

Taylor Day

From: Michelle Amador [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 6:50 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment - ending our support for war

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My name is Michelle Amador and I'm a Nevada County resident living at 11759 Alta Vista Ave, Grass Valley, CA 95945. I'm writing to urge our city council members to place a ceasefire resolution on the agenda. We have already seen how this war is not solving problems and has created death for thousands of innocent men, women, and children and now starvation and displacement for millions. I am grateful that in our small town our City Council listens intently and is committed to representing its citizens. I would like a unified expression of our city's disapproval of continued investment of tax dollars in this war. A colleague of mine recently said "Why are people rushing to protect Palestine when we have our own problems in this town?" But the problems of Palestine are our problems, on a grand scale because we are one humanity, and on a direct dollar scale, the problems of Palestine have become our tax investment. We do not stand unified as a people for the investment of war.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your service!

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From: Tammy Gregerson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:54 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Adding a Ceasefire Resolution to the Agenda

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Tammy Gregerson and I am a resident of the city of Grass Valley.

I appreciate the time you've taken over the past months to read these emails and listen to the public comment regarding adding a ceasefire resolution to the council's agenda. I assume this isn't the type of public comment you thought you'd receive from your constituents when we elected you.

As this genocide continues, I am reaching out again to urge you to add a ceasefire resolution to the agenda. If you haven't already, I also urge you to watch some of the footage, even just one video of what is going on. This is real and it is happening right now.

Grass Valley has the opportunity to say that we are not okay with this.

Thank you for your time,
Tammy Gregerson
178 Lucas Ln

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From: Kiana Kraft [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:34 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Dear Grass Valley Council Members,

As a Nevada County resident, I strongly urge you to place this ceasefire resolution directly on the next council agenda. We want Grass Valley to join the growing tide of cities calling for an immediate and sustained ceasefire in Palestine and the end of military aid funded without consent with our hard earned tax dollars.

The proposed ceasefire resolution put out for debate and passage has been modeled on the successful templates passed by the growing number of city councils nationwide. The resolution components 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 city.

We are truly at "the crossroads of history and progress" and we have the opportunity to be on the right side of history. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Kiana

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From: Robert Leary [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 2:29 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Disabled code enforcement

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Good evening: I'm a concerned Grass valley resident who wants to fix a city wide Problem. I don't know if this is the appropriate forum but I'm looking for advice on the problems as to what to do and at least bring it to the attention of city officials. The problem is: A huge (I would say majority of) Businesses and government buildings are Not in compliance with ADA requirements Or any knowledge of the concept of reasonable accommodation for the disabled As a disabled man, I have had to literally fight and struggle to enter most stores, all the banks Including my own Wells Fargo which has 2 sets Of nonconforming doors. They also used to have a parking attendant years ago who presumably would at least check that a disabled placard was present on those parking in the disabled spots Yet you can Watch all day as able-bodied special people Park in the disabled spots and literally run into the bank. I'm aware not all disabilities are visible but no placard, no park. This happens All over town all day long in a town downright hostile to disabled people, the elderly and those encumbered with objects or a child. If you are in a wheelchair you really Gotta work to get in some places your problem of gaining entry are just a prelude to the scorn of reasonable accommodation you will encounter inside. I was recently forced To visit a Verizon store to buy a new phone And Verizon's policy (more on their stupid policy to come) is you have to show up in person and cannot delegate this task to a caregiver for example. Once inside, after clawing thru their non-conforming doors, we had to wait for quite a while, during which time I asked to use the restroom and was denied Twice, the employee citing that Where the restrooms were in an adjacent Belair? Market which we used twice. I'm sure everyone is familiar with how thrilled And flattered stores and especially restaurants are to provide bathrooms to the public. This kind of treatment is not much less degrading Than just peeing on their floor which is a distinct possibility if I gotta go. But this time I had had enough and so went biblical on the poor kid at Verizon delivering a self-righteous lecture in a scathing tone informing him I Was demanding my civil rights and dignity be Considered, U.S. Citizen for 70 years, etc. I informed a nurse of code violations at Sierra Nevada hospital whose apathy and indignation Actually exceeded that of Verizon. They have non-complying doors on their just built and inspected addition so the

building dept needs to do a better job. Employees don't want to hear it especially a nurse. Maybe I should be pitching this to the

