

From: [Elena Lev](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Ceasefire Resolution
Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024 1:49:17 PM

Esteemed Santa Rosa City Council members,

My name is Elena Lev and I am a lifelong Sonoma County resident and voter. I am also a proud Jew, and a former long-time member of Congregation Shomrei Torah, where I had my bat mitzvah.

I am emailing in support of putting a ceasefire resolution on the next city council meeting agenda.

Now is the time for clear and decisive action in support of long-term peace solutions. If Santa Rosa passes this resolution, we will join a long list of cities in support of a ceasefire (including Cotati, Richmond, San Francisco); we will set an example for the rest of Sonoma County. This action will be part of Santa Rosa's legacy; if it fails, this will also be part of its legacy.

I recognize that this is a difficult decision. Many people are in opposition to this resolution. There is a lot of fear here, particularly from Jewish residents, and I understand this fear and feel empathy for those residents. **But this resolution does not endanger or promote violence towards anybody, internationally or locally.** This resolution promotes peace. Peace unites us, it doesn't divide us. War divides us.

I implore you to do the right thing and take a stand for the peace and dignity of all innocent civilians, in both Israel and Palestine. Please consider putting a ceasefire resolution on the agenda for the next city council meeting.

Sincerely,
Elena Lev

From: [Jo Ann Jones](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Cc: [Smith, Maraskeshia](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Follow up Goal Setting Meeting
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:21:06 AM

Dear Mayor Rogers, City Manager Smith, and Council Members

We are concerned that senior mobile home residents living in Santa Rosa, will be forced out of their homes by the predatory targeting efforts of large real-estate companies to buy up senior mobile home parks. Once they do this, the first step is to change the park designation to an all age park and raise the space rent, thereby attempting to drive out older homeowners. Many of these companies have a track record of litigation over evictions and rent increases. Research has found that this is being done both nationally and locally as seniors are becoming a large portion of the homeless population. I'm asking you to provide further protections to the senior parks by starting the process for senior park zoning overlays. Thank you for your continued support. We can't do this without you.

Regards,

Jo Ann Jones

The Country HOA/ President

From: [Elizabeth Jarlsberg](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Cc: [Barb McGee](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Congregation Beth Ami Board of Directors
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 11:25:57 AM
Attachments: [Letter to SR regarding Israel.Hamas war Feb 22 2024.doc \(1\).rtf](#)

Dear Council Members,
Please see the attached letter from our Board of Directors re: the Israel-Hamas war
Thank you,

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***Elizabeth Jarlsberg, Office Manager
Congregation Beth Ami***

Please consider the environment before printing this email. Thank you.



February 22, 2024

Dear Mayor Natalie Rogers and Santa Rosa Council members,

On behalf of Congregation Beth Ami, one of the three Jewish congregations in Santa Rosa, we express our sincere concern for all the peoples affected by the current Middle East conflict. We respectfully ask the Council to dismiss any attempt to legislate this current situation.

As a local community we think a resolution by the Santa Rosa City Council is inappropriate. Our City Council is charged with the responsibility to focus on issues which directly affect our local community. To debate and frame resolutions outside of this mission requires much research which is beyond the council's authority and dilutes its stated responsibilities.

For us, local government statements regarding this conflict invite public comments that often reflect the rhetoric of antisemitism. We have seen local resolutions on the Israel-Hamas war that have not affected the course of the war, but 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. Not only do they set a dangerous precedent affecting our Jewish community but impact other minorities as well.

As a Jewish community we stand for peace and equality for all. We are a diverse community with various points of view. We respect every individual's right to peacefully protest and express his or her opinions.

