

From: [Cheryl Rosenstein](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Israel and Gaza
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:05:19 PM

Dear Council,

As a concerned resident of Santa Rosa, I implore you to listen to Sam Harris' podcast, linked below, before you consider passage of any resolution regarding Israel and Gaza.

Nothing is as black and white as it seems.

<https://www.samharris.org/podcasts/making-sense-episodes/351-5-myths-about-israel-and-the-war-in-gaza>

Blessings,
Rabbi Cheryl Rosenstein

From: [Marisa Smith](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CEASEFIRE NOW
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:13:06 PM

Hello,

My name is Marisa Smith - as a Sonoma County Resident here in Sebastopol, I am urging Santa Rosa City Council to include a ceasefire resolution on the city council meeting agenda. Our tax dollars are funding Israel's genocidal project to destroy Gazan lives and land. It is imperative that we raise our voices to take action to protect innocent lives and prevent further destruction.

Thank you,

Marisa

From: [Karen Platt](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] this Jew urges you to put ceasefire on the agenda
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:22:55 PM

I'm a 73 year old Jewish woman with a conscience.
I visited Gaza in 2005 and this issue is personal to me.
I don't want my tax dollars to fund a genocide.
Dealing with this issue on city gov't agendas is one way for people to speak up.
Absolutely nobody will be safe if Israel continues its genocide.
Please follow your consciences - Karen Platt

From: [Tegra Fisk](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Palestinian ceasefire
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 5:32:41 PM

To whom it may concern,
I am a local woman who would like
to urge the city council to put a Palestinian ceasefire
resolution on the agenda.
This community is full of people who believe
the Israeli occupation and bombardment of Palestine
to be illegal. Please stand with other cities of conscience
around the country and call for ceasefire.
Thank you,
Tegra Fisk

From: [David Issenberg](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on Agenda Item 14David Issenberg
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 6:20:44 PM

My name is David Issenberg, and I am a Jewish resident of Santa Rosa, deeply concerned about the council bringing a resolution on the Israel-Hamas conflict. Bringing such resolutions gives an opening for hate and division within our community.

I witnessed this firsthand when I lived in Pittsburgh and my synagogue lost 11 innocent lives from a deranged killer who echoed Anti-Jewish sentiments he heard in certain news channels and from unevolved government officials. I lost 3 friends that day and 8 other people who shared a common bond. Jews who wanted nothing more than to congregate and feel part of a community.

Consider the potential outcome of any resolution. I despise war, I don't want innocent people to die. Most people don't. However, the city of Santa Rosa bringing forward any opinion on this conflict will not change the outcome of the Israel-Hamas conflict but has the potential to create conflict here.

Regards
David Issenberg



From: [Birgit Sacher](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 14, February 13
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:27:41 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been a Santa Rosa resident and home owner here for 22 years. I am a member of the Jewish community, with a Masters Degree in Jewish Education from the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, the same institution that trains and ordains the Reform rabbis in this great country.

It has come to my attention that the Santa Rosa City Council will hear for a resolution aimed at putting voice toward a push for a ceasefire between Israel and Gaza.

I am opposed to this resolution or anything of its kind.

Not only is a resolution for a ceasefire in the Land of Israel beyond the scope of the Santa Rosa City Council, it is destined to cause only division, conflict, and disunity in our community as it has in many other communities across America. The City of Santa Rosa does not need to take any actions or make any statements that contribute to the current vitriol that is rampant in this country, and it does not need to contribute to the voices that speak independently and without understanding of the full and complex context of this serious situation across the globe.

Respectfully,
Birgit Sacher

From: [Anna Frattolillo](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cease Fire Resolution
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:59:12 PM

Please pass a cease fire resolution in Santa Rosa- this matters on the local level

