Mary Gourley

From:

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Sent:

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To:

City Council; Mary Gourley

Subject:

Pledging support for the proposed ceasefire resolution!

Dear Council Members

I am a Sebastopol resident of almost 20 years and I am Palestinian. I write to you today to ask you to please pass the resolution before you calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The proposed resolution is balanced. It calls for an end to all killing, the return of hostages, and calls for long-term peace work in Israel and Palestine. I have lost family and friends and am now watching the slow death of millions of Gazans not already killed in these past 5+ months.

I moved to Peacetown to raise my family in 2005 in search of a community that stood for nonviolence and radical acceptance. As a Palestinian here, I do not feel accepted and by choosing to not support a ceasefire resolution, Sebastopol is endorsing violence. This is an opportunity to be on the right side of history. Peacetown should join over 100 municipalities nationwide in calling for an end to the siege on Gaza.

In peace, Dr. Susan Rahman