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Subject: Fwd: Cease Fire Resolution - Change in Agenda - Item #5 February 20, 2024 City Council Meeting
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Please reply to: Diana Rich
Mayor, Sebastopol City Council
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From: "Eve J. Navarro" [REDACTED]
Subject: **Re: Cease Fire Resolution - Change in Agenda - Item #5 February 20, 2024 City Council Meeting**
Date: February 19, 2024 at 5:50:33 PM PST
To: Diana Rich <drich@cityofsebastopol.gov>

Dear Ms. Rich,

I am very disappointed to hear this news. I thought it was important for the Sebastopol City Council to hear what the citizens of Sebastopol have to say on this matter. I had assumed that they would want the same thing. Apparently I was mistaken. In fact, it seems they have decided to pull the proposed ceasefire resolution from the agenda without any feedback from the community at all.

The assumption that those of us who care about what is happening to Palestinians living in Gaza will be violent towards the city council is offensive. Personally, I do not believe I should have to defend myself from their assumptions that I & other supporters have violent intentions towards them, which could not be further from the truth.

Please let me know if and when the Sebastopol City Council decides they want to know what their community thinks about this issue. After all, aren't they there to represent us & what we want?

Eve J. Navarro

On Feb 19, 2024, at 4:16 PM, Diana Rich
<drich@cityofsebastopol.gov> wrote:

This announcement is being sent to all who reached out to submit public comment on item #4 - the proposed Cease Fire Resolution. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for very much for submitting your public comment on the draft Resolution. Diana

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Sebastopol City Council Announcement:
Agenda Change for February 20, 2024, Council Meeting
Announcement Issued February 19, 2024

The Sebastopol City Council has received substantial comments on a particular item that is scheduled for the February 20, 2024, City Council meeting: Item #4 proposing a Cease Fire Resolution. This notice announces a change in the February 20, 2024, agenda as to Item #4.

This item has received an unexpected outpouring of public attention. Comments have been received from our local constituents, as expected, but also from many outside our City boundaries, including other parts of Sonoma County and other parts of the State.

In other jurisdictions where this topic has been discussed recently, it has attracted large numbers of people and, due to the emotionally charged nature of the subject, has led in some instances to disruption and even violence.

For public safety and because of the relatively small size of the City Council venue, the Mayor and Vice Mayor, who establish the agenda for City Council meetings, have decided to drop this item from the February 20, 2024, agenda.

It may be considered for a future agenda, with consideration for allocating sufficient time to allow all those interested in the topic to provide public comment, and arranging a venue that

can accommodate the number of participants expected to attend.

All those who are interested in this topic are encouraged to submit written public comment to citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov. All comments submitted are appreciated and valued by this City Council.

Any questions can be directed to Mayor Diana Rich (drich@cityofsebastopol.gov).