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Subject: No Gaza Resolution

KNOWING THAT THIS IS PUBLIC RECORD, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT OUR PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION BE WITHHELD FOR OUR SAFETY, AND THAT OF OUR FAMILIES, IN THE EVENT OUR COMMENTS ARE RESPONSIVE TO A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST.

Antisemitism in Yolo County is an issue that the Board of Supervisors should address. The war in Israel with Hamas is not.

On December 12th, Mayor Arnold, prior to the City Council of Davis, passing their unconditional cease-fire resolution, said "The one thing I heard tonight from absolutely everyone...is how fortunate we are to live in peace and safety in Davis."

Sadly, this is not the case!

From a very young age, my daughters have been aware that people hate us because we are Jewish. Yes, there have been times that they were excited or proud to wear their Magen David (Star of David) necklace or C'hai (symbol for life) earrings, but they've never done so without considering where they are going and who they will be around in our local community. Let me share just a few examples of our experiences here in Davis:

· In 2011, I received a call from Korematsu elementary to pick her up to take her for medical attention. A chair had been thrown at my daughter in class, hitting her in the head causing a concussion, by another Korematsu. Why? Because she was Jewish.

· In 2013, I get a call from my daughter at Korematsu in tears. Another student told her: "Nazi's are cool. They are coming for you. All jews will be killed." While the issue was addressed, we were told repeatedly that the student probably didn't understand what they were really saying.

· In 2017, "Oh Allah, liberate the Al-Aqsa Mosque from the filth of the Jews. ...count them one by one and annihilate them down to the very last one." Iman Shain continued "We don't say if it is in Palestine or another place," "Praise Allah, let this be by our own hands". While the Iman ultimately apologized for "hurting our feelings", that missed the real issue...his words made our community less safe for Jewish and Israeli community members. It only takes one person to be inspired to act upon someone else's violent hate-filled rhetoric.

· In 2023, days after October 7, Congregation Bet Haverim and other synagogues were told to close due to credible threats of violence from the day of rage. Your Jewish community was afraid to go out, congregate, or be identified.

· Today - While we have had to pray under armed guard for years, we sadly need armed guards any time we gather. There are armed guards at Hillel, the Jewish pre-school, and anytime there is a Jewish event in Davis.

· Today – my daughters have unfriended many teens and young adults on social media as their peer group has celebrated the beheading of babies and the rape and mutilation of Jewish women.

For years, I wince each time someone asks me if I'm, Jewish. I find myself quickly having to assess why are they asking, am I safe, are my kids safe, why do they want to know? And, the sad thing about that is that almost all of our Jewish friends have that same reaction in our community.

Since October 7th, and since the Davis City Council passed its ceasefire resolution on December 12th, the hate and threats against the Davis Jewish Community have skyrocketed. I encourage you to listen to the public comments at the January 16th Davis City Council meeting for a small sampling of what the Jewish community has experienced since the Davis council's resolution. While there were 30 or so speakers, the reality is that there were many more who have examples they want to share but are afraid to come forward or be identified.

Through all of this, I ask where has there been ANY support from our local electeds of the Jewish community? The silence has been deafening. While at that time you were loudly proclaiming "Yolo is For Everyone," the lack of public support, solidarity, or even minimal compassion for those family and friends that our community has lost from our County Board of Supervisors and Davis City Council is heartbreaking and alienating. While we were grieving the murder, torture, mutilation, rape, and kidnapping of our families and friends.

How can you say Yolo is for everyone when you sit silent?

Yet, you are considering a cease-fire resolution that focuses on complex geopolitical issues that span thousands of years. That is not a way to support Yolo County. A cease-fire resolution will not bring our community together. Instead, it will be used to further the hate, specifically against Jews in our community.

If you desire to build a better community where everyone feels safe, I urge you to consider adopting a resolution to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism and denounce extremism in all forms.

However, we urge you not to further stoke the flames of Jew hatred in Yolo County by a resolution that is outside your purview, will have no impact on foreign policy, will increase hate of and fear by your Jewish Community, and will be regarded as another example of how Yolo County is for Everyone, except its Jews.



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