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**Subject:** Please do not pass a ceasefire resolution on Israel/Gaza

To the Board of Supervisors,

I have been a resident of Yolo County since 1988. Here is the text of my letter published in the Davis Enterprise after the Davis City Council made the terrible decision to pass a ceasefire resolution on the Israel-Gaza war:

In a special treat for its Jewish and Israeli constituents, the Davis City Council chose the sixth night of Hanukkah to hold a grueling discussion on a politically inflammatory and highly divisive statement on the conflict in Israel and Gaza.

As background, on October 7 Hamas launched the worst assault on Jews since the Holocaust. Women were gang-raped until their pelvises were crushed, then murdered; infants butchered; hostages, from children to grandmothers, dragged from their homes to Hamas tunnels. This slaughter didn't merit a City Council resolution. Fast forward to last Tuesday, when the City Council passed a resolution calling for "an immediate ceasefire by all parties", and failing even to mention these atrocities. This is beyond misguided. If a cease-fire were to take effect tomorrow, it would last precisely long enough for Hamas to rearm, regroup, and launch another massacre against Israeli civilians. Hamas has stated unequivocally that this is their plan. Believe them.

This resolution will do nothing to mitigate the heartbreaking tragedy now unfolding in Gaza. But in Davis, the resolution will fuel the recent alarming rise in anti-Semitism. We've witnessed a professor making murderous statements on social media, a graduate student threatening vengeance against Israelis, and teach-ins that disturbingly frame the massacre as legitimate "resistance." We've seen campus and city protests glorifying Hamas and threatening Jews, alongside the defacement of public spaces with anti-Semitic graffiti. Thanks to the City Council's encouragement, we will see much more of this hateful behavior.

This letter has unfortunately proved prophetic; the level of antisemitic activity in Davis and on the UC Davis campus has escalated. It is frightening. We now have students on campus openly cheering on the terrorists of Hamas. Please do not spread this hate further throughout the county. Please do not pass a ceasefire resolution.

Sincerely,  
Abigail Thompson  
Davis, CA.

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