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Hello councilmembers,

I write in support of Mountain View making a stronger statement that supports an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

In the last few months, as I've learned about the extreme military invasion of Gaza by the IDF, I think of my mother, who spent months in a refugee camp before arriving in the United States in 1980. I think of how the IDF has been bombing families in refugee camps, not allowing aid in, starving children and killing doctors.

What is happening in Gaza is personal to me because I think about how people like my mom end up in refugee camps. It is by the most extreme circumstances of life and death that people seek refuge with strangers, hoping that some divine combination of mercy and luck will keep them safe. Cut off from the rest of the world, part of their hope is placed in us-- people who will recognize the injustice and summon the moral courage to call for an end to it.

It is time we as a city add our voice to the call against war and for peace. We ought not betray their hope or turn our back on their humanity. We ought not shy away from this opportunity--doing so does not make us neutral. It makes us cowards.

Take a stand you can be proud of. **Call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.**

Best,
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