Thank you for your leadership at this challenging time,

The Board of Directors of Congregation Beth Ami

Santa Rosa, California

From: [Summer Abdel](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please adopt Ceasefire now resolution
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:28:32 PM

I hope Santa Rosa will take seriously the request to adopt a Ceasefire Resolution. I firmly believe advocating for peaceful and diplomatic solutions sends a strong message that our community values nonviolence as a means to problem solve. Right now too many innocent civilians in Gaza are losing life and limb as our federal politicians continue to ignore 61% of voters calling for a ceasefire. It's estimated 300,000 people in northern Gaza are facing starvation. The UN World Food Program has paused food aid to the north of Gaza because their workers are not safe delivering limited amounts of food when so much more food is needed. 15.6 per cent - or 1 in 6 children under 2 years of age - are acutely malnourished. We need a ceasefire resolution now to show President Biden what they people want. We want diplomatic solutions because we know these kinds of military aggressions create dangerous blowback. We want peace for the region. This starts with a ceasefire.

<https://www.wfp.org/news/un-food-agency-pauses-deliveries-north-gaza>

From: [Lynn Cameron](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#); [Smith, Maraskeshia](#); [Basinger, Megan](#); [Osburn, Gabe](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Creation of the Senior Overlay
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024 1:02:21 PM

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

I am hoping that you can ensure that Director Osburn puts the creation of the Senior Overlay on a fast track agenda in his Department. This needs to happen before it can move to Housing and Community Services and then to the Council for a vote.

Please see that this is completed and enacted before the end of this year to keep our Senior Housing protected and affordable. Senior citizens in California are struggling to make ends meet and we need this to be completed.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Lynn Cameron



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From: [Katrin Ciaffa](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire Letter - for City Council meeting 2/27/24
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:22:08 PM

Good evening, my name is Katrin Ciaffa and I am a Santa Rosa resident. I am urging the Santa Rosa City Council to pass a ceasefire resolution to express our community's desire to end the horrific killing of humans in Gaza and begin the process of negotiating a release of all hostages and political prisoners in Palestine and Israel. A ceasefire is the only way forward towards a just and lasting peace.

Last week, the Sonoma County Human Rights Commission published a beautiful and powerful letter in support of an immediate ceasefire that was carefully drafted and revised with community input. I recommend that the Santa Rosa City Council use this letter as a model to draft your own resolution. I have included the text of the letter below, as well as a link to it on the County website.

It is beyond time to take a stand.
If we remain silent, we all have blood on our hands. I am appealing to your humanity.

Respectfully,

Katrin Ciaffa

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/ceasefire-letter>

SANTA ROSA, CA | February 23, 2024

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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.

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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

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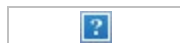
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From: [Tarik Kanaana](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sonoma County Commission on Human Rights ceasefire letter
Date: Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:26:00 PM

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From: [Thomas Ells](#)
To: [David Rabbitt](#); [Lynda Hopkins](#); [Chris Coursey](#); [James Gore](#); [Susan Gorin](#); [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Watch "How to Rescue a Sinking Water Table" on YouTube
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 8:58:29 AM

"Simply recharge more areas than degraded";
But not that simple, plastic & chemicals are in rain,
also chemicals & pharmaceuticals in sewage.
So we must get Industrial process water out of the system, by making them reuse their water.

<https://youtu.be/7fFXJ3G49pY?si=cAC3SY0tl6rTYumW>

From: [Carmen Gonzalez](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Cc: [Osburn, Gabe](#); [Alvarez, Eddie](#); [Rogers, Natalie](#); [Stapp, Mark](#); [MacDonald, Dianna](#); [Rogers, Chris](#); [Okrepkie, Jeff](#); [Fleming, Victoria](#); [Osburn, Gabe](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject Verizon cell tower application at 244 Colgan Ave.
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 10:30:50 AM

Dear Santa Rosa City Council and Mayor,

As a homeowner located at 1611 La Esplanada Place, I object to the proposed Verizon cell tower at 244 Colgan Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA. The serious health issues, environmental concerns, probable lower property values, and aesthetic flaws all deem this project to be irreconcilably and irredeemably opposed to the neighborhood's best interests. I have set forth my objections below for a fuller understanding.

