U.S. president decided there should be a ceasefire, there was a ceasefire.

Perhaps, instead of repeated meetings at the city level, if we had lobbied the U.S. government more effectively, a ceasefire could have happened even sooner. Personally, I can only conclude that the previous administration did not prioritize this ceasefire as much as the current one, and that is unfortunate.

The U.S. government has been entangled in Middle Eastern affairs since the 1970s. Without its involvement, history could have played out very differently. I condemn the U.S. government's imperialist agenda and believe it should focus on taking care of its own citizens first.

The less this country involves itself in international conflicts, the better. The less this city involves itself in international conflicts, the better. Foreign policy is a federal matter—not the responsibility of the Grass Valley City Council.

That being said, I, along with many of my Israeli friends, would gladly stand with you in calling for peace for all people in the Middle East.

Thank you for the privilege of freely sharing my voice and opinion—a right reserved for us in the Western world.

God bless the First Amendment and the U.S. Constitution.

Yours kindly,

Elad Gariany

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From: [REDACTED]

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Transcript:

Hello, this is Anthony Powell, South School Street, and I have some comments regarding your Town Corps office to residential space situation you're interested in completing. I've identified two properties that may be very beneficial to your project. One is the Alpha building, the old Alpha hardware building. We were looking at that to purchase it, and we noticed that there it's very underutilized. It's a very large building. It would really lend itself well to individual apartment spaces, efficiency apartments. It has oodles of parking in the back, and there would be no architectural changes to the front of the building, and it's just a great building, but obviously it requires a developer to move forward with it. The second building would be the portion of the Evans Furniture Store that's still empty since they've combined their operation into one side of their building. It's a great building. It's a large building. It would require no architectural changes to the front. It does have parking in the rear. It's a multi-story building, and that would be a great building as well. The third thing I wanted to mention was the Bank of America. As you know, banks are closing all over the country, the brick and mortar banks. This is probably the largest piece of land that will ever

be available in the town for, maybe ever. And you've got a great opportunity there to get with a developer or someone that creates grants for things of this sort. This could be senior housing, it could be low-income housing, it could be cluster of live, work, lofts, plenty of parking for the downtown. And you know what happens when big buildings like that sit empty for too long, big parking lots, trouble. So really looking to see something good happen at the Bank of America site if the landlord is willing to make a deal. That's a great building. They're closing in April, I believe. And they'll be just keeping the ATMs, but that building and that property really needs to be developed. Great piece of property, flat ground, simple deal. Okay. Thanks a lot.

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Transcript:

Hello, my name is Anthony Powell, South School Street, Grass Valley. I have a general comment about an art installation that's at McKnight Crossing in the Grove area, which is in front of the donut shop. There is a display of miners' picks that have been welded together. And on quite a few occasions, I've seen people there when the weather's good with their kids and their kids are climbing on these miners' picks, and they're very sharp, they're real picks, they're very dangerous, and they're part of this picnic area there. I spoke to the management team in Orange County, I spoke to them, and the person who is the manager for this center said that she also had a concern about the safety of these picks, but in her words, she was voted down. So I'd like someone from the city to perhaps take a look at this, a safety engineer, and determine whether this needs to be enclosed somehow to prevent children from climbing on it, because an accident on this installation would be quite severe. Thank you very much.

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Esteemed councilors,

I am writing to you in support of the Gaza Ceasefire Resolution under discussion tonight.

In one sense, discussion of this resolution comes much too late: in the 17 months since October 7th, 2023, according to Human Rights Watch, some 42,000 Palestinian civilians have died at the hands of Israeli military forces, a stomach-turning figure made only more nauseating by the fact that it includes approximately 13,000 children. So much damage has already been done, another ghastly and acutely genocidal chapter in the history of Israel-Palestine; and much more death looms around the corner, in the form of a famine that threatens to take the lives of untold thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of Gazans.

And so, it is in a grimly ironic sense that discussion of this resolution is actually quite timely: the period of plausible deniability of the horrors witnessed upon the Gazan people by the Israeli military has long since passed. Israel's genocidal actions have become a matter of common knowledge: there is no longer any pat, non-ideological justification for delay or prevarication.

There is reason to believe (as I do), and the accusation has been made formally by people more qualified than myself, that Israel's actions over the last 17 months constitute genocide. As the descendant of an Israeli grandfather, I feel a certain moral responsibility to speak against Israel's military campaign which has been carried out, in some perverse sense, in my name. As U.S. citizens, it is our collective responsibility to do everything in our power to denounce and resist an ethnic cleansing which has been carried out with the collaboration of our government and its military. And, most importantly, as thinking, acting human beings capable of moral judgment, it is incumbent upon all of us to bear historical witness to injustice in all forms, to struggle against it, and to keep hope alive that a better future is possible.