Chamber of commerce but wouldn't Grass Valley rather be known as a disabled friendly Town and would not merchants like to see

Return customers; it's just good business and customer acquisition is expensive. Or is there no room in the usurped rainbow for the disabled? Reasonable accommodation and ADA

Conformance is not an option but a law

A civil right this old taxpayer is demanding,

Not groveling. Speaking of revenue (and you were) I am going to suggest that the inevitable

Fines collected could easily cover the cost of a couple of code enforcement people to handle this.. (seems like a sweet job to. Me, maybe under the auspices of the police dept.

The fines for a violation are predetermined like parking in a handicap zone, and are quite stout for example 75k for the 1st violation and

150K for subsequent violations. So we can do the right thing in helping people and businesses while swelling the city coffers. Now

That I have your attention, I need to make a

Few points. 1) I am not clear on who keeps the substantial revenue but I would guess, the city of Grass Valley would. 2) I don't think the merchant would bear the cost of the fine

But the owner. 3) it should probably be mentioned that this is a huge liability issue

If you want to have more liability exposure.

There are a few nightmare stories of fines on the internet but again, this should be obvious.

If I had aggravated any of my conditions on

My Verizon experience, I would likely sue for damages. In my extensive experience in construction litigation I have learned that

Insurance companies sue everyone, in this case

It could include the city of Grass Valley, so talk to your attorney and check your exposure.

3) who the hell am I: I am a retired glazier and

Glass shop owner. 70 yrs old and licensed C-17

Ca. Contractor lic 602589 I will provide my last C.V. On

Request. I have extensive experience as an expert witness working for attorneys representing insurance companies as well as a working glazier for 25+ yrs. This is glaziers work. Glaziers install the storefront material as well as the glass and doors. They serve a 5 yr.

Apprenticeship and are fully qualified to do this

Kind of work; it is exacting with close tolerances and experience is vital: I am describing a union trained journeyman glazier.

I have no idea of the prevailing wage for Ft ref frf Fft tt rf f dug day, been retired for 18 yrs. I consider myself a problem solver and my shop was known for

Taking on the "impossible" jobs. No one else would do so I am eminently qualified; my skill and knowledge of the trade are exceeded only by my humility. Our noncompliance

Problem is overt, obvious and widespread.

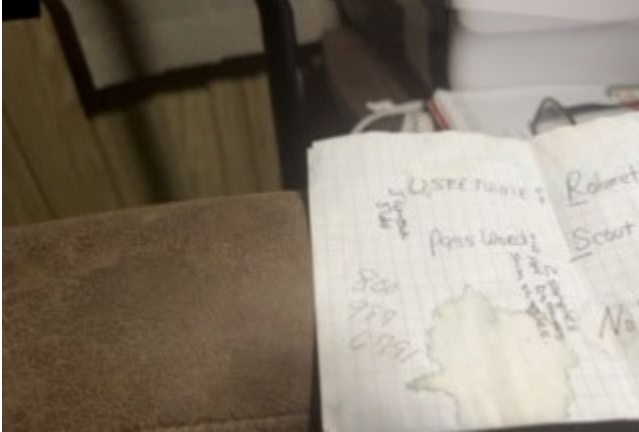
I'm pretty passionate about this and won't let it go. The fix: 90% of the crap work I've seen is door closure adjustment or simple door adjustment. Done by one man with a ladder and tools the pneumatic closers are adjusted with screws which control the resistance of the door upon initial contact (How hard they are to push open and it shouldn't be difficult)

The swing adjustment used to require at least

Nine seconds but it may have been increased since I've worked with the tools this gives the disabled time to clear what should be a .36"