Thank you

Anna

Moshe Shafrir

Healdsburg, CA 95448

February 13, 2024

To the Santa Rosa City Council

Comments for a hearing that will take place on February 13, 2024

Agenda item 14

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Dear Council Members,

As an Israeli, a Jew, and a child of Holocaust survivors, my understanding of “an end to occupation” is a euphemism for denying the rights of the returnees to the ancestral land of Zion (Israel) and the rights of the Jewish descendants of those who have never left our ancestral homeland. The saying “an end to occupation and illegal settlements.” sounds simple but it is not, and being stuck in this mindset will only perpetuate the continuation of war suffering. In the demonstrations in support of the terror group Hamas, we hear the repeated slogan “From the river to the sea Palestine will be free”. Ironically many of the demonstrators are unable to name the river and the sea. Israel is located between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea and many of the demonstrators are unable to point out where it is. In a better understanding this “From the river to the sea ...” slogan is a call for Genocide. Israel very soon will reach a population of ten million and many of the uninformed call to dismantle it. A country that is a regional technological, industrial, economic, and army superpower. All the uniformed calls and slogans just deepen and prolong the conflict.

Three views for “an end to occupation”:

1. The area includes Israel, Jordan, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip

2. The area includes Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip

These two views constitute a call for war, expulsion, ethnic cleansing, and genocide. This concept will continue to send thousands of young people to die in endless wars. Currently, millions of people who disagree with this idea live there.

3. The area includes the West Bank and the Gaza Strip

Israel disengaged from the Gaza Strip in 2005 to commence “an end to occupation and illegal settlements.” This step could have been a positive step toward initiating Palestinian statehood that could have expanded into the West Bank. But the Gaza Strip was taken over by Hamas, and its violent overthrow of an incipient new order turned out to be catastrophic. Israel had forcibly removed Israeli citizens and left behind greenhouses worth millions of dollars for the people of Gaza to use and with which to further develop their economy. The greenhouses were looted, turned into metal scraps and firewood, and the area became a launching pad for rockets shot into Israel, targeting Israeli towns and villages. To this day Hamas also uses schools, hospitals, and residential spaces as launching pads for its rockets, and uses its people as human shields. The Gaza Strip, with its archeological history, moderate climate, and stunning beaches could have become a premier tourist spot of the Mediterranean, but it was turned into a center of misery and suffering by its misguided leaders.

Wars

Four major wars have been imposed on Israel since the nation obtained independent statehood in 1948. Although Israel prevailed in all these wars, it has faced demands that were imposed on the sides that were defeated in the wars, a twisted logic that was previously unheard of in world history.

1948 The Israel War of Independence

Although the newly founded independent State of Israel called on the Arab countries and its Arab residents for peace and cooperation, their leaders chose war and attacked the one-day-old state with the intention of slaughtering its people and ending its existence. Israel was attacked by the armies of seven neighboring countries as well as by its local Arab population. Israel prevailed in this war and ended up occupying an area larger than what the UN voted to be allocated for the new state of Israel in the 1947 partition plan.

Here is a quote from the Israel Declaration of Independence (translated from the original Hebrew):

"WE APPEAL to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel – in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months – to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions."

"WE EXTEND our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples with an offer of peace and good neighborliness and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East."

<http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/foreignpolicy/peace/guide/pages/declaration%20of%20establishment%20of%20state%20of%20israel.aspx>

1957 The Sinai War

Israel attempted to stop the Egyptian-based fedayeen terrorist infiltrators from killing its citizens, to end the blockade of its southern sea in the Straits of Tiran, and to open the Suez Canal that had been blocked to all Israeli ships. Israel conquered large parts of Sinai, took over the Gaza Strip, and destroyed fedayeen terrorist bases there. Israel prevailed in this war, stopped the fedayeen, and terrorist infiltrators, and ended the blockade of its southern sea in the Straits of Tiran, but was not successful in opening the Suez Canal to Israeli ships.

1967 The Six-Day War

Egypt positioned its armies along Israel's southern border, blockaded the southern sea in the Straits of Tiran, and threatened to invade and commit genocide. Israel attacked preemptively, on the morning of June 5 within three hours the Israeli air force destroyed entirely the Egyptian air force while their fighter planes were on the ground in the airfields. Later on, that day Syria and Jordan attacked Israel and they suffered similar fates, their air forces were destroyed. Israel fought on three fronts and in six days it conquered the old city of Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Golan Heights, the entire Sinai Peninsula, and the Gaza Strip.

