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Dear Sebastopol City Council members,

My name is Rachel Marcus, I live in Sonoma County, I work in community health, and I have lived and worked in Sebastopol.

I am writing to you to voice my support for Item #4 on the Consent Calendar: A Ceasefire Resolution.

Calling for peace and an end to the current violence against Palestinians is an action that affirms Sebastopol's values. Calling for peace unites our communities.

I feel it is also important to state that I am Jewish. The actions of the Jewish Community Relation Council that opposes this resolution and many like it does not speak for me. Do not let outside agitators sway your stance.

Many Jewish residents want to see a peaceful and diplomatic resolution to this humanitarian crisis and unfolding genocide against Palestinians, which is why we are demanding that our local city councils take a moral stance in adding to the call for an urgent and permanent ceasefire.

Attached to this document, please find a letter, signed by nearly 200 Jewish residents of Sonoma County urging our local city governments to adopt a ceasefire resolution. Although the letter was originally sent to Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Cotati city councils, there are many Sebastopol residents who have signed on as well.

We hope that you will recognize that to call for a ceasefire is not antisemitic. In fact, it promotes the safety and well being of our Palestinian, Arab, Muslim, and Jewish communities both in Israel/Palestine, and here locally in Sonoma County.

Thank you for putting this Ceasefire Resolution on the agenda.

All my best,  
Rachel Marcus