It is in that spirit that I urge the members of this council to vote in favor of this ceasefire resolution. It is certainly too late, and it is certainly too little; however, the alternative is silence and complicity with a policy of destruction and genocide. Denunciation of genocide, even retroactive, is surely preferable.

Brandon Dellis
Grass Valley Resident

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From: Sheerlie Ryngler [REDACTED]
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To: Public Comments
Subject: Agenda item 8

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Dear Council,

My name is Sheerlie Ryngler and I have been a resident of Nevada County for 10 years. I have had a brick & mortar business in downtown Grass Valley, and continue to spend a lot of time there. I am writing to urge you to NOT adopt the ceasefire resolution and to stop allowing misguided people to co-opt the purpose and mission of the city council. There is no precedent for a resolution like this, and I strongly encourage us not to start now.

I am a Jewish American and actually have an MA in Conflict Resolution. I worked for years on the ground in Israel-Palestine for social justice, peace-building, and human rights. This resolution is not only completely pointless, but embarrassing. Countless intelligent people have dedicated their lives to resolving this conflict for over a century and have been unsuccessful. Do you really think anybody in this town can contribute an idea that hasn't yet been attempted? Is it city business to affirm our "values" in a singled out international issue?? Especially when people here can barely understand what's happening on the ground (as evidenced by zero mention of Hamas)? This is pure virtue signaling, spearheaded by people with very little virtue (I know because I was forced to interact with them for most of last year over the Nevada City council resolution on the same topic. They repeatedly exhibited abhorrent antisemitic behavior). Please don't pander to people who not only have no idea what they're talking about, but have sowed division and hatred in our community.

I hope you will do the right thing.

Thank you for your time,
Sheerlie

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Yaelle Dery [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 3:13 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Matter of the ceasefire resolution - OPPOSED, It is simple outside the scope of GV city council

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A ceasefire resolution? So, Grass Valley California is calling for a ceasefire in Israel and Gaza. It is almost laughable. Do you really think that this is going to have some sort of impact. It will not. And by the way, there is already a ceasefire, we are kind of wasting our time here.

So what is the purpose of this resolution? Really, what is the purpose? To appease a small group of people that have had their emotions fueled by what they are reading on Tik Tok and Instagram. Because that is really what this is about, right? This propaganda war, which by the way, the terrorist and extremist organization of the Arab world are definitely winning that war. They have done a great job coining words like cease-fire, occupation, from the river to the sea, weapons embargo, genocide... it reminds me of the old commercials on tv where they repeated in large red letters... **sale, sale, sale** or Call 1800 blah blah blah, call 1800 blah blah blah NOW, NOW NOW.

The great tragedy of this is that these people don't even realized that they are being controlled by terrorists, whose entire purpose in life is to kill Jews and to hate Jews and who find great pleasure in murdering, raping, torturing, kidnapping innocent Jewish women, children, babies, elderly people... people that really want peace and just to live in peace and raise their children. Half of the people that Hamas and other Islamic terrorist groups attacked, murdered raped and kidnapped on that tragic day of October 7th, were the people that were really working for peace and really working to help the people of Gaza... Hamas and other extremists have controlled the Gaza Strip for quite a long time now. They don't want peace with Israel. They don't want to live in peace and prosperity.. They have one life's purpose.. to hurt and destroy the Jewish people of Israel. If they had wanted a different life.. they could have easily had it... They have had financial support from all over the world for decades... they could have made Gaza a paradise, in peace and prosperity, but instead, they built tunnels, made weapons and educated their children, not to thrive in life, but to kill Jews. In addition, there was a statement written in the resolution about humanitarian aid, and I would like to point out that Gaza has gotten enough aid since this war started to feed each and every resident of Gaza a 3000 calorie/day diet. In addition, I don't think that there has ever in the history of war been a time where two entities are at war and one of them provides their enemy with food, water, clothing, fuel. I mean can you really think about that... facing an enemy that attacked you, kidnapped, killed and tortured your innocent citizens and you provide them with aid while they continue to attack you and shoot thousands of rockets at you. I think it is unheard of.

In addition, the ceasefire resolution calls for the release of unjustly held prisoners. I can tell you that there are very few unjustly held prisoners.. most of the prisoners who are being released by the hundreds have participated in a terror attack, murdered, raped, kidnapped.. and what saddens me is that this is put in the same sentence alongside the call for the release of hostages, who are innocent, youth, women, children, elderly, soldiers.

