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From: H. B. Winkler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 5:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comments : Ceasefire

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Grass Valley City Council Meeting
Public Comments on the situation in Israel
February 27, 2023
H. Benjamin Winkler

Good Evening to our City Council members and members of the public.

I am Ben Winkler, a citizen of Grass Valley. My wife can trace her roots here to her grandfather, who was born and raised in Chicago Park. My grandparents traced their roots to the tribe of Levi in ancient and modern-day Israel.

Why is that relevant? Apparently, you members of the City Council have been besieged by appeals to extend Grass Valley's city limits to Israel.

The speakers at our last city council meetings asked that our city council demand that the murderers, rapists, torturers, and kidnappers of my fellow Jews in Israel get off scot-free. They call this amnesty a "permanent ceasefire."

This is moral deprivation.

I am grateful that you did not give in to their demands.

All of us, I think, have seen the heart-wrenching images of the death and destruction in Gaza. Who do you blame? Hamas, which set rocket launchers and stored weapons in hospitals, schools, mosques and other parts of the civilian infrastructure? Or Israel, which, in pursuing the destruction of Hamas and freeing hostages, warn Gaza civilians ahead of time via leaflets, text messages, etc. where and when to flee?

Who is to blame? Who is committing war crimes?

I would also like to clarify something from the December 12, 2023, City Council meeting:

Two of the anti-Israel activists decided to re-define the meaning of “Anti-Semitism.” To them, “Anti-Semitism” meant not just opposition to Jews, but to Arabs, Syrians – anyone who has a semitic ethnic background.

Is this what Anti-Semitism means?

No.

The word “Anti-Semitism” was coined in the 1870s by German secularists, used continuously to apply to opposition to Jews as a race, but not to any other Semites.

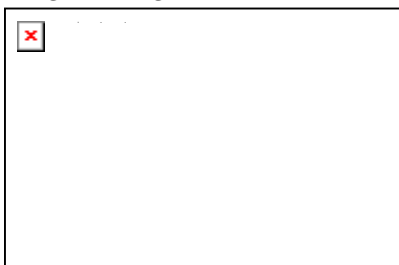
Activists intentionally mis-defined “Anti-Semitism” to water down its use so “we are all victims of Anti-Semitism.”

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”

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

H.Ben Winkler



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From: Jon Hioki [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:52 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comment on a Ceasefire resolution

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Members of the Grass Valley City Council,

This is a public comment regarding the city of Grass Valley bringing forth a resolution for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

I am a resident of Grass Valley (with the coveted 3-digit address) and I am adding my voice of support for a ceasefire resolution. This has been brought forward by Grass Valley residents for the past five months. Even bringing something forward to a vote would at least be something, a step forward even if it is voted down.

It feels impossible to have any real impact or sway on global politics, but making an impact on a local level can feel impossible when it feels like the channels aren't listening, or are simply not interested. It should at least mean something to you all that the residents of the city you work for feel this passionate about what has been happening to people on the other side of the world.

So with that, I ask you again, to bring forward a resolution in support of a ceasefire.

Thank you,
Jon Hioki

Taylor Day

From: THE FINER POINT - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
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Transcript: Hi, my name is Jason Miller. I'm a local resident. I've been trying to reach place in Grass Valley, and local business owner, and a practice, and you, and I just wanted to be, I just wanted to give you guys my support for the work you're doing and keeping the politics, local, working on stuff for the city and for the community, I commend you in that steadfast stance against very, very loud and under informed, very emotional and under informed, and organized few that are constantly trying to draw the city governments attention 4000 miles away. The conflict in the Middle East is extremely complicated. And the Jewish person over the course of my life, I've been on both sides of it. Free Palestine five, you know, part israel side. I can tell you that after a lifetime of studying and it's extremely complicated, planting a flag here will only divide the local community. And again, I commend you for your steadfast

stance in focusing on local politics, which is what off here in America and here in Grass Valley, that's what we want. That's what we appreciate from you, and I just wanted to call you for that. Thank you.

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From: Paul Elias [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:16 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment 2/27 Against Expanding Sierra Guest House

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My name is Paul Elias, 12125 Crystal Springs Road just outside the City limits off Old Tunnel/Town Talk Road.

I met with district 3 Supervisor Swarthout last week at her county office saying I would speak out at any public hearing to expand homeless services and/or housing in the Glenbrook Basin, the location of adding occupancy to Sierra Guest House. So here goes. . .

