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Subject: Don't schedule a draft ceasefire resolution

Dear Yolo County Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that you not dedicate your time and energy to hearing a discussion about a resolution for a ceasefire between Israel and Gaza. While this is a very serious matter, it's one that is outside the meaningful scope and sphere of influence of County leaders and should be left to federal government leaders. Complex international geopolitical issues are not the wheelhouse of a County Board of Supervisors and holding such a hearing will have no effect on Hamas or Israel.

Furthermore, incidents of antisemitism have increased in our county and are very concerning; airing this type of political resolution could add more tension and potentially stoke more antisemitic incidents. The Board's consideration of a ceasefire resolution will further stoke antisemitism that is already prevalent and growing here in Yolo County and across America. Many of the speakers at the Davis City Council's hearing on its ceasefire resolution filled the hearing room with misrepresentations, lies and antisemitic tropes. Putting a ceasefire resolution on the Board of Supervisor's agenda will simply create another opportunity for the supporters of such a resolution to make these same types of statements and by doing so, will further stoke antisemitism. The Board of Supervisors has a responsibility to build a safe, connected community, and holding a ceasefire resolution discussion will do exactly the opposite.

Yolo County has a vast number of humanitarian, economic, social, health, environmental and business needs that require your attention; providing safe and affordable housing, health promotion and disease prevention, and homelessness are but a few of these concerns. The Board's focus is needed to effectively and appropriately address these significant community problems.

I thank you for your hard work, and urge you to remain highly focused on the immediate and pressing needs of our County.

Sincerely,
Meryl Rappaport
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