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To: [City Council](#); [Mary Gourley](#)
Subject: Please pledge your vote of support for a ceasefire resolution!
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2024 6:57:54 PM

Esteemed City Council Members,

My name is Justine Epstein. I have been a resident of Sebastopol since 2016, and am a local voter. I am also Jewish.

I am writing today in support of the proposed ceasefire resolution, and implore you to vote YES.

This ceasefire resolution calls for an end to all armed hostilities on both sides, a return of all hostages, and for long-term peace work to be prioritized in Israel/Palestine. **Now is the time for clear and decisive action in support of long-term peace solutions, not military solutions.** If Sebastopol passes this resolution, we will join a long list of cities in support of a ceasefire (including Cotati, Richmond, Oakland, San Francisco); we will set an example for the rest of Sonoma County. This action will be part of Sebastopol's legacy; if it fails, this will also be part of "Peacetown's" 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 as a Jew I feel empathy for those residents. **But this resolution does not endanger or promote violence towards anybody, internationally or locally.** This resolution promotes peace.

I ask you to please take a stand for the peace and dignity of all innocent civilians, in both Israel and Palestine. Please consider voting in support of this resolution at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

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