1973 The Yom Kippur War

On October 6, Israel suffered a surprise attack by Egypt and Syria. In the beginning, the Egyptian forces crossed the Suez Canal to the east and took over parts of western Sinai, The Syrians invaded and took over large parts of the Golan Heights. Within eighteen days the Israeli forces pushed back the Egyptian forces from most of the gained territories, crossed the Suez Canal, took over land west of the Suez, and encircled and besieged a quarter of the Egyptian army west of the Suez. The

ceasefire halted the Israeli forces at the southern edge of Ismailia and seventeen miles from Cairo. In the north, the Syrian forces were pushed back from the Golan and Israeli forces took over territory east of the Golan.

War has never brought peace

War is ugly and terrible. War does not plant orchards nor plow fields. War does not build houses. It causes grave suffering and massive displacement of people. Between 1920 and 1970 (and the majority after 1947), 900,000 Arab Jews endured government-sponsored pogroms, were expelled from lands where their ancestors had lived for thousands of years before Islam, and had their homes, properties, and wealth confiscated by the governments of their countries of residence. A majority of these refugees, 600,000 were resettled in Israel and stopped being refugees upon their arrival. The Arab countries, by attacking Israel on May 14, 1948, created the Arab refugee problem. The Arabs that fled the war are deliberately kept as refugees to use them as fuel to feed the fire of hatred and war. These refugees have been used cynically and cruelly by their official leadership, by the Arab countries where they reside, and by their allies until this day.

Anwar Sadat - Peace Treaty Between Egypt, Jordan and Israel

Golda Meir, the Israeli Prime Minister during Yom Kippur was the best to express the Israeli mindset about the Israeli-Arab conflict, a translation from Hebrew: "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children, but unable to forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will have peace with the Arabs when they will love their children more than they hate us." This was the state of mind that enabled Israel to sign a peace treaty with Egypt after Anwar Sadat made a historic visit to Israel. On 19 November 1977, Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel officially when he met with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and spoke before the Knesset in Jerusalem about his views on how to achieve comprehensive peace and end the Arab-Israeli conflict. Thousands of Israelis lined up along the road from Tel Aviv Airport to Jerusalem greeting the leader that was willing to stop being an adversary and giving him a hero welcome. In 1981 Anwar Sadat was assassinated by his people but his bold move ended the hostilities between Israel and Egypt till this day. Egypt and Israel are an example to the whole world, after many years of young men from both sides murdering each other it is possible to negotiate peace, make it happen, and keep it. The Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty was signed in a ceremony at the White House on **March 26, 1979**, and the three leaders—Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, U.S. President Jimmy Carter, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin—joined hands and shared big smiles. In 1994 King Hussein of Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel. Since then, Egypt, Jordan, and Israel had disputes and diplomatic disagreements, but have never had armed confrontations.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2015/03/on-this-day-36-years-ago-the-signing-of-the-egyptisrael-peace-treaty/388781/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel%E2%80%93Jordan_peace_treaty

A CALL FOR PEACE

THE ONLY WAY TO SOLVE THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS IF ALL ITS PEOPLE: ARABS, JEWS, DRUZE, MUSLIMS, AND CHRISTIANS, REALIZE THAT NOBODY IS GOING AWAY, STOP BLAMING EACH OTHER, AGREE UPON A COMMON GOAL OF SHARING THE LAND AND ITS RESOURCES AND BETTERING THE LIVES OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE REGION. THEN THE DESERT WILL TRULY BLOOM.

The destructive and seems to be simplistic wording “an end to occupation and illegal settlements” and similar statements may reappear, but this expression represents the mindset that was tried before, has never worked, and will only increase war and suffering. I am suggesting a balanced and no adversarial statement:

SUGGESTED STATEMENT

A CALL FOR ALL SIDES OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT TO STOP ACCUSING EACH OTHER, STOP INCITEMENTS, AND LOOK FOR COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS AND GOALS TO BETTER THE LIVES OF ALL INHABITANTS OF THE REGION.

Moshe Shafrir
Healdsburg, CA



From: [Kendra Chatfield](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment for council meeting
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:29:11 PM

Hello

My name is Kendra and I live in Rohnert Park. I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Sonoma County. I would like to see Santa Rosa pass a Ceasefire Resolution, just as the city of Cotati already has. I believe that it is imperative for Santa Rosa to join the chorus of voices who say that these murders have gone too far and to put pressure on Israel and Palestine to bring this to an immediate and permanent end.

