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To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Vote No on Divisive Israel-Hamas Resolution
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I am a Sonoma County resident deeply concerned about your consideration of a resolution regarding the Israel-Hamas War. I'm asking you to vote no on this resolution which will not bring peace abroad, but will continue to exacerbate community tensions and increase hate targeting the local Jewish community – as we have recently witnessed at local board meetings and even at a local grocery store.

Furthermore, this resolution is flawed as it does not condemn the Hamas attacks of October 7 or call for the terrorist organization to be removed from power in Gaza. To authentically support a sustained peace in the region, the resolution must recognize that Hamas is not a partner for peace as they continue to call for the violent destruction of Israel. This is the position of the United States, United Kingdom, European Union and other key stakeholders in the region.

It is my hope that you will reject this divisive resolution and instead work to ensure that Sebastopol remains a welcoming city for residents of all backgrounds. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

A very concerned citizen,
Gael Forest-Knowles

“The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.” — Amanda Gorman, National Youth Poet Laureate