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My name is Shirley. I am 86 years old. I grew up in the Bay Area.

I remember the holocaust. I remember America's silence when more than one-third of every Jewish person on earth was murdered. I remember America's silence after the war as one-tenth of the remaining Jews were expelled from their centuries-old communities in the newly established Arab countries. At least they had Israel.

I remember my neighbors' silence when my father could not take me to the Debutant Ball in San Rafael California because Jews were not allowed. And when we were not allowed to move to Kent Woodlands California, because Jews were not allowed, and when my husband could not take me to the Alisol Guest Ranch in Carmel for our honeymoon, because Jews were not allowed. I cannot begin to count the times I have experienced antisemitism in my life, in California.

I moved to Davis to be with my family after my husband died. They said Davis was a safe place where everyone was welcome. I never believed that people in Davis would celebrate the slaughter of Jews as many did after October 7th. I never imagined people in Davis would publicly support Hamas—terrorists who are equally dedicated to killing Americans as they are to killing Jews. Any so-called "peace" or "cease fire" resolution will be used as another avenue to rile up the people who hate us. Your resolution will make them stronger. And it will make Jews in our community less safe. Please do not pursue a resolution on Israel and Gaza. Please stay focused on not raising antisemitism in Davis.

Thank you.

Shirley

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