Clear opening. The bottom of the door requires 18" of metal door plates presumably for wheelchair impact. Threshold not to exceed 1/2" in height. There's lots of code rules I've left out but if I was in the store I would just tune up everything but there should be little material cost unless the closer is broken and they are fairly cheap. If it's leaking oil, it's gone. If anyone actually has an interest in this they should get a life or google up surface mounted closers like Norton just for example. I would do this job myself or open a small business to just address this issue but I'm not bonded insured and

license needs to be activated. I might not be able to work and collect a pension but I am well connected and regarded and could get around it. Alternatively I might be induced to train the right man. Just for laughs you could ask the police



and fireman if they want to do it, I may have betrayed the glaziers architectural metal and glassworkers
With what I've given up already This is I can help you solve the problem. I could train a cadre of guys but that's kind of pushing it. This is a skeptical town, so I expect someone is suspecting I am inventing a. Job for myself
In the great American marketing tradition of problem, solution. If so it was a long way around the block and in the back door but like I said: this crap of difficult entry and the disrespect and illegal treatment, the humiliation of a grown person soiling themselves because they are denied a damn toilet is unacceptable. As are run-on sentences Do the right thing and would someone pls tell me they read this tome
Of a text? My consulting rate is or was, \$160
To \$200 an hr plus lunch and travel time, but I submit this gratis and with all sincerity, plz call anytime with any question.
Help me git er done
And thank you for paying attention. Bob Leary
[REDACTED], 82 Primrose Lane, GV.

Taylor Day

From: Maile McGrew-Fredé [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:18 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Redwood Trees Downtown Grass Valley
Attachments: MaileClaire.LettertoGVCC.pdf

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Dear City Staff,

Please kindly accept the attached letter and if possible forward to all City Council decision makers.

Thank you,

Maile

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Grass Valley City Council

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January 24, 2024

Dear Grass Valley Decision Makers,

I noticed the Union article detailing a recent (Jan 9th?) decision by the Council to remove the redwood trees "that line the back side of the City Hall parking lot and entrance to the Grass Valley Police Station along East Main Street." The main reason being that the trees are a "high risk for damage to hardscape."

While the article mentions that Council members regretted but agreed to make this "responsible" decision to remove these trees, I wonder if people looking back at this pivotal moment, from fifty years in the future, (assuming our species is still around) will understand the word "responsible" in the same way as must have seemed 'inevitable' and 'normal' that Tuesday night.

Have you considered how "responsible" it may be to remove these most wondrous air filters, carbon sequesterers, mitigators of planetary climate emergency and establishers of micro-climate temperature mitigation and habitat creation for a wondrous variety of local and regional flora and fauna? Are you aware that redwood trees are living breathing beings, true contributors to the web of life, the sustainability of our communities, (if voiceless)? As a species, redwood trees *are very, very, much older* than humans, have survived and thrived in California for more than 20 million years performing a huge array of "ecosystem services." Yet today, due to a wide variety of egregious human interventions, only about 5% of original old growth redwood forests remain. Do you really think it "responsible" when reviewing the bigger picture of our current multi-crisis global moment, to remove even a few of these last remaining majestic climate heroes and genetic diversity sequestorers simply to continue a business as usual focus on our short-term, energy hemorrhaging, convenience-based automobile focused lifestyle? Do you think people in the future will believe it responsible to remove *trees* in order to preserve a parking lot and retaining wall?

Why not exercise some deeper creative thinking? Why not partially remove the hardscaping that these redwood roots are in conflict with and create some small, downtown green space or a micro-park? As summers continue to blister our communities we may be supremely sorry to have removed such amazing purveyors of shade and heat reduction.

Is the decision to remove these trees final? I wonder if we could slow down a bit and pursue a longer, broader more in depth review? You have the opportunity as local decision makers to pursue real legacy paradigmatic shifts in thinking, moving away from the business-as-usual focus that has led to the destructive moment we are finding ourselves in, and leaning-in to local resiliency, and pursuing long-term wellbeing for all our mountain communities.

Thank you for your consideration,



Maile McGrew-Fredé