- **No Gap in Coverage and Missing Proof of Dropped Calls**

According to our city's ordinance, the primary threshold that Verizon must prove to make a case for its cell tower is a gap in coverage. It has not done so in any of the materials it submitted to the Santa Rosa Planning Commission. According to its own maps, there are 40 towers in the region, and more particularly, there is a cluster of four small towers and two macro towers where this is intended to be placed. Verizon indicated that there is congestion in the area but has not provided any "dropped call" log to prove this. That is, expanding Verizon's coverage is not a proper pursuit of city government, but ensuring emergency calls get through is. So, if in fact there are dropped calls, Verizon should be tasked with providing such proof by way of dropped call logs. As it stands, this project should be rejected given the applicant's failure to provide such proof.

- **Operational Inefficiency**

Given the density of cell towers in this neighborhood, Verizon's efforts are duplicative. Moreover, their own reports suggest that they intend to run the proposed tower at 50% power. This presents two issues: operating a tower at 50% undercuts its claims of a gap in coverage and imposing a grandiose tower in a neighborhood unnecessarily burdens residents without justification.

- **Lower Property Values**

As documented by the National Institute for Science, Law, and Public Policy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and others, the placement of cell towers in neighborhoods lowers property values as they are considered hazards and nuisances. On average, a drop of 20% of property values is typical. As a property owner at La Esplanada, I object to Verizon's cell tower project as it would negatively affect my condominium's value. The intended project sits right across the street, less than 200 ft. away. Likewise, for my neighbors who happen to own units at La Esplanada or in the adjacent Vintage Park retirement complex, and for the single-family homeowners along Colgan Ave., they too will suffer lower property values should this project be authorized.

- **Colocation and Radiation Emissions**

Based on the radiation emission report submitted by Verizon, its estimated emissions for its tower concerned only a 30-minute exposure. Even at that short time frame, its own report suggested that emissions exceeded the general population limit. While that is concern enough, it gets worse. Verizon has admitted that one of the purposes of its intended cell tower is to allow colocation. That is, it seeks to add additional antennas. There has been no testing or estimates of what emissions will be forthcoming with any additional antennas. Accordingly, the emission report that Verizon has given is a floor, not a ceiling, and does not indicate the maximum

emission level that residents would be subjected to. As a homeowner, I ask the City Council to request concrete testing reports that account for maximizing collocation on the proposed tower. If such collocation exceeds safety limits, then it should be rejected. Given that the current report already does, I suspect that additional antennas will magnify the exposure.

- **Poor Aesthetic Design**

Along Colgan Avenue, between Santa Rosa Blvd. and Petaluma Hill Dr., there is primarily residential housing on the north side of the street and mixed commercial and housing on the south side. In no way would a 69-foot-tall monopine tree pole fit the aesthetic of the area. The tallest buildings do not exceed 30 ft., so it would stick out like a sore thumb, given both its height and its design. The height itself is repellent, given that no matter the perspective, it looks entirely odd from any direction. As a homeowner, this visual abomination can only impede my property's value. Further, it would pose a daily visual reminder that my neighborhood doesn't matter and is marginalized.

- **Inequity**

Given the depressed property values that would ensue with this tower, economic inequity would increase in the neighborhood. This community along Colgan Ave. is already low- to middle-income, reflects a high proportion of retirees and blue-collar working families. Collectively, this is a vulnerable population that would be further exploited by the cell tower's imposition. Furthermore, this population is burdened economically, and in the case of retirees, they are also physically challenged, making it harder to organize against such an intrusion. Targeting this neighborhood by design is punitive and unjust.

For all of the reasons indicated above, I find that Verizon's proposed cell tower is inconsistent with the Santa Rosa General Plan. Specifically, it constitutes a nuisance and is injurious to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, welfare, and is materially injurious to persons, property, or improvements in the vicinity and zoning district in which the property is located. I ask that the City Council reject Verizon's cell tower proposal in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carmen R. Gonzalez

From: [Alexandra Bakkar](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire NOW
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 11:56:18 AM

My name is Lexi Bakkar and I am a resident of Sonoma County. I am a voter, a mother and a concerned citizen. I am deeply horrified with the dire humanitarian crisis that our government is funding. I implore you to follow in the footsteps of nearby cities like Cotati, Oakland and San Francisco to pass a ceasefire resolution. I am asking you to put a ceasefire resolution on the agenda immediately. We must show the world that we do not condone violence and the unnecessary killing of innocent people and children. We are your constituents, it is your duty to hear us. Our tax dollars are funding this genocide and it must stop NOW. Thank you for considering my correspondence.