And finally, the call for an end to the occupation of Palestinian territory. What does that mean? Are you taking it upon yourselves to define what is or is not Palestinian territory. Do you know that all Jews vacated the Gaza Strip in 2006, even to the point of digging up graves. You call for things that you know nothing about. This conflict is far more intricate and complicated, has consequences and repercussions beyond the knowledge and expertise of the Grass Valley City council. I don't know how you can even begin to think that you have the right to say anything about it. It should be left to the experts.

What this resolution is doing, as I see it, is supporting murder, rape, torture and kidnapping of innocent people who only want to live in peace. Does that make you feel proud, like dancing in the streets around innocent dead babies that have been strangled to death. Think about that for a moment.

And with all of this said, the truth is that passing a resolution will have zero impact on the reality of the situation in Gaza and Israel. It is a ridiculous outcome of this social media propaganda war and your hands being forced, and convinced into thinking that it has anything to do with the people and the population of our little town. I can nearly guarantee you that this does not represent the people of this town, in fact, based on the responses to the announcement in the Union, most people here think that it is ridiculous that we are even having this conversation at all. This resolution represents a small group of people. It does not belong here in our town. Here we need to focus on what matters here in Grass Valley and Nevada City and stop wasting our time attending to childlike tantrums of people who really have no idea what is truly happening in Israel and the Middle East. I can imagine that most of the people involved in this fight have never even been there, nor do they have a desire to be. And really have no idea what the truth of the matter is. I can say even for myself, who has family there, spent nearly every summer of my life in Israel, lived there for 6 years, and I must add, know people that were either brutally murdered on October 7th and also people that survived that horrific attack... I don't TRULY know what is going on. I know what I read, what I see, what I hear, but there is so much more to the story that I can say, I don't REALLY KNOW and I think even still I have a much better idea than most of the people pushing for this resolution. At the end of the day, I think that very very few people here in Grass Valley have the knowledge or the experience to say anything about the situation at all. People may think they know what they are talking about based on what they read or what they watch, but c'mon, we don't truly know anything at all. So, I say we focus here in our little town on what we do know and what we can see and feel and experience here and leave these issues to those that do know and can actually have an impact.

Honestly, I wish I had said this before when it was happening in Nevada City, but at the very beginning, I wish the council had simply said, "I'm sorry, but this is outside of our scope. It is simply beyond our jurisdiction." End of story.

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Taylor Whittingslow

From: Tara Winkler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:58 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: ceasefire resolution—you have been misled

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Regarding the ceasefire resolution to be voted on this evening, you have been misled. Let's take a look at where that occurred:

- Re: the initial attack on Israeli citizens: This happened at a public event, unprovoked. Israelis were murdered, raped, beheaded and otherwise mutilated. Babies and small children were raped (yes, raped) and murdered. These acts were then posted on social media by Hamas.
- Re: the hospital bombing, so often referenced when speaking about atrocities. It was actually a Hamas rocket gone wrong and it hit the parking lot, not the hospital. The reporter, in the confusion of the attack, misreported the incident. The publication first reported that this was Israel's doing (in a major headline), then retracted it (in a small headline). Unfortunately, this is a common occurrence in the news media, either intentionally or accidentally.
- Re: the difference between the morals of the IDF (Israeli Defence Force) and Hamas. The IDF goes out of their way to warn Palestinian citizens ahead of an attack. Hamas is a terrorist organization, whose end goal is the destruction of Israel and the annihilation of Jews worldwide.
- Re: **radical** muslims (Hamas, Hezbollah, etc.) attitude toward women: if they are caught in certain interactions, punishment could include **Flogging or whipping, House arrest or seclusion, Imprisonment, Stoning, Honor-based violence, Public shaming, Fines or monetary penalties, and Execution**. These are not supported by mainstream Muslims. My question is: Why hasn't the women's movement been more verbal about it? Instead they seem to ignore it.
- Re: Israel and the IDF: Israel is a democracy. There are no terrorist acts initiated by Israel toward their citizens. Many Arabs and Muslims feel safer there than in their home countries where this is a common occurrence. Some Arabs and Muslims have gone so far as to join the IDF to fight to preserve this better way of life.
- Re: these paragraphs in your resolution: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of Grass Valley, California, the City Council expresses profound sorrow over the loss of Palestinian lives, including children and elderly, by the indiscriminate retaliation by the State of Israel." It was NOT indiscriminate retaliation by the State of Israel, I reiterate; the IDF goes out of their way to warn Palestinian citizens ahead of an attack. Their goal is to wipe out Hamas, which benefits everyone, both Palestinians and Israelis.