Santa Rosa could set an example of compassion for human life, and acknowledgment of the severity of the ongoing situation. This is not just an issue that is happening far away. We are all watching it in real time and it is touching our lives deeply.

It may seem like a small and unimportant gesture, however a Ceasefire Resolution is necessary to send the message that what is happening is wrong, and Santa Rosa will not tolerate racism or genocide.

To be silent during these historic events is a disservice to those you represent.

I hope you will choose to use your position of power and visibility to put humanity first.

Thank you.

Moshe Shafrir



February 13, 2024

To the Santa Rosa City Council
Comments for a hearing that will take place on February 13, 2024
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Dear Council Members,

Please see this historic timeline of the Land of Israel

We cannot be called settlers and colonialists in our ancestral land.

Ignorance has never saved a life

After the Bar-Cochba Revolt in 144 AD (1879 years ago), the Romas called the land of Israel “Palestina Suria” naming the land after the Biblical extinct Phlelstim that disappeared 400 years earlier. The Romas aimed to detach the Hebrews from the land of Israel. The ruling empires continue calling the land “Palestina”. There has never been an independent “Palestinian State” and the concept of a “Palestinian” nation is a new 20th-century invention. In 6 to 4 BC, the Jewish prophet, Jesus of Nazareth was born and was killed by the Romans in 33 to 36 AD.

Theory, 10,000 years Sematic tribes migrated east as the Sahara started drying because of the end of the Ice Age. Some moved to today’s Ethiopia, others to today’s Israel and Iraq. Ethiopian languages (Amharic and Tigray), Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic are sister languages.

The oldest Hebrew writing 3900 years old, was found in Sarbit El Hadem (an ancient Egyptian temple in Sinai) written on clay tablets. Apparently, the Hebrews worked for the ancient Egyptians as construction workers.

The Hebrew in English is the deformation of the original word Aaivri translated to Nomads.

There were several Hebrew-speaking Nations and tribes, some settled and others nomadic. Hebrews, Edom, Moab, Phenicia, Canaanite one-town kingdoms, and nomads.

The Hebrew nation started forming in 1530 BC after the fall of the Hyksos Empire in Egypt and Hebrew-speaking refugees escaped to Canaan (today’s Israel). In 1300 BC Araminan (not Armenian) refugees escaped to Kenan from the Assyrian war (King Shalmaneser I). A stone inscription was found, King Shalmaneser I boasting, “I destroyed 80 towns and blinded 14,400 men”. 1334 BC, the sun God Aten funded by Phero Akhenaten was annulled after his death and the followers and priests ran for their lives to Kenaan. The early biblical priests of the One Good,

El had Egyptian names, an indication that the refuge priests joined and influenced the evolving One God religion.

The arriving refugees were able to settle and mix with the Hebrew-speaking tribes. The large number of refugees escaping ancient Egypt can be referenced to the Biblical story of the Exodus.

1100 BC, the first known Hebrew king, Sahul.

1050 BC, King David united the Hebrew tribes and set Jerusalem as the capital of his Israelite kingdom.

1000 BC, King Solomon succeeded his father, David.

950 BC, King Yerovaam succeeded his father, Solomon. King Yerovaam did not do well and the kingdom split into two, Israel in the north with the capital Dan ruled by King Rechavaam, and Judea with its capital Jerusalem.

720 BC, The Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrian Empire and most of its people were exiled to North Mesopotamia (Iraq today).

King Hezekiah, 725-696 BC, decadent of King David, his royal seal was found recently in Jerusalem. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hezekiah>

In 587 BCE, Nebuchadnezzar II besieged and destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple, bringing an end to the kingdom. A large number of Judeans were exiled to Babylon, and the fallen kingdom was then annexed as a Babylonian province. Seventy Years later the Persians destroyed the Babylonian Empire the let the Kingdom of Judea recover and rebuild Jerusalem. Seventy years later Jerusalem and the Temple were rebuilt with the support and Encouragement of the new conqueror, the Persian empire, Cyrus the Great.

Maccabean revolt against the Greeks, 165-160, liberated Jerusalem and Judea and established a Jewish (Israelite) kingdom that lasted for 71 years until the Roman conquest.

