

From: [Jacob Andrew Gill](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for March 5 City Council Meeting - Ceasefire in Gaza Now!
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 6:49:28 PM

Hello Santa Rosa City Council,

I am writing to submit public comment to voice my desire that the Santa Rosa City Council pass a resolution calling for an immediate and sustained ceasefire in Palestine. It is very difficult to watch the ongoing violence and massive civilian casualties. This is a humanitarian crisis, and Santa Rosa should lead the way in passing a resolution calling for a ceasefire. I include below a letter from the Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights that I wish to amplify and for you to consider heavily in your decision.

"On February 22, 2024, the Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights voted unanimously to pass a ceasefire letter that reads the following:

In light of the severe human rights violations occurring in Gaza, Palestine, and Israel, the Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights extends this appeal to all parties involved and affected community members. Acknowledging that the impact of armed conflict reverberates through generations, we understand that healing begins with a collective commitment to ending violence in all its forms. As a nation with a long legacy of violence, including slavery and the genocide of Indigenous Peoples, that evolved to comprise many people from around the world who also experienced genocide and acts of inhumanity, we understand that international conflicts impact us here at home and within our local communities. The Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights calls upon all conflicting parties to unite in building bridges between communities, championing protections for all humans, regardless of any descriptor, and advocating for an end to armed conflicts worldwide.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin.

We condemn war, genocide, and terrorism. We recognize we cannot stop this as divided communities. International Humanitarian Law provides a set of rules that seek, for humanitarian reasons, to limit the effects of armed conflict. International Humanitarian Law is made up of treaties including the Geneva Conventions, which imposes limits on the means and methods of warfare and protects persons who do not, or no longer, take part in the fighting (including civilians, journalists, medics, aid workers, wounded, sick and stranded troops, prisoners of war or other detainees). The Geneva Conventions emphasize a moral and ethical obligation to protect innocent lives during conflicts.

The Sonoma County Commission of Human Rights recognizes the imperative need for adherence to the principles outlined in the Geneva Conventions, and

urges all sides to safeguard the lives of innocent people, including those who have chosen to lay down their weapons. It is our sincere belief that advocating for the protection of non-combatants is a shared responsibility transcending borders, fostering a global commitment to ethical conduct. We condemn all terrorists. We call for the release of all hostages. We call for a ceasefire. The only way to find the beginnings of peace is through a ceasefire - a suspension of fighting so that peace talks may take place and humanitarian aid can reach those in need.

"Only through collective action can we declare "enough is enough" and strive for a future marked by peace, love, and healing for all. The Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights acknowledges and condemns the rise of white nationalism, racism, anti-semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Arab violence locally and throughout our nation. We call upon our community to build bridges of peace, love, and healing locally. Let this appeal be a beacon guiding us toward a shared commitment to humanity."


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Jacob Gill
ELA, History, and AVID Educator



From: [elham rafla-yuan](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire in Gaza
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:57:59 AM

I am a longtime Santa Rosa resident. I am asking that you pass a Ceasefire Resolution to draw attention to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and to call for the cessation of military aid to Israeli. We as Americans should not allow our tax dollars to be used to massacre thousands of innocent civilians.

Thank you,
Elham Rafla-Yuan

Santa Rosa, 95403

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Linda E](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thank you for no ceasefire resolution
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:56:48 PM

Why has the Santa Rosa Jewish community stopped appearing at "public comments on non-agendized items" like the pro-Palestinian crowd?

Why do so many well-meaning people go beyond being understandably sympathetic to the plight of the Gazan Arabs and find themselves also wildly enraged and accusatory about those they regard as the Arabs' tormentors? [This article, The One Topic That Enrages The World,](#) sheds some light.

It seems the goal of the crowd that shows up at the SR City Council to make comments proposing a "ceasefire" resolution is to keep Hamas in power.

Thank you for keeping off of the Santa Rosa City Council Agenda, a one-sided Gaza ceasefire resolution that would give Hamas leave to harm Israel from Gaza. The Israel-Hamas war is more appropriately addressed by our elected federal representatives.

I appreciate how you are keeping our city running.

Happy March 5, 2024 primary election day.