In light of the above points, who would you be more likely to trust; Hamas (a terrorist organization) or Israel? I'm very confused by this. The act of putting this resolution to a vote disenfranchises both Jewish and Israeli citizens in the area. Also, if your aim is to silence the radical group who introduced this in the first place, it won't work. They are persistent and will want even more. If this passes, it gives them license to keep pushing their agenda. They have no place asserting their ideas in small towns since they are not

locals. Also, anyone concerned with conflict in the Middle East can write their congressman/woman individually. That is a much better approach, in my opinion.

Best,

Tara Winkler

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To: Public Comments
Subject: Cease fire

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This resolution is not only sickening it is absurd . As a city council you should be taking care of of our city infrastructure, services and people, not appeasing your liberal base by sticking your nose into global affairs. Your resolution states Israel is retaliating, they are defending themselves and their country. Were you asleep on 10/07, terrorists and civilians broke into Israel, raping, torturing and murdering over 1200 innocent men women and children, then kidnapping 250. A few days ago the bodies of a 9 month old baby and his 3 year old brother that were murdered by terrorists and held hostage for a year and a half were returned to Israel. Did you see the show Hamas put on, the thousands of “ innocent Gaza civilians “ cheering at the caskets saying they will do it over and over. Have you not seen the videos Hamas took on 10/7 torturing and murdering and worse laughing and enjoying it. Not once in your resolution do you even mention Hamas. Since 10/7 you have allowed groups , like the Nevada county peace and justice Coalition to chant their pro Hamas , anti Israel and antisemitic slogans and said nothing. These actions hurt our Jewish community. You should be supporting our Jewish community, not making resolutions that do nothing but hurt one group of people. Israel has the right to protect themselves and the Jewish in our community have the right to live their lives free from the hate and antisemitism. Do not vote for this disgusting and hateful resolution.

Thank you,
Miley Wood

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From: Tal Even [REDACTED]
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There cannot be a ceasefire until all foreign hostages that were dragged from their homes and land on October 7 and are held in Gaza by Hamas Or any other terror organization, Brought back to their homes and families or to a proper burial if they've been murdered or no longer alive. October 7 brutal massacre was performed by people who prefers death over life, who would sacrifice their own people in order to be martyrs.

They are perpetually voice their wish for Israelis and Jews to die.

There is no negotiation with this people. If they will release all the hostages, that will be a sign of humanity, and until they do so there is no one to negotiate with.

Your agenda should be: Release all the hostages! And nothing else.

I do hope that neither of you will ever suffer such a fate.

That the offsprings of the people who lived on the land you are now calling your home, will never decide to take it back in such violence, and wish you dead and deported to where your ancestors came from.

That your loved ones will never be chained and eat donkey food, because someone decided you are the 'bad' guys.

That no one you care for will be mutilated before they are raped and murdered in from of their family members.

Hamas took these people and Hamas can bring them back. It's in their hands and their hands only. Their decision will judge their own humanity.

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From: Debbie Eldredge [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 1:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Proposed Ceasefire Resolution

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To the Grass Valley City Council:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to your proposed ceasefire resolution. As city council members, you are paid with taxpayer funds to address GRASS VALLEY issues! We do NOT pay you to meddle in international affairs, such as foreign wars, which are complex issues in which you lack expertise.

I am outraged that you have wasted valuable taxpayer funds and city council time, including the time of taxpayer-paid city staff, writing and proposing this divisive and hurtful resolution. I expect you to spend your time doing what you were elected to do: governing Grass Valley, including addressing the many local issues that urgently need your attention, such as housing, parking, road and sidewalk repairs, homeless issues, encouraging business, etc.

To make matters even more disgraceful, your timing could not be more foolish. In case you're not aware of it, a ceasefire is in effect. Your proposed resolution will accomplish nothing. Neither side will be influenced by it. It serves no purpose but to virtue signal your supposed "compassion," while embarrassing the residents of Grass Valley you are elected to serve. Shame on you for making a laughing stock of the city!

Many Grass Valley residents are hurt by the proposed resolution. Many (including many like me, who are not Jewish) believe it encourages hate and gives comfort and support to terrorists. It makes Jewish members of the community feel unwelcome and unsafe. Again, shame on you!

As do all Americans, you have a right to express your personal opinions regarding the war. However, you are out of line doing so as City Council members, as if your proposed resolution is the official position of the City of Grass Valley. Grass Valley has no business taking positions on international affairs that don't affect Grass Valley.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

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Deborah Eldredge

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From: H. B. Winkler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:06 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Against Grass Valley Ceasefire Resolution

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Against Grass Valley Proposed

RESOLUTION NO 2025-3 Item #8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA,
CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO VIOLENCE BETWEEN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Submitted by H. Ben Winkler, Grass Valley, CA.