Enough!!! We have Hospitality House, The navigation center, Brunswick Commons and possible expansion of Sierra Guest House, they're not managing the magnet they are for the homeless and encampments.

My neighborhood is impacted constantly with homeless camps that become abandoned with debris, shitting in the woods, litter out behind Flyers gas station by West America bank and pan handling, plus meth use which I have good evidence of from constantly cleaning up homeless camps along Old Tunnel and Town Talk, along Brunswick, by Sierra Cinema's. If you enter hwy 49er/20 going east from behind Walgreens and see the mess of a homeless camps there that neither GV or Hospitality House or other providers has attempted to remove the unsightly mess. I tried but only got so far. Come on mgmt at the navigation center or Hospitality House, you see it too and ignore??

So until the City, County and the service providers to the homeless can manage what exists, don't add more to the Basin.

I'm not against helping the homeless but you'd get my favorable support if I saw a program in place, (in fact Superior Swarthout said that's a possibility and believe Truckee has it, chex with her), of using the homeless themselves from H. Home and Brunswick Commons to do the cleanup. Not rocket science to take the H. House van, hitch a trailer to it and remove the debris, and not now and then at major cleanup events like held last fall off Dorsey Drive.

Don't expand more services in my neighborhood, which is already a magnet for homeless campsites until something is done to "manage" what's there, an ugly, and hazardous mess.

Paul Elias
[REDACTED]

Ps. I ran into a fellow who had been homeless and now is sheltered at the Brunswick Commons. He told me proudly I have one of the finest views in the County for free. LOL. Put him work I say for that great view.

Sent from my iPhone

Taylor Day

From: Laila Murfin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:32 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comment submission

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Dear members of the Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Laila Murfin, LPCC, and as a therapist I am a Grass Valley small business owner (located just down the way on East Main), and I am mother to a three year old. I am sorry I am unable to join this week in person as I have on several other occasions.

Thank you for your service to Grass Valley and our community. I am writing to respectfully urge you to put a ceasefire resolution in support of Palestine immediately on your agenda. This is a local matter and we call on Nevada County and the city of Grass Valley to stand on the right side of history.

I know that this is an unusual issue for the council to take a stance on, but we find ourselves in unprecedented times. There is continuously mounting, undeniable evidence that the actions taken by the Israeli government constitute genocide against the Palestinian people. This is supported by the definition of genocide put forth by the UN, the findings of the International Court of Justice, and numerous international aide organizations like Amnesty International, Doctors Without Borders, and many more.

The United States has become increasingly isolated on the world stage—the majority of countries on the United Nations Security Council support the call for a ceasefire, and three times now, the US has vetoed that call. Most recently, on February 20th, the US was the sole opponent of said resolution. Furthermore, the United States' own Leahy Law, prohibits " the U.S. Government from using funds for assistance to units of foreign security forces where there is credible information implicating that unit in the commission of gross violations of human rights (GVHR)."

Billions of taxpayer dollars have been used to give weapons to the Israeli government. This means that our tax dollars are illegally going to support a genocidal military campaign.

Making matters worse, the federal government has voted to cut funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), one of the main sources of aid for Palestinian civilians suffering from displacement and constant bombardment by Israeli military attacks. The ever-worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza is being co-signed by our government.

Anti-Muslim, anti-Palestinian, and anti-Semitic acts have been on the rise across America since October 7th. The ongoing violence abroad has made Americans less safe regardless of their ethnic or religious identities.

Our government is participating in this genocidal campaign and therefore, by proxy, all Americans are complicit; this is an issue that affects every single one of us.

Please join the over 70 cities and counties nationwide that have adopted resolutions calling for a ceasefire.

The resolution items are as follows:

- An immediate and sustained ceasefire in occupied Palestine
- An end of U.S. Military aid to Israel
- That all humanitarian aid be let into Gaza, and a declaration that:
 - Our community stands united against genocide!
 - Condemnation of Islamophobia, antisemitism, and all acts of hate in our County.

Here is a link to the resolution that was adopted by the city council in Cotati, CA, a community of about 7,500 people: [Cotati Resolution](#)

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Laila Murfin, LPCC

Taylor Day

From: Fred Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:38 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail
Subject: Please share with all city council members.

