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Subject: Do not pass ceasefire resolution

Dear Yolo County Supervisors,

I'm writing in regards to a Ceasefire resolution for the Israel/Gaza conflict the Board of Supervisors may be considering. I was deeply disturbed to see that a ceasefire resolution recently passed unanimously by the Davis City Council. The meeting took hours and the resulting resolution did nothing to alleviate the suffering of Palestinians and Israelis abroad. Instead, it resulted in splitting an already divided community further and creating a platform for antisemitism and bigotry. It was an extremely painful event for the Jewish community in Davis and pitted neighbor against neighbor.

If the Yolo County Supervisors are considering a ceasefire resolution, have they demanded a ceasefire for any of the many conflicts that have gone on across the world? Will you condemn the Islamic jihad ethnic cleansing against the Sudanese Masalit? What about Saudi Arabia's massacring of Yemeni civilians or Pakistan's displacing of over a million Afghan refugees? What about the Rohingya people in Myanmar of which there are 625,000 refugees due to ethnic cleansing? What about a demand for the return of Jewish hostages (pregnant people and neonates included) from Hamas. What is the standard for deciding what the board will condemn? How does the board ensure that these resolutions are approved without bias?

Looking at the war in Israel through an American racial lens is ignorant as it disregards a very complicated and nuanced history. A ceasefire does not mean peace. A ceasefire actually allows Hamas, a terrorist organization whose main objective calls for the mass extinction of ALL Jews (me and my daughter included), to further amplify their effort. This would actually lead to more war and more killing in the future. This is not a war between two democracies, this is a war between a democracy and a terrorist organization.

I'm worried about the example the Davis Council and other nearby jurisdictions are setting. Jewish people and Jewish students are targeted by hate crimes far more than any other group, and by taking a side on this issue (which none of you are experts on) you're sending a very clear message to the Jews who live in the area that they are unsafe. I urge the Board of Supervisors to focus on more relevant and local matters, and not succumb to the ignorant propaganda regarding this conflict.

Thank you.

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