To Grass Valley City Council:

I request you vote NO on the “ceasefire” resolution (RESOLUTION NO 2025-3, Item #8 for the 2-25-25 City Council Meeting).

This resolution is irrelevant to the business of Grass Valley, an example of ignorance, selective outrage and, frankly, Anti-Semitism.

Irrelevant

The Federal Government, through the U.S. State Department, is charged in the Constitution with conducting foreign affairs, not Grass Valley.

Ignorance

In fact, there is a ceasefire in place, thanks in part to the U.S. State Department. So, what is the relevance of this resolution? Do those who submitted this resolution not know this?

Selective outrage and Anti-Semitism.

Although this resolution mentions Hamas, it does not condemn it. This resolution condemns the State of Israel – the world’s only Jewish state. Hamas’s allies in the October 7 invasion and atrocities -- Islamic Jihad, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, Fatah and other Palestinian terror organizations -- are, remarkably, NOT MENTIONED in this Resolution.

Nor is moral outrage extended to the civil war in Sudan – a conflict affecting a population 10 times as large. Nor against the parties involved in the Russia-Ukraine war, a conflict even larger. No, this resolution only attacks the victim of sadistic violence, the Jewish state. And, this resolution slanders Israel, as detailed below.

This resolution’s double standard is, by definition, Anti-Semitism.

When the resolution says “**Ceasefire,**” I hear “**Amnesty for Hamas.**” Why is this?

The words “immediate, permanent and unconditional ceasefire” are, in their usage in this resolution, a euphemism for amnesty. Amnesty for those committing the most heinous murder, rape kidnapping and torture.

On the 4th **WHEREAS**, it reads “there are a growing number of people ... calling for a ceasefire ...”

Where is the evidence of “a growing number”? On the contrary, a recent Harvard-Harris Poll asked, “Do you favor an unconditional ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war that would leave everything in place, or do you think any ceasefire should happen only after the release of all hostages and Hamas removed from power?”

68% of Americans answered, “only after the release of all hostages and Hamas removed from power.”

In the same poll of October 2024, 81% of Americans favor Israel over Hamas. (<https://harvardharrispoll.com/key-results-october-5/>)

On the 6th **WHEREAS**, it reads “...rising Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and bigotry across the United States...”

Just a point of reference to put things in perspective, The latest FBI Hate Crime Statistics (2023) show 2,699 total reported incidents based on religion. More than half, 1832 were Anti-Jewish. 236 were anti-Muslim. (<https://www.justice.gov/crs/news/2023-hate-crime-statistics>).

On the 7th **WHEREAS**, it reads “Grass Valley...supports the dignity and safety of residents in every community **regardless of what crimes any government may commit...**” (**emphasis added**)

This is not randomly “any government.” This is a veiled, slanderous reference to Israel, is it not? – with the disclaimer that Grass Valley will not hold local Jews and Israelis responsible for “criminal Israel.” How big of Grass Valley.

On the 12th **WHEREAS**, it reads, “Grass Valley...against genocide and ethnic cleansing...”

Below is an “Ethnic cleansing chart” from my book. Tell me who is eliminating who and if you want to endorse yet another slur in this resolution.

Ethnic Cleansing

Related to the subject of refugees, which countries can reasonably be accused of ethnic cleansing?

Let’s look at Jewish populations from 1948 to 2023 in Arab countries and Iran. Then, look below that at the Arab populations in Israel.

Jewish Population	1948	2023
Algeria	140,000	200
Egypt	63,550	3
Gaza	7,949	0

Iran	100,000	8,500
Iraq	150,000	4
Lebanon	20,000	29
Libya	38,000	0
Morocco	265,000	2,100
Tunisia	105,000	1,000
Yemen	55,000	1
Arab Population		
Gaza	80,000	2,000,000
West Bank	1,134,000	2,700,000
Israel	156,000	2,100,000

The above numbers are estimates.

Seems like Jews are disappearing from Muslim controlled lands. In the Israeli controlled areas, not only does it appear there is no ethnic cleansing of Arabs, but an increase. The accusation of Israel ethnically cleansing Arabs is another burlesque of Jewish history.