63 BC, Roman rule and end of independent Judea

6 to 4 BC, the Jewish prophet, Jesus of Nazareth was born and was killed by the Romans in 33 to 36 AD.

70 AD, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple.

73 AD, the Romans siege on Masada

144 AD, the Bar Chochvah revolts against the Romans, The Israelites who are called Jews too, were murdered, enslaved, and exiled by the victories Romans. The land of Israel was turned into a wasteland and that was the beginning of the Jewish exile.

During the changing Empires that ruled the land of Israel, Roman, Byzantine, Muslim, Seljuk, Uthman, and the last British until 1947; the land was neglected and undeveloped. Through that empire ruling times small populations of Jews, Arabs, Druse, Shomronits, and Cherkesians lived there.

324 AD, the start of the rule of the Byzantine Empire

635 or 638 AD, the Islamic conquest of Jerusalem

1099 AD, the Crusaders conquered Jerusalem

1291 AD, the start of Mamluk Sultanate period

1517 AD, the Start of Ottoman Empire period

1917 AD, state of the British Mandate

1947 AD, independent Israel

Moshe Shafrir
Healdsburg, CA



From: [Leanne Schy](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on Agenda Item 14, Leanne Schy
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:50:02 PM

My name is Leanne Schy. I'm a member of Congregation Beth Ami. While we support the public's right to make views on foreign policy known to the Federal Government, we have seen that local resolutions on the Israel-Hamas war have not affected the course of the war, but they have fueled a rise in hate speech and vandalism directed against Jews and Jewish businesses and institutions in cities where these non-binding resolutions have been passed. We are already keeping our doors locked during events, and have to deal with expletive-filled emails. We are not looking forward to this getting worse. With hopes for a better future,
Leanne Schy

From: [Roberta Berg](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cease fire resolution--I am against it
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 10:09:16 PM

Please put your energies into local issues like schools, homeless, mental health, the economy. You have enough on your plate to make our city a good place to live and to take care of the needy.

Don't waste time or taxpayers money to pursue foreign affairs. Don't contribute to items that promote hate among our citizens.

Roberta Berg

District 4

From: [Howard Glickman](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Agenda Item 14 -Howard Glickman
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:03:49 AM

To the honorable members of the City Council,

As a resident of Santa Rosa, a Jewish resident, I am appalled that my City Council would spend its time on a matter so far outside its purview, and one that is as divisive at that. At a time when our city has issues that the council must address, to spend your time debating whether or not to demand that Jews in Israel not defend themselves from terror, and to instill fear in your Jewish constituents is a shameful neglect of your duties. To make any group of your constituents feel unsafe and unwelcome would be shameful, and one need only the most cursory understanding of history to know that debates and resolutions such as the one being proposed here are the beginning and not the end.

Should you choose to participate in, and align yourselves with this growing anti-Semitic movement, and encourage anti-semitism in Santa Rosa, I will not be able to support any of you for re-election to the council, or any other public office in the future.

Respectfully,

Howard Glickman

From: joanmeisel@vbbn.com
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gaza ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:53:35 AM

I urge the City Council to put on a future agenda a discussion of a Resolution to call for a ceasefire in the war on Gaza. Cotati has adopted such a resolution and other cities in Sonoma County are considering it. I understand that the councils want to focus on local issues over which they have control but this is a very special situation., City councils all over the country are weighing in on the issue as the general public is more engaged in this than anything else in recent history. Local governments are providing a forum for an aroused public can engage in direct discussion of something of critical importance to the country. That should be a function of local government. As an American Jew I am appalled at Israel's actions. I understand the trauma of Oct 7 attack but feel the reaction has been as Biden says "over the top." Oct 7 did not happen in a vacuum – there is a long history of Israeli injustices towards Palestinians. ns can engage in dialogue on the issue. But aside from my particular views the important thing for the City Council is to provide the forum in which its citizens can dialogue.

From: [Ruth Wilson](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Agenda Item 14, by Ruth Wilson
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:55:39 AM

To the Council,

As a member of the Sonoma County Jewish community I write to express my concern about the Council making a resolution regarding the Israel-Hamas War.

I don't think any resolution can accurately reflect a majority of opinion on such an inflammatory issue.

