To the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers:

It has come to my attention that a resolution regarding a ceasefire in Gaza is on the consent calendar for your next meeting. I am writing to urge that you remove this resolution from the consent calendar and include it for discussion on the agenda.

I am a Sebastopol resident and I believe that failing to provide an opportunity for discussion on this item will lead to members of our community feeling unheard, misunderstood, disenfranchised and unsafe.

While the situation in Gaza is horrific, much of the rhetoric around this issue has neglected the suffering of Israelis in this conflict and has failed to recognize the extent to which it has led to a significant escalation in antisemitism around the world.

I also believe that the focus of the City Council's work should be on local issues and not on matters of foreign policy, but if you feel you must address this issue, I urge you to do so in a way that brings our citizens together in advocating for the peace and safety of all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alisa Goldberg