From:City CouncilTo:City CouncilSubject:Cease Fire Now!Date:Sunday, February 18, 2024 11:01:40 AM

Mayor Rich, Vice Mayor Zollman, Members Hinton, Maurer, and McLewis of the Sebastopol City Council --

The situation in Palestine is indescribably heartbreaking as well as criminal. As we see the deaths of Palestinians climb toward 30,000 with more than half of the deaths being children and women, we can NOT remain silent on this war of genocide. Now Israel is attacking the very city it told the Palestinians to flee to. Israel is breaking all the rules of the IJC. It is a slaughter with no end in sight without action on our part. We cannot be complicit.

Add to this, the costs of the billions in U. S. military funding and weapons of mass destruction being financed by each and every one of us, while our education and health systems suffer, homelessness rises, and more.

Sixty percent of the US oppose this war. More than 1,000 Black Ministers have come out against this war.

I urge the city council to pass a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire.

Sincerely, Susan McDonough Sebastopol