

Katherine Douglas

General Public Comment - Group 1



From: Laura Lynch <artistlauralynch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:44 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support SB Co. Bd. of Supes urging passage of Ceasefire Resolution

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SB County Board of Supervisors, as a longtime peace advocate and citizen of SB County and the world, I strongly urge each of you to reach deep inside your hearts regardless of political persuasion, and act in the name of humanity by passing a Ceasefire in Gaza resolution - see proposed ceasefire resolution below submitted by Central Coast Anti-War Pro-Peace Coalition - for a PERMANENT ceasefire NOW! ... in good consciousness with the people of the world ... no more killing, no more violence, no more support for U.S. military arms shipments to Israel ... but only foremost the resolve for a lasting ceasefire, and simply an end to the war in our names ... please ACT in the name of humanity for a sustainable peace.

Sincerely, In PEACE,
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County of Santa Barbara Resolution in Support of a Ceasefire in Gaza

WHEREAS, we mourn the loss of all Palestinian and Israeli civilian lives from October 7th to the present and throughout the decades;

WHEREAS, we call for a halt to all violence in Israel/Palestine, including a return of the hostages Hamas kidnapped and a return of Palestinians illegally detained in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, an end to Israel's collective punishment of Gaza and an end to Hamas' rockets into Israel;

WHEREAS an estimated 1200 people were killed and 250 kidnapped in Israel during Hamas attacks on October 7th, and as of Friday, November 24th, more than 14,000 killed, 28,000 injured and 1.7 million people displaced during Israel's retaliatory bombings of hospitals, UN refugee centers, schools, apartments and escape routes in Gaza while Israel withholds water, food, medicine and fuel in what has become "a graveyard for children" according to the UN Secretary General ...

WHEREAS, a ceasefire is supported by the UN Secretary General, countries in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Latin America, 47 members of Congress, the cities of Cudahy, Detroit, Oakland and Richmond (CA), as well rabbis, imams and pastors, Jewish Voice for Peace and 2/3rds of the US public surveyed in a November Reuters/Ipsos poll

WHEREAS, the United Nations recognizes Santa Barbara, a city within the county, as an International City of Peace that affirms the Declaration of Human Rights, which states that "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Santa Barbara supports a ceasefire in Gaza, where 2.3 million people, half of whom are children, have struggled under constant bombardment while routinely denied water, food, medicine and fuel, in a human catastrophe;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Santa Barbara calls on President Biden, as well as representatives in the House and Senate, to support a ceasefire in Gaza to end the cycle of violence and open the possibility of a political solution that will ensure the safety and security of all.

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From: Debbie Castanha <debbie_castanha@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Your November 7 Resolution

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Chair Williams and Board Members:

Please add my name to the list of citizens of Santa Barbara who urge your Board to pass a resolution in support of a ceasefire in Gaza.

Surely you see the same images flooding the news each day that the rest of the world does, and understand that the US's blind support of Israel has become unconscionable. Their continued bombardment has killed untold Gazans on a daily basis and will ensure decades of pain and almost certain retribution. In addition, by continuing to supply weapons to Israel, the US is made complicit and has the blood of innocents on our hands too.

Some at the hearing said commented that "it was a courageous move for you to support Israel" in your November 7 resolution, but courage is also shown in our ability to change our mind or our position as situations change. With every single child killed in Gaza, I hope you are able to find that courage. As my representatives, I beg you to not represent me in this manner, and ask that you stop condoning this continued bloodshed by passing a resolution supporting a ceasefire.

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From: Stephanie <stephanie.hopping@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:00 PM
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Subject: I support your Nov. 7 resolution on Israel

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Yesterday I attended your December 5 meeting in Santa Barbara. I did not make any public comments there, but I witnessed a number of public comments in opposition to the resolution the board unanimously adopted on November 7, 2023, in response to the barbaric October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas.

Given the scale and horrific nature of this attack, as well as the worldwide security threats and political tensions it has created, I thought it was entirely appropriate for the board to issue a relevant statement, to uphold basic principles of civility and decency, and calm tensions in our local community.

I strongly applaud your November 7 resolution for upholding the inherent right of all people to live in security and peace, and for promoting universal principles of peace, justice, and compassion. This resolution was also very balanced: It supported the principle of peaceful coexistence for Israel and its neighboring communities, it condemned both anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, and it encouraged peaceful and positive relations between the local Jewish and Muslim faith communities.

Opponents of this resolution called on you to retract it. Please do not retract or modify it! Opponents of this resolution also called on you to demand a ceasefire between Israel and the terrorist groups who have relentlessly attacked it and whose stated goal is to wipe out Israel. Please do not bow to this extremely unreasonable pressure!

Moreover, I believe that County government is not the appropriate forum for airing views on specific foreign policy issues. Those supporting a ceasefire should communicate their views to federal officials rather than local officials.

Thank you for time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hopping
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