From **Palestinianism: A Burlesque of Jewish History**

On the 12th **WHEREAS**, it reads “...Grass Valley...against apartheid...illegal settlements...illegal settlements occupation of Palestinian territories”

Calling Israel “apartheid” is an anti-Semitic burlesque. It was Egypt’s illegal invasion and occupation of Gaza and Jordan’s illegal invasion and occupation of Judea and Samaria where they made these territories Jew-free – worst than apartheid. Whereas Arab citizens of Israel have equal rights. They can vote, have served in the Israeli judiciary, diplomatic corps and dominate the pharmacal and medical professions, to name a few instances that put the lie to this proposed resolution’s slander of apartheid.

Israel’s last internationally recognized borders were set in 1922 by unanimous decision of the League of Nations and renewed by the League’s successor, the United Nations. Israel’s borders according to these international institutions, consist of the land west of the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, including Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza. “From the River to the Sea” is Israel’s under international law. You can find it in my book, **Palestinianism: A Burlesque of Jewish History**. If you don’t believe me, you can research it yourself – The San Remo Conference (1920) and the League of Nations London Conference (1922).

At **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, there is reference to “hostages and unjustly held prisoners.”

This reads intentionally vague, but “unjustly held prisoners” is code for Palestinian terrorists, captured by Israel and held justly. If not, who else would these prisoners be? This is doubly Anti-Semitic, setting up a moral equivalence between victims of kidnapping and their kidnappers, and then asserting that the Jewish State holds kidnappers and similar terrorist-criminals “unjustly.”

On the 3rd **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the authors of this resolution throw away all subtlety and in two words - indiscriminate retaliation – produce two Anti-Semitic slanders against the State of Israel that they want the City Council to express. As for “indiscriminate,” the opposite is true: **Israel, going to great lengths to warn Palestinians of upcoming military actions, has the lowest ratio of civilian to military deaths in the history of urban warfare, according to West Point’s John Spencer.** (

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcrsobilITo>) As for “retaliation,” vengeful words like this have been tropes to slander Jews at least since Shakespeare’s Shylock. The Jewish state is not engaged in “retaliation.” It is engaged in defensive actions, so that fellow Israelis can return to their homes and live in peace and security in the ancient Jewish homeland.

These are just some of the biased, vindictive and/or false words and ideas found in this resolution.

Anyone who signs onto this resolution signs onto more – not less – bigotry.

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Background:

On October 7, 2023, the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah, Israel was invaded from Gaza in Operation Al-Aqsa Flood. This operation was led by Hamas, a U.S. designated terrorist group, and included Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), Popular Resistance Committees (PRC), The Marxist-Leninist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), The Marxist-Leninist Maoist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), employees of the United Nations (UN), and supported by about 75% of the Palestinians in Gaza.

Israelis were raped, mutilated, tortured, kidnapped, burned alive or otherwise murdered in the most gruesome ways.

Over 1200 Israelis, mostly Jews, were murdered. About 240 were kidnapped. Thanks to the Israeli offensive, Hamas was pressured to release over 100 hostages in exchange for a temporary ceasefire, which Hamas then broke. 240,000 Israelis were made homeless. These survivors of the October 7 terror attacks cannot, for the most part, return to their communities until Hamas and their allies are eliminated as a fighting force, buffer zones established, and Gaza pacified.

Meanwhile, in the north, Hezbollah, which has a bigger, better armed fighting force than Hamas, had started bombarding Israel with rockets and missiles the next day, October 8.

And in Gaza? Who has not seen the death and destruction? Who’s to blame, Israel or Hamas? Israel, going to great lengths to warn Palestinians of upcoming military actions, has the lowest ratio of civilian to military deaths in the history of urban warfare, according to West Point’s John Spencer. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcrsobilITo>) Hamas, on the other hand, is committing a double war crime: hiding in schools, hospitals and other civilian areas, and sending rockets into Israel’s civilian population centers.

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Transcript:

Hello, this is Justin Gross. I live on Butler Street in Grass Valley. I'm urgently asking our city council to vote no on the ceasefire resolution. This is nothing more than an empty gesture to appease a very small part of our larger community. This item should not even be on the agenda. And you have the glorious task of weighing in on something that is guaranteed to anger two different camps, depending on which way you vote. This is not astute leadership, unfortunately. This is foolish. The City of Grass Valley City Council should stick to matters that are germane to city business. Calling for a resolution to be passed by a small town city council may feel satiating to some of you, and it would feel that way to radical elements in our community. But it does absolutely nothing except waste time and set a dangerous precedent. There is no substance to be found in an effete resolution. Future demands could be made by city council or made by others of the city council to weigh in on other international matters, perhaps matters in other states, in other communities. Perhaps you can give your wise thoughts on condemnation. There are plenty of local issues that we can spend time and efforts on, and I urge you to vote no on this on principle. This is a bad road to

go down, this is a contentious issue, and it's a no-win situation. So please make it stop and do not open the floodgates to more meaningless resolutions in the future. Let's stick with neutrality on international and national issues, and let's just stick with city business. Thank you for your time.