Linda Elyad
City Council District 6

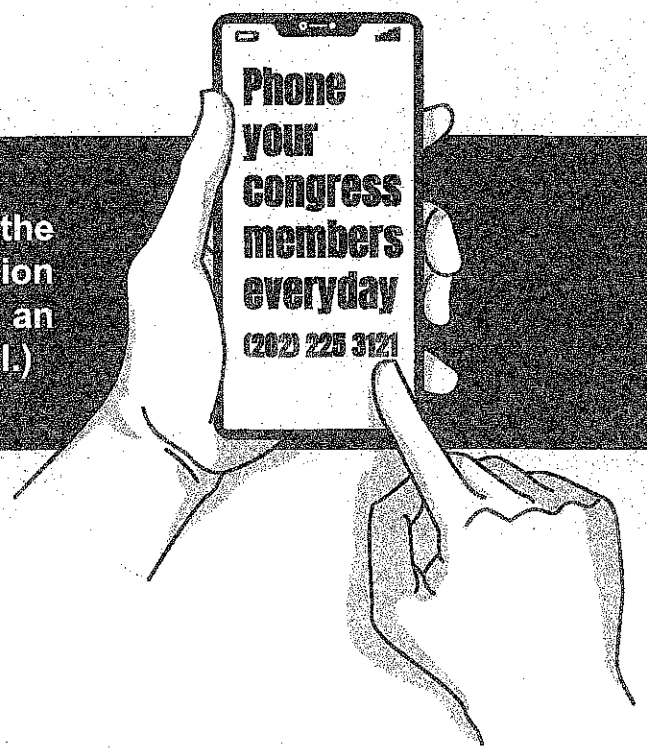
Rec'd at Meeting 3/5/24
Item No. 14
From: Cary Huntsman

"I stopped keeping track of how many new orphans I had operated on. After surgery they would be filed somewhere in the hospital, I'm unsure of who will take care of them or how they will survive. On one occasion, a handful of children, all about ages 5 to 8, were carried to the emergency room by their parents. These families had single sniper shots to the head. All were returning to their homes in Khan Yunis, about 2.5 miles away from the hospital, after Israeli tanks had withdrawn. But the snipers apparently stayed behind. None of these children survived."

Israel is doing this with **our money** & weaponry

- Dr Irfan Galaria*

Our politicians, thanks to pressure from the pro-Israel lobby, vote to give Israel over \$11 million per day of our tax money. (And they expend an additional \$10 million per day on behalf of Israel.)



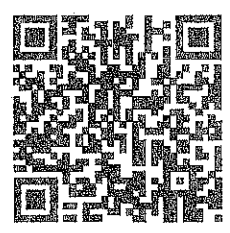
When we all demand that Congress stop providing Israel billions of our tax dollars, the killing will stop.

Phone your congress members everyday.

(202) 225-3121

Tell our politicians you won't vote for people who use our tax money to kill mothers, fathers, & babies.

Tell 10 people every day to also phone.



For citations & more information:

IfAmericansKnew.org

*Source - <https://takn.org/DrGalaria>

Using our tax money, Israeli forces have killed **13,000 children** in the past **4 months**

US media provide Israel-centric reporting.
Here are facts that they leave out:

Over 24,000 children have lost one or both parents...

Over 1,000 children have lost one or both legs...

103 Israelis are being held captive by Palestinians, while 9,000 Palestinians are held captive by Israel.

Two mothers are killed every hour...

85% of the entire population has been pushed out of their homes...

Israel is blocking food, causing famine & death...

Israeli forces have targeted churches, hospitals, schools...

People had livelihoods, businesses, homes — and now they are starving...

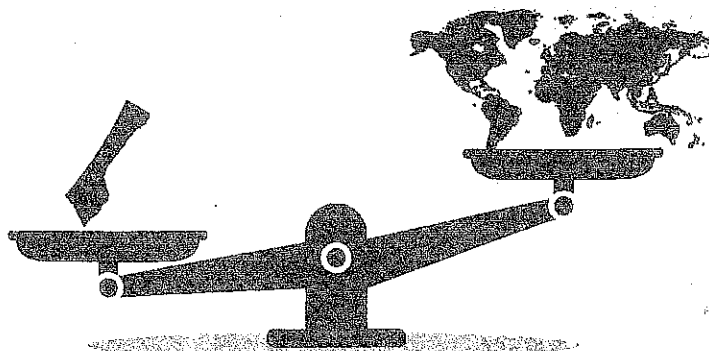
They've killed teachers, doctors, artists, farmers...

Initial reports about October 7th contained claims of Hamas atrocities that have since been proven false.

15,094 Palestinian children have been killed by Israel since September 29, 2000



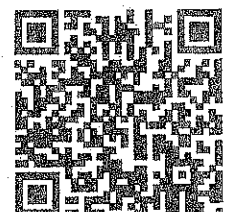
179 Israeli children have been killed by Palestinians over the same span of time



The number of children killed in Gaza over the first 3 weeks of Israel's bombardment alone surpassed the annual number of children killed in global conflict zones every year since 2019

CHILD DEATHS IN CONFLICT ZONES (PER DAY)

GAZA	[136]
SYRIA	[3]
AFGHANISTAN	[2]
YEMEN	[1.5]
UKRAINE	[0.7]
IRAQ	[0.6]



For citations & more information:
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