Hello City Council Members,

I am a west county resident emailing to urge you all to support the ceasefire resolution that is soon to come before you all.

I believe it is the responsibility of a town known for its commitment to peace to help lead the movement by voting yes to the proposed resolution which calls for an end to the senseless killing that is taking place right now in Palestine. Killing that is disproportionally happening against the indigenous people of that region.

Those of use with European heritage do not have the opportunity to go back and right the atrocities of our ancestors but we do have the opportunity now to stand with marginalized folks and speak out against genocide, apartheid, colonization, war crimes, corruption, and to speak in favor of PEACE.

Peace, the thing for which our little community is known, is what we are asking for. Peace is the message we have the opportunity to share. Peace is what we can stand on, in solidarity with the several other Bay Area cities that have passed similar resolution. Peace is what we called for in our sister city and peace is what we must now also call for in Gaza.

Some might argue that passing a ceasefire resolution will create unsafe environments for our Jewish community members. I must implore you you simply read the language in the document. A ceasefire is a call to end violence, not perpetuate it. A ceasefire is a humanitarian act, not an anti-Semitic one. Palestinians deserve to live, they have a right to exist, and that should never be something we have to argue in favor of, or debate. Just the way we would never consider it for any group. People deserve to live. They deserve to send their children to school and sleep safely in their beds, to eat, to experience joy and peace, to work, to be educated. To self determine. We must make it clear that our community recognizes this and stands with oppressed people currently being denied this basic rights.

Please, look inside yourselves, let your humanity push you to do something good, something that will be looked upon favorably in history. Vote yes on this ceasefire resolution. Thank you.

Free Palestine.

Peace to you all,

Bri Perkins