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Lexi Bakkar, MPH '15



From: [Danielle Lemaitre](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire resolution
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:02:34 PM

Hello council members,

This is my third attempt to request that you adopt a ceasefire resolution. I am including the resolution set forth by the Sonoma County Human Rights Commission last week.

Danielle

Commission on Human Rig

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appeal be a beacon guiding us toward a shared commitment to humanity.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Conley, Michelle](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Santa Rosa City Council Meeting 2/27
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:03:54 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-5tnrabgj.png](#)

Dear city council members,

As a longtime voting resident of Santa Rosa, I am writing to implore you to adopt a ceasefire resolution.

All of the council members are hopefully aware that Sonoma County Human Rights Council passed a ceasefire resolution last week. The city of Santa Rosa needs to do so as well.

Given the events of the last two weeks in Gaza and how awful the situation is, it is important to publicly stand against genocide and war crimes.

With \$14.3 billion of US taxpayer money, the Israel military certainly has the funds to fight a war where civilians are not being targeted.

The brutal war crimes need to stop. Hospitals and schools are both protected civilian places under international humanitarian law. Humanitarian aid needs to get to the starving and injured people of Gaza, instead of sitting in trucks at the border of Gaza.

This blood is now on our hands if we continue to look the other way and not take action.

Please vote to end genocide and side with humanity.

Thank you,
Michelle Conley

Michelle Conley
Professor of Economics
Social Science Department
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
<https://ptk.santarosa.edu>



From: [Lev Luvishis](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Santa Rosa resident - Thank you
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:10:51 PM

Dear City Council Members

I want to thank the city council members for their focus on our city needs and not trying to solve an international conflict that can only lead to feeding anger and bringing more divide within our community.

Why would a city council discuss a ceasefire with a terrorist organization that has broken every previous ceasefire agreement, killed, raped and mutilated innocent civilians.

Inaccurate and one-sided resolutions will not solve the conflict or bring us any closer to peace. Our elected officials are already involved in complex negotiations. Let the professionals do their job, this is not a task for a city council to solve.

Lev Luvishis



From: [Larry Hendel](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire in Gaza
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:17:24 PM

Dear Santa Ros Councilmembers,

As a Bodega Bay resident, I am not quite a constituent of Santa Rosa . But I do spend a lot of time in the stores and restaurants of your fine town and regard it as the "capitol" of Sonoma county. In that vein, you would be sending a terrific message to residents throughout the north bay and beyond by signing a strong ceasefire resolution. The US is on the wrong side of the war in Gaza by unconditionally supporting and assisting what Israel is doing to the Palestinians. I do not condone what Hamas did on October 7 but it does not come close to justifying Israel's onslaught of killing and destruction. Israel claims it is acting in self defense, but under what circumstances can genocide be considered legitimate self defense? None that I can think of. Israel wants to either destroy the Palestinians or get them to leave the country. They want it all to themselves. They always have. This is a recipe for continued conflict and disaster.

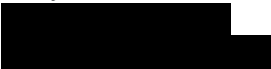
It is rumored that Israel will commence its ground attack on Rafa on March 10. The date may be wrong, but unless someone stops them, that's exactly what they will do. And it will have a tremendous destructive impact on the lives of the hundreds of thousands of civilians trying to survive under the Israeli bombing campaign. At this point, Gaza's infrastructure has been blown to smithereens and the population is hugely suffering from lack of shelter, lack of food, lack of clean water and a destroyed sanitation system.

Please join the growing number of cities and organizations around the world that are calling for a real ceasefire, not a token proposal so gummed up with conditions that there is no chance it will be agreed upon.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you

Larry Hendel



From: [Roberta Berg](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't get mired down in the cease-fire controversy
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 1:55:34 PM

Members of the Santa Rosa City Council,

While there are many individuals and groups throughout the USA acting on the cease-fire controversy, only our City Councilors have the power to improve things for us Santa Rosa residents. That buck stops with you. Please don't waste your time on such a divisive time-demanding issue.

