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Hello,

My name is Alyn, and I was born and raised in Sebastopol. I am writing in support of the proposed ceasefire resolution that you will be voting on at your next City Council meeting. There is an organization whose members you will no doubt hear from regarding this, called the Jewish Community Relations Council. They are a San Francisco based organization who is going to every government body in the Bay area considering a Ceasefire Resolution and asking them not to pass it. One of the reasons they give is, ironically, that they think governments should focus on local issues, although they are not themselves a local group. They are also claiming that Jews are worried about the increase in anti-Semitism that they believe will happen if a resolution is passed, and might even claim that it would be anti-semitic to pass such a resolution. This itself is anti-semitic, as antizionism within Judaism has a MUCH longer history than Zionism itself.

I am an anti-Zionist Jew myself, and a part-time scholar of the history of Antizionism within Judaism. Many of our traditions developed in the Talmud are specifically based on antizionism, I.E. living in the Diaspora. It is anti-semitic erasure of our whole culture to claim that antizionism is anti-Semitism.

Regarding the belief that there will be a rise in anti-semitism if a resolution is passed, this is not at all backed up by fact. The only way that organizations such as the ADL have been able to claim there is a rise in anti-semitism is by labeling such things as having rallies for Palestine or even just saying "Free Palestine" as being anti-Semitic.

This IS a local issue because we are funding this genocide with our tax dollars. You are our most direct Representatives that we can go to with this, as nobody from our Congressional Representatives, to our Senators, to our Governor, to our President has been able to do so much as even calling this a genocide, much less issuing any sort of proclamation to try and stop it. They are going against the clear will of the people, and it is our hope that if we get enough localities to reflect this will, they will finally take notice and do the right thing.

Thank you,
Alyn Wolves