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Subject: Say NO to a Resolution on Israel and Gaza

To the Yolo County Board of Supervisors,

I write to you as a concerned community member who is committed to the principles of democracy, freedom, and peace in our country and the world. It has come to my attention that various government officials have been demanding a ceasefire from Israel amidst the current war against Hamas in Gaza.

While a ceasefire resolution may sound like a peaceful idea, in reality this demand is hateful, ignorant, and naive at best. This is because those calling for a ceasefire are demanding it from Israel, while failing to hold Hamas - an Iranian-backed, world-recognized terrorist organization - accountable for its part in upholding it. This radical organization has been notorious for violating ceasefire agreements for many years. There was a ceasefire in place in Israel until Hamas broke it on October 7th. And even after that day, when there WAS a temporary ceasefire agreement in place about a month ago, Hamas violated the policy yet again - multiple times. It is truly inevitable that if another ceasefire were to be signed, Hamas would use the time to strategize, stockpile weapons, and break the agreement to attack Israel even harder - as its leaders have proudly said multiple times, Hamas wants to repeat the October 7th massacre over and over again until Israel and the Jewish people are wiped off of the map. Finally, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) just rejected an Egyptian-backed permanent ceasefire proposal - a clear indication that they do not have any interest in stopping their war crimes against Israel, and that they do not care for the lives of Palestinian civilians, whose communities are being destroyed en masse as a direct result of Hamas.

A ceasefire agreement is a two-way street that Hamas is obviously unwilling to participate in. As a result, a permanent ceasefire simply cannot be demanded until Hamas is totally dismantled. Anyone calling for a ceasefire right now is, by effect, standing against Israel and the Jewish people. Instead, they should be calling for the destruction of this genocidal terrorist organization and an end to extreme jihadism.

America has a historic relationship with Israel, the only democratic nation in the Middle East. Now, as Israel is threatened by an extremist terrorist organization that strives not only to destroy Israel, but to radicalize the entire Western world, it is more important than ever before that our country stands strongly by Israel's side, demands the return of all hostages from Gaza, and stays true to our foundational values of democracy, liberty, and freedom. This obligation applies to state and local governments as well, including right here in Raleigh.

I can assure you, if you weren't already aware, that Yolo County has seen its fair share of antisemitism, anti-Israel rhetoric, and religious hate crimes. And since the outbreak of Israel's war against Hamas, the voices of "social justice warriors" including student organizations, labor unions, and individual members of our community have become louder in their one-sided, antisemitic demands for a permanent ceasefire from Israel.

The war in Israel and Gaza continues to intensify every day. Jews around the world, including students, parents, and respected leaders right here in our very own community, are facing levels of hatred we never thought were possible in this generation. And so I pose the question: Will the Yolo County Board of Supervisors choose to stand on the right side of history, or will it succumb to the deplorable masses who call for Israel's destruction and encourage the implementation of antisemitic legislation?

Council members, I urge you to vehemently oppose the calls to adopt a ceasefire resolution, and to instead advocate for continued aid to Israel in the form of money and arms. This will better equip Israel to destroy the evil Iranian-backed

terrorist organization, Hamas, which threatens not only Israel, but America and the entire Western world. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Naomi Rubin

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