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**From:** Rinat Shimshi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:44 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** No on Gaza Resolution

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City councils are not the right venue to discuss foreign policy.

I urge you *\*not\** to agendize a Gaza ceasefire resolution or to vote no on it if it makes it to a vote.

It will not affect anything on the ground in the Middle East, but will increase division and discord in our community.

It also takes away precious time and energy from discussing real needs of the city, which is what you were elected to do.

Sincerely,

R. Shimshi

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**From:** Yaron Naveh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:45 PM  
**To:** City Council; Showalter, Pat; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Hicks, Alison; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Ramos, Emily Ann  
**Subject:** Say No to One Sided Resolution

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Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Cuesta Park with kids in the public school system in Mountain View, I strongly urge you to reconsider taking any stance regarding calls for an immediate ceasefire in the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

The current crisis was initiated by the terrorist group Hamas, which has carried out heinous acts of violence against innocent Israeli civilians, including murders and kidnappings. Israel has a fundamental right and responsibility to defend its citizens against such atrocities and destroy the military capabilities of Hamas.

While the loss of life is indeed tragic, placing demands on Israel to cease its defensive operations would be misguided and counterproductive. Hamas has vowed to continue its attacks on Israeli civilians, making Israel's military actions a necessity to protect its people.

This longstanding conflict is incredibly complex, rooted in decades of historical context and intricate geopolitical factors. As a municipal government, the City Council lacks the proper expertise and diplomatic channels to productively involve itself in such international affairs. Proposing simplified solutions could potentially inflame tensions further.

I implore you to remain focused on serving the direct needs of our Mountain View community through local policies and initiatives within your jurisdictional scope - areas like infrastructure, public safety, education and economic development where your efforts can truly better lives.

Our city can contribute more to peace by leading through example - demonstrating effective governance that uplifts our residents rather than involving itself in international crises better left to federal authorities and global organizations.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration of this perspective.

Sincerely,  
Yaron

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**From:** Joanne Donsky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:46 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Please vote not to act on--or oppose--a Hamas/Israel ceasefire resolution

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Dear Members of the Mountian View City Council,

I am writing to ask that you either oppose—or vote not to act on—a resolution re: the Hamas/Israel war.

Clearly, you have plenty of important city issues to discuss that align with what you are meant to do. Local resolutions regarding the war between Israel and Hamas, on the other hand, do not benefit the local community. Rather, they only serve to raise tensions in by providing a forum for antisemitism and animosity against the Jewish and Israeli communities. I hope you agree that this is not in the best interest of anyone in the community.

Many thanks!

Joanne Donsky

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**From:** Dana Kotler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:00 PM  
**To:** City Council; Showalter, Pat; Matichak, Lisa; Abe-Koga, Margaret; Hicks, Alison; Kamei, Ellen; Ramirez, Lucas; Ramos, Emily Ann  
**Subject:** Today's meeting cease fire agenda

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Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Monta Loma I strongly urge you to reconsider taking any stance regarding calls for an immediate ceasefire in the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

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Sincerely,

Dana Kotler  
Monta Loma Neighborhood

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**From:** Sheira Ariel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:02 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Continue to follow your guiding principle: Creating community for all

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Hello,

I write to you as a Mountain View resident who urges you to NOT place a ceasefire resolution on future council agendas.

Why?

I know the Council has already put out a statement regarding the Israel-Hamas War and its impact on local residents, in an attempt to acknowledge the emotional turbulence that people in our community are experiencing, especially those with personal connections to the region.

I urge you to stay the course and reject any requests by outside groups to bring divisive resolutions to our community. These resolutions have only ignited hatred, exacerbated tensions, and caused divisiveness in Bay Area communities.

Merely putting this on the agenda will cause contention in our city. If you look at what happened in the Oakland, Richmond, and San Francisco council meetings, people verbally attacked and degraded other members of the public.

Please have the courage and moral clarity to stay true to your guiding principle of creating a community for all and continue to protect and defend all of your residents from hatred and intolerance.

As a side note, I'd like to share learnings/best practices from other meetings I have attended on this matter. Because emotions tend to run high, it works well to ask community members to refrain from applause, as well as any commentary after each individual's public comment. I thought Los Altos did a great job because they explicitly acknowledged at the outset of the meeting that the topic is a heated and emotional one, and they very firmly and clearly stated that anyone who interrupts or causes disruption would be asked to leave the meeting. (And, they pointed out that they had police presence).

Thank you.

Best,  
Sheira

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**From:** Karen Friedland-Brown  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:16 PM  
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Sincerely,

Karen Friedland-Brown

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