Roberta Berg MD
I reside in District 4, Councilor Fleming
[REDACTED]
Member Congregation Shomrei Torah

From: [Allegra Wilson](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2/27/24 City Council Meeting Public Comment Item 14 Non-Agenda Matters
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:18:34 PM

Good afternoon,

My name is Allegra and I live in Santa Rosa District One. I am writing today to urge the City Council to agendaize and pass a ceasefire resolution to end the genocide in Gaza. As our representatives for the City, it is your responsibility to give voice to the people of Santa Rosa who demand a ceasefire now. We are going unheard at the Federal level, at the State level. Let us be heard and amplified at the local level now.

This issue is uncomplicated, despite those who would say otherwise. To end the genocide, those doing the bombing and preventing aid from entering Gaza simply have to stop. Will you stand with your community and ask them to?

For those of you running for re-election or for another office, please reflect on this matter and know that it is top of mind for many voters. I personally will not vote for anyone who cannot do the simple, right thing and take a stand against the genocide of the Palestinian people. If you cannot persuade your fellow council members on this matter, maybe it is time to publicly disagree with their silence. Politeness is something we hide behind in times when bravery is called for.

I urge you again- be brave. Stand up. Call for a ceasefire. Now.

From: [Remi Newman](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment for 2/27 meeting
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:40:00 PM

I have lived in Santa Rosa for almost 20 years. I work in healthcare. I have raised my son here. I am Jewish, on my father's side. My grandparents were holocaust survivors from Germany. I have many relatives in Israel- about 50 cousins. I am not worried for their safety. I am worried instead, for their humanity.

They were taught, like many Jews, to dehumanize and fear Palestinians. They were taught that Israel must exist in order for Jews to survive. And that Palestinians must not exist, in order for Israel to survive. This is dangerous.

Zionism is a dangerous racist ideology. Please understand this. Zionism is not about protecting Jews. In fact, it likely makes the world less safe for Jews.

I have been humbled again and again by the graciousness of the Palestinians in our community here in Sonoma County. They deserve better when it comes to our local politics. Please acknowledge their humanity. Please listen to your hearts. Please call for a ceasefire resolution in Gaza.

Never again means never again for anyone.

Thank you,
Remi Newman

From: [maribi mendoza](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ceasefire Gaza Resolution
Date: Monday, February 26, 2024 3:40:13 PM

Good afternoon city council members,

I am writing to you as a Santa Rosa resident in district 2 who is support of having a ceasefire resolution added to the agenda. Sonoma County's Human Rights Commission has called for a ceasefire in Gaza! I am hoping my city council will follow suit. I and my family are sick of our city tax money being sent to Israel as they attempt to commit genocide. This is not a divisive issue. Peace and the preservation of life should never be considered divisive. If there are residents who disagree with a statement calling for an end to violence I and my family are of the opinion that we do not have to agree with them. All progress has faced opposition. Santa Rosa is a city built off the genocide of Southern Pomo and Miwok people. There were city council men who endorsed their genocide and labeled their resistance as terrorism and savagery. The Californias who carried out their genocide have never been labeled terrorists or savages.

It is our individual responsibility to learn from history and to preserve the sanctity of all life! It is of the utmost importance for people in power even at the local level to also learn from history and speak out against injustice everywhere!

Please add a ceasefire resolution to the agenda ! More residents have come to you asking for a ceasefire than the latter. And to remind you the latter is calling for the ongoing genocide of civilians.

Thank you,

Maribi

From: [Dina Luvishis](#)
To: [_CityCouncilListPublic](#); [MacDonald, Dianna](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to Ceasefire Resolution
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Dear Council Member Dianna MacDonald and Santa Rosa City Council,

I hope that you will not consider placing a ceasefire resolution on the City Council agenda. It does not address nor advance pressing local community needs.

Please continue to remain focused on concerns related to schools safety. My children have been in the Santa Rosa/Rincon Valley School District since 2006, and now it's more important than ever to provide a safe environment to our children.

Regards,
Dina Luvishis,
Santa Rosa resident since 2001.