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To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Vote No on Divisive Israel-Hamas Resolution
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Dear City Council Members,

As a Sonoma County resident, I am deeply concerned that you are once again considering a resolution regarding the Israel-Hamas War. As I have requested previously, I ask you to vote no on this resolution, for it will not bring peace abroad, but will continue to aggravate tensions in the community and increase hatred that targets the local Jewish population, as evidenced at local board meetings and even at a local grocery store.

In addition, this resolution is seriously distorted since it does not condemn the Hamas attacks of October 7, call for a return of the hostages or demand that the terrorist organization be removed from power in Gaza. To genuinely support a sustained peace in the region, the resolution must recognize that Hamas is not a partner for peace as they continue to insist on 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.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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A work of art is a gift, not a commodity. Where there is no gift, there is no art.

--Lewis Hyde