The New York Times stated on last December 8 that:

Local resolutions on international affairs largely amount to symbolic gestures that play no direct role in foreign policymaking. But they can send a signal to allies abroad over the domestic political temperature and **provide a vehicle for some of the most opinionated voters to say their piece.**

Bringing such resolutions only fuels hate and division within our community. As seen in other cities, these non-binding measures have led to a rise in antisemitic incidents, creating an unsafe environment for Jewish families like mine.

Respectfully,

Ruth Wilson

From: [Rob Gitlin](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting today regarding Resolution
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:43:53 PM

Dear Honorable Members of Santa Rosa City Counsel,

I write in Opposition To Resolutions on the Israel-Hamas War. I believe local governments should focus on local issues. Recent events in Northern California and worldwide have proven that Non-Binding Resolutions inflame hate, targeting the Jewish Community; according to studies, there has been a 360% increase in hate crimes against Jews. It is reported that 55% of all religiously motivated hate crimes are against Jews, who represent 2.4% of the population-one of the larger minority groups.

In short, the history in the Middle East is very complex and Non-Binding Resolutions only inflame existing racial tension and create more division. While Non-Binding Resolutions have little effect Internationally, I would hope that this Council seriously recognizes their role in creating unity in the community in a more constructive way. Should this Council decide that it wants to state anything about the recent events in the Middle East, I implore the Council to take up issues that no American will debate; advocating against sexual violence and immediate release of Americans and other hostages.

I respectfully request that this Council make a statement about supporting an immediate release of our 7 American citizens who remain hostage as well as all of the other hostages. I also request that the Council condemn Hamas for the rape and sexual violence against the women and girls that occurred on October 7, 2023. Having attended the recent Santa Rosa Human Rights Commission meeting, I do not believe there is anything polarizing about either of these issues.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Gitlin
Sebastopol, CA

From: [Joshua Pinaula](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Pass a Israeli-Palestinian Ceasefire Resolution
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 6:04:23 PM

Personally -I've always been the kind of person who want to believe that I when the hallocaust was happening, I would have not laid back and down nothing. Do you share that feeling with me?

Please Pass a Israeli-Palestinian Ceasefire Resolution

Some examples text:

Whereas, the City of Santa Rosa condemns genocide.

Whereas, the City of Santa Rosa has residents who are from Israel and Palestine.

Whereas, as US citizens our country has funded and supplied weapons that are used in the Israeli Palestinian conflict, and we are tacitly implicated in the deaths in Israel and Palestine.

Hereby be it resolved that the City of Santa Rosa vote in favor of the implementation of a ceasefire in the current Israeli Palestinian conflict

Thanks,
Joshua Pinaula

From: [Robyn Prusky](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Cc: [Sergio Prusky](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My mic wouldn't work. Please read. Please consider.
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 7:31:05 AM

Dear SR City Council,

Two weeks ago, a leader of Hamas, Khaled Mashaal did a podcast from a luxurious hotel. He called for a "Ceasefire." He also called for a one-state solution, for Palestine to exist from the river to the sea. That means the destruction of Israel. When we ask for a ceasefire, do we even know what we are asking for? If you do call for a ceasefire, it should be defined very clearly.

We have seen Jewish students across the country dealing with the huge uptick in antisemitism; including, hiding in a library, harassed and hiding their Jewish stars.

Your council represents all Santa Rosa residents. PLEASE protect our local Jewish children/students by not asking for a ceasefire. It can lead to more antisemitism and more division.

Thank you,
A Mother with Jewish Children in Your Community

From: [Sonia Cook](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire now
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:00:26 PM

As a citizen I'd Sonoma county I absolutely do it want funding to go towards supporting Israel in war. This is incredibly horrible. I urge you representatives to call for a ceasefire now.
Sent from my iPhone

Non-Agenda: Hearn

Rec'd at Meeting	2/13/2014
Item No.	14
From:	Thomas Ellis

Thank you for considering my remarks, before the Santa Rosa City Goal Setting session today: Your work is incredibly important for the City of Santa Rosa, as I have mentioned about historic aspects. Mr Rosenberg, Hugh Coddling, David Berto, Hugh Futrell, Steve Rabinowitz, have made significant influences. Yours can be remarkable or not.

