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Subject: Please do not pass a County Resolution on a complex global issue.

Supervisors -

I put time on my calendar to write to you today, and now I sit to choose the words that I hope will persuade you to avoid a ceasefire Resolution. I resist cutting and pasting the words of my peers, although that would have been a shorter and easier approach. I also resist relaying the facts of the past several months' unfolding Israel/Hamas disaster — you have enough people telling you those from various angles.

I write to you as a servant of Yolo County. I was appointed to the Yolo Planning Commission by Don Saylor in 2017 and reappointed by Lucas Frerichs last year. In seven years, I believe I have only missed one or two meetings, and I've sincerely enjoyed this unique opportunity to get to know the County in ways my fellow Davis residents usually can't.

When citizens like me sit on a Commission, we take on an advisory role to the Supervisors regarding land use issues they do not have time nor bandwidth to investigate carefully on their own. I take this role seriously, and have become known on the Commission for my interest in exploring the unintended consequences of the decisions we undertake. I want to understand the "what?" the "why?" and the "why now?" answers before voting on matters of consequence.

I assume you also want to understand these answers with regard to the issues you vote on, so I'll provide some consequences for you to consider as you debate this particular issue.

If Yolo County passes a resolution demanding a ceasefire in Gaza, here are some things that will NOT happen:

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- Important
- County business will not be given its full time and consideration given the emotional public response to this proposed resolution (ask the City of Davis about the time and energy involved)
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- There
- will be no direct impact on either Gaza or Israel
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- The
- war will not cease no matter how many "whereas" and "be it resolved" clauses are included
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- will be no useful ideas presented by the Board as to what they think a terrorized nation SHOULD actually do in the aftermath of a large-scale pogrom against its citizens within their negotiated borders
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Here are the things that WILL actually happen:

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- Many
- Jews in this county will continue to feel abandoned by local leaders who mistakenly think this is a simple issue
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- The
- population at large will foster its burgeoning suspicion of American Jews, despite their American citizenship
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- We
- will continue to have to hire off-duty police for our events at the synagogue, an expense we simply cannot afford but are undertaking anyway - more on that if you ask
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- My
- family, friends and children will continue to be the subject of derisive communications at school and from the general public
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- I
- will find myself wondering if the time I've devoted to this County is valued
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Many people in the Jewish community have not previously felt “othered” in this county, and you should know that this issue makes us feel that way now.

Thanks for listening,

Elisabeth Dubin

(For additional context, I do not support the Netanyahu government, and no Jews that I personally know do either. He is as much of an abomination to many Israelis as Trump is to many Americans. Jews like me do not support hawkish Israeli leaders intent on destroying hopes for a two-state solution. My peers are devastated by the thousands of Palestinian deaths caused in the effort to destroy the terrorist entity that is bent on Israel's destruction. Prior to October 7th, Jewish Americans like me were riveted by the unfolding protests and by the efforts of Israeli citizens to preserve their fragile democracy just as we struggle here to protect ours.)

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