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From: Djuni Dadon [REDACTED]
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Subject: Opposition to Resolution 2025-03

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Dear Mayor Hodge and Grass Valley City Council Members,

As a resident and tax-paying citizen of the city of Grass Valley since 2020, an **active member of the Grass Valley Jewish community and a mother of three** I am writing to **strongly oppose** Resolution 2025-03, which calls for a ceasefire and political action regarding the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

While I firmly support **peace and the protection of all innocent lives**, I believe that the **City of Grass Valley should focus its time and resources on local issues that directly impact our residents**, rather than engaging in international conflicts over which the city has no authority.

This resolution **does not serve the needs of our community** and risks deepening **divisions** among Grass Valley residents instead of fostering unity. The **City Council's role is to address issues like infrastructure, public safety, education, and economic development—real concerns that affect us daily**.

Furthermore, as a **Jewish resident of Grass Valley, I stand with the Jewish people and the people of Israel against terrorism**. The resolution **fails to explicitly condemn Hamas as a terrorist organization**, despite acknowledging the **October 7, 2023, attack on Israel that targeted civilians**. Instead, it disproportionately focuses on Israel's response while making broad demands for policy changes beyond the City Council's jurisdiction.

Additionally, **resolutions like this can unintentionally contribute to division and tension within our diverse community**. Given the rise in antisemitism across the country, it is especially important to ensure that any public statement is balanced and does not single out one side in a deeply complex conflict.

I respectfully urge the City Council to **refrain from involving Grass Valley in divisive international matters** and instead **prioritize the well-being of our own community**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Djuni Dadon

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Subject: Support Resolution for Cesefire

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To: Mayor Hodge and Grass Valley City Council Members,

Lets pass the Administrative item #8 —The Resolution of the City Council calling for a Ceasefire and End to the Violence between Palestine and Israel.

We all need to stand up to stop violence of any kind and war.

Thanks for time, effort and consideration to support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Lily Marie and Bob Mora

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From: KEVIN AUSTIN [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 11:27 AM
To: Public Comments
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You might want to send that to the GV City Council: "Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to public@cityofgrassvalley.com. "

On 2/24/2025 11:22 AM, KEVIN AUSTIN wrote:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Tuesday Night's "Ceasefire Resolution" in the Middle East

Before I say anything, I want you to know that I truly applaud your desire to put an end to violence between Palestine and Israel, and your proposed Ceasefire Resolution supports that desire. As much as this resolution is a wonderful idea, do you really think such an action by a small, mountain town in California will have much of an impact? Do you truly believe that the heads of state in the US or anywhere in the Middle East will sit up and take notice.....I think not....

Having witnessed the "slow progress" of government (be it local, statewide, or federal...and how valuable "time" is in such proceedings), would the Grass Valley city council better serve this community with actions, rulings, etc., that directly impact each of its residents, businesses, and so on?

I doubt that Palestine or Israel will stop the fighting, destruction, and slaughter that has been on-going for literally 1000s of years due to a resolution by the Grass Valley City Council. I doubt these warring people/governments will really care.....unless, maybe, every council of every US city will also generate a similar resolution.

Again, I truly applaud your proposed ceasefire resolution, whether it be a heartfelt action or merely a political prerequisite for future endeavors.

With all my heart, I wish violence in the Middle East would end. I wish violence and slaughter would end worldwide...forever. Unfortunately, MAN has not learned how to stop killing each other yet. We only learn how to do it more quickly, effectively, efficiently.

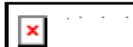
Thank you for your time and let us take care of Grass Valley first.

Kevin Austin
Grass Valley resident

On Feb 24, 2025, at 07:01, YubaNet <news@yubanet.com>
wrote:

The Monday Preview

brought to you



Good morning,

Before we get to the week ahead, here are two stories I'd like to highlight. First, [Local impacts of Forest Service firings, funding freeze](#)

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From: sasha zhukov [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2025 5:06 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Ceasefire in Gaza

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Hello All,

I am deeply angry and ashamed that you have this on your agenda. Just a couple of days after we found out what ordinary Palestinian citizens did to the Bibas boys, and their mother.

You are elected officials, but I do not feel like I am represented here. I know of 3 Israelis that live here in grass valley, who lost over 50!!!! Family members, friends, people who they grow up with in the October 7th massacre. I myself knew a lovely man, who came to visit grass valley in 2014, who was murdered on Oct. 7th.