My comments should be taken in the context of the Hearn Avenue Overcrossing Capital Improvements; It is not that you are being misled, but you are being given only 1/2 the story.

The 2006 Accounting Reforms required full Profit & Loss Corporate Statements; including Depreciation which is the bookkeeping offset for unfunded Maintenance, primarily roadways (sewer & water). [Diminishing a Nonprofit's Assets is a violation of their corporate governance (this occurred while I was Accountant for the SC Task Force for the Homeless, which I told them, but the Board ignored). Excess maintenance is an upgrade and increases Asset lifetimes, while underfunded maintenance is a "booked" loss to assets as Depreciation and usually decreases Asset lifetimes. Engineers fund maintenance, Finance people defer maintenance, which brought forth these Reforms.] The Roadways are deteriorating, meaning the Assets are losing value, which should be reflected in a Loss (by Depreciation) to your Accounting.

Poorly invested Capital projects increase your Maintenance.

To answer the primary question presented by the Finance Dir, County Revenue increases 4%/yr; So your increase should also be about \$8M/yr (4%), as they say in economics, "all things being equal".

Taxes support your General Fund and Maintenance; Capital Improvements are generally by the Developer, Capital "In-Lieu" fees are required when these improvements are not made. When Developers skate free of Capital Improvements and "In-Lieu" fees, the burden falls to your BUDGET ! If you do not collect the "In-Lieu" fees, you must make the developer exactions for Capital Improvements to protect your BUDGET. If not, you will end up with an unlivable community without the necessary amenities for living, ie mere wage slavery !

But: Deferred Maintenance (M_d) Expense increases Geometrically (near the point of collapse); ie $(M_d)^x$.
 $x = \text{time}$.

Goals>Strategies>Objectives>Tactics, because the Strategies you use must match your Objectives and the Objectives must be accomplishable by use of your Strategies:

Strategies (Greek, "Strategos" for General, or Army Leader) is the wrong word below "Objectives", this word should be "Tactics". "Tactics" follow "Objectives". Strategies are between "Goals" & "Objectives". Strategies are proposed and conducted by the General, taking into account the ebb and flow of battle. [The Goal is to win the war (Lead the North Bay Area); Strategies are employed by the General using natural assets and resources (men & arms: in your case; Beauty, Community, Programs, Marketing, and Media where free News Media is best. You are losing this war when reporting is of School knife and gun violence, Homelessness, etc.); Objectives are the targets of the Strategies, ie Housing and ending or reducing Homelessness are Objectives and you direct Strategies at those Objectives (Re-Zoning and Office reuse or ADU's at Housing, and Safe Parking and Permanent Supportive Housing or Over-Policing at Homelessness); Tactics are the methods of achieving Objectives, ie what type of Policing, where will the Re-Zoning take place, what Marketing or Branding will you employ. This is why you have missed out on Eco-Branding and Tourism, because you have no overarching Strategies.

The 4 Factors of Production in Economics are Land, Labor, Capital & Coordination, of which you control Coordination !

The vast majority of Economics taking place are in the Community; 60,000 homes, valued at \$60 Billion; an economy over which you have an authority to lead, but not direct responsibility. When you influence this, you succeed.

I pointed out a paradigm shift to the SC Library Dir. about their HVAC where Shade Trees & Ground Source Heat Pumps fundamentally change the energy required.

Engineering Creates Paradigm Shifts, no longer moving the chess pieces, but transforming Pawns into Queens.

My 1999 Sonoma County Economic Development Plan 2020 had 5 Parts: 3 Adopted; 2 Forgone;
Adopted: Engineering School for SSU, SMART, Internet Training for Businesses;
Forgone: Eco Tourism (Bikes, etc), Senior Housing (future housing & employment demographics).

Vision is an Image (Image in Greek is "Icon"), a picture of the future;
Is your Vision of a Diminishing World? or of an Enhanced World? A Paradigm Shift is a complete shift in Vision, and it can only be brought about by Engineering (or other genius).

Then that should represent what you do for Hearn Avenue, and all your Strategies by the General; I hope, a vision of an enhanced world using a Paradigm Shift at Hearn Avenue.
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