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From: Omar Ahmad <oeyahmad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 7:39 AM
To: Clerkoftheboard
Subject: Put on agenda and vote on ceasefire resolution

Dear Yolo County Board of Supervisors,

We as your constituents (many personally affected) have now passed 100 nightmarish days of Israel killing over 10,000 (I repeat, over 10,000!) children (we're talking about infants and toddlers) with our highest elected official's political and financial backing using our tax dollars. The rest of the children who have not been killed, are purposely starved, denied medical care, dealing with trauma of no surviving family members, suffocating under rubble, and if rescued, their limbs are amputated without anesthesia. If this alone is not convincing enough of a reason for you to take a ceasefire resolution seriously, then I have a few more reasons why I think you should.

If you're an advocate for education, why do you not care enough about the deliberate bombing of schools and universities, the targeted assassinations of professors, teachers, and scholars. The teachers robbed from their students and students robbed from their teachers with nowhere left to teach. The amount of human potential that could have contributed so much to the world (Gaza has one of the highest literacy rates in the world). 390 schools & universities have been damaged and 95 destroyed. That's 88% of Gaza's school infrastructure damaged!

Don't let the bullies force you into accepting that this is a two sided issue. Yes, each life is worth the same but the point of this genocide, however, is that Palestinian lives are seen as less than Israeli lives. The ratio of Palestinian civilians killed compared to Israeli civilians killed is at least over 20 to 1. It's completely disproportionate. This is even before accounting for those suffering horrifying injuries from banned weaponry, the intentional starving of the population in Gaza, the carpet bombings of hospitals, ambulances, killing of doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel (I can keep going and going!). The list is unfortunately endless in this genocide and you can refer to the case filed by South Africa in international court of justice against Israel for crimes against humanity.

Helping stop this unprecedented and most documented genocide is a priority issue for us and the community will remember when we cast our ballots in the upcoming elections that are around the corner. We will not forget. Majority of Americans support a ceasefire so it's not a wise political move to go against such a moral issue. This is a watershed moment for the nation so it would be in your best political career interests to get with the times. Even if you care only about your re-elections for current or future positions, keep this recent poll in mind where 'Americans Are More Likely to Back Candidates Who Support a Cease-Fire'.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/americans-want-cease-fire-new-poll/>

Sincerely,

Omar Ahmad

Yolo County Voter

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