Let's look at some FACTS:

The Palestinians are the most radicalized population in the world. They are taught from a young age, That Jews are pigs. That Jews are thieves. That Jews have no right to live. That murdering Jews is a holy duty that will reward them with a place of honor in heaven and they will have 72 virgins. And by the way, those poor virgins will have their virginity restored after every time it is taken, so they will feel pain every time. These are all FACTS, and you CHOOSE to ignore them. The Jews all over the world are suffering from this new bout of antisemitism. I did not think it would happen here, in Grass Valley- but it's here!

You are supporting people who think it's a duty to abuse, rape and slaughter Jews . How dare you? And it's not your personal opinion that you talk about around your dinner table, you are putting a PUBLIC resolution about a situation you know nothing about (TikTok videos don't count as facts) - this is a big responsibility and you need to understand more about it before even entertaining the thought! Would you call for a ceasefire if the KKK had an autonomy in Detroit? What do you think the KKK would do to African Americans and other minorities if they had their own country?? Probably the same as what the Palestinians did on October 7.

And some more FACTS - the Arabs (later calling themselves Palestinians in 1964) in Israel have been doing October 7th to the Jews since the 1800's. Don't believe me? Google it!

If you have to put a resolution forward regarding Gaza, put forward a resolution that condemned Hamas, condemn their education system, condemn the fact that they use their people and their death as propaganda, condemn the Iranian money going into TikTok for propaganda, and put in a resolution that you believe that the Palestinian people deserve better then being fodder for Hamas's cannons.

Also, maybe check who is funding the organization that made the appeal for this resolution? I think the answer will scare you.

You need to do better

You need to look the truth in the eyes

And you need to stop abandoning your Jewish community.

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From: Mark Gold [REDACTED]
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To: Public Comments
Subject: Re: Upcoming Agenda Item - Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Mayor Hodge, Vice Mayor Caravelli, and Council Members Arbuckle, Ivy and Bonomolo,

I am writing to you this evening to ask you to not approve the ceasefire resolution that is on the agenda for the meeting scheduled for February 25th. I realize that you are under a lot of pressure from pro-Palestinian members of this community. However, a city council is no place to address topics of a foreign matter, with perhaps two exceptions that come to mind. The first is if the city were approached by a government agency such as the State Department, asking to take in displaced individuals from a foreign country due to conflict or natural disaster. The second is if the city were participating in the sister city program. Sacramento for example, has numerous sister cities including Ashkelon, Israel and Hamilton, New Zealand to name a few. I'm all for having a sister city, my votes are for either Hod Hasharon in Israel (they have the best falafel that I have ever eaten) or Grange in County Sligo, Ireland which was the birthplace of the legendary Lola Montez.

All kidding aside, there are more important matters that the city council needs to be addressing, matters that directly impact our community such as increased crime on Mill Street, the lack of parking in downtown, and the homeless situation. These are just a few issues that directly impact the residents of Grass Valley. Appealing to a group of radical activists who support the Palestinian cause does absolutely nothing to end the conflict going on 7300 miles away. Now I'm not sure how many people living in Grass Valley, or western Nevada County for that matter, were born and/or raised in Gaza or the West Bank, probably not many. But western Nevada County IS home to several hundred Israelis. Many of them visit my shop regularly, or I've encountered around town, or at religious services at Chabad of Grass Valley. I met many of them at the memorial service honoring the victims of the October 7th massacre, and the following year at the 1 year anniversary. Agreeing to this resolution is an insult to them and to the thriving Jewish community living here. It effectively says to them that they are not valued members of this community, and that the lives of the friends and loved ones that they lost on October 7th and in other attacks on Israelis over the decades are irrelevant or unimportant.

No one is saying that the conflict that has been going on between Israelis and Palestinians isn't unfortunate, and of course we all want to see lasting peace in the region. However, this city council resolution only has a negative impact, and that impact is on the residents who live here and pay your salaries. Do not allow yourselves to be bullied by masked thugs who yell at city council meetings, or walk around with effigies of dead babies. If you follow the news, you'll also know that Palestinians are just as guilty of killing children as we saw with the release of the bodies of 4 year old Ariel and 9 month old Kfir Bibas. As of this writing, there IS a ceasefire in place, so please also keep that in mind. This resolution has absolutely no business even being considered, and so I ask you to vote against this, put this whole resolution behind you, and move on to agenda items that directly impact the residents and businesses in the city of Grass Valley.

Sincerely,

Mark Gold
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