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I am a resident of Grass Valley. I am very concerned about the horrific events taking place in Isreal and Palestine. Please put the Ceasefire resolution on the agenda. Ann Johnson

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From: shirley osgood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:18 AM
To: COGV General Voicemail
Subject: Fw: Please forward to City Council members. Thank you!

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From: shirley osgood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 6:11 PM
To: info@citycouncilofgrassvalley.com <info@citycouncilofgrassvalley.com>
Subject: Please forward to City Council members. Thank you!

Dear City Council Members:

Aaron Bushnell's final message on Facebook was as follows:

"Many of us like to ask ourselves, 'What would I do if I was alive during slavery? Or the Jim Crow South? What would I do if my country was committing genocide?' The answer is, you're doing it. Right now."

His sacrifice serves as a powerful testament to the impact of individual actions in the face of injustice. I'm not asking City Council members to set yourselves on fire. I'm simply asking you to support the Ceasefire Resolution.

Sincerely,

Shirley Osgood

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From: Jalana Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 7:43 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comment for 3/27/24

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Dear members of the Grass Valley Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jalana Smith and I am a Grass Valley Resident.

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Jalana Smith

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Taylor Day

From: Tim McCall [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 5:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Measure B
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Please find attached my letter dated February 23, 2024 to the City Council expressing concerns that voters have been misled regarding Measure B. This letter has also been mailed. Please ensure that the City Council receives a copy.
Thank you,
Tim McCall

February 23, 2024

City Council
City of Grass Valley
125 East Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

RE: Measure B

Dear City Council,

I refer you to the Nevada County Voter Information Guide, March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election (Voter Guide), Section 4: Local Measures on the Ballot, pages (BT11/REP) 42 through 51. These pages present Measure B for the City of Grass Valley.

The Nevada County Registrar of Voters informed me that the material referenced above was provided by the City of Grass Valley and included in the Voter Guide verbatim.

The “FULL TEXT OF TAX MEASURE, ORDINANCE NO. 826” found in the Voter Guide is the whole of Measure B. In short, upon a majority YES vote, the City is authorized to impose an additional 0.375% sales and use tax, and expenditures of this revenue shall be considered in conjunction with the City’s annual budget.

This tax revenue will flow into the City’s general fund, not a special fund. Therefore, the ordinance cannot, and does not, refer to the purpose for such tax revenues, or expenditures for which the tax revenues will be, or may be, used.

Your attention is directed to page 48 of the Voter Guide containing the “IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS, MEASURE B – CITY OF GRASS VALLEY”. This analysis of Ordinance No. 826 was prepared by the City Attorney, Mr. Colantuono. His analysis contains the following verbiage: “.....reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire and extreme weather by funding additional firefighters, vegetation management, and emergency evacuation planning.” Despite the fact that the ordinance does not contain a description of purpose or expenditures relating to the tax revenue, Mr. Colantuono included a description of same in his analysis.

Inserting terms of purpose and expenditures for the tax revenue into his “Impartial Analysis” that are not contained in Ordinance No. 826 was highly inappropriate. By doing so, Mr. Colantuono has mislead voters.

The City incorporated into the “BALLOT QUESTION” verbiage identical to that found in the “Impartial Analysis” regarding purpose and expenditures for tax revenue. Again, this action was highly inappropriate and by doing so, the City has further mislead voters.

I now find the same phraseology identifying purpose and expenditures for the tax revenue on my Official Ballot under Measure B.

The City of Grass Valley's legal counsel and staff have taken every opportunity, through use of the official Nevada County Voter Information Guide and the Official Ballot to intentionally expose voters to concepts not contained in, and contrary to, Ordinance No. 826.

In light of these actions, and regardless of the outcome of the vote on Measure B, the City Council must not adopt tax Ordinance No. 826. Instead, the Council should offer voters a special tax ordinance requiring a two-thirds vote. The tax revenue generated by such a measure may then be properly promoted and advertised to the voters as being committed to reducing the risk of wildfire.

In addition, Council members Branstrom, Hodge, Caravelli, and Ivy, and Mayor Arbuckle singled on to an "Argument in Favor of Measure B", also contained in the Voter Guide, which states: "Measure B will fund **FIREFIGHTER, WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION** and **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT** for Grass Valley." The term "will" as used in this sentence implies a guarantee. As current council members, it is not possible to guarantee the disposition of tax revenues over a seven-year period. You also managed to mislead the voters.

Your constituent,

Tim McCall
424 South Auburn Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

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