To Whom It May Concern, City Council Fort Bragg:

I am a resident of Mendocino, Ca (47 years), a pediatrician, founder and builder of Brewery Gulch Inn, pro bono consultant to some of Israel's kibbutz organizations (on educational curricula) before the Netanyahu period (<u>www.learningcenter.net</u>) and consultant to physicians and health care facilities, including hospitals, universities and private health care organizations worldwide these past 49 years to the present.

Like many, I am appalled nearly beyond words at the situation in Gaza, which, despite whatever justifications Oct 7 may seem to present, amount to collective punishment, civilian targeting, mass civilian displacement and genocide, largely of babies and children.

The United States--we citizens, every one of us--are sponsoring this catastrophe every single day with our tax money and, regrettably, our silence.

This is not just our federal government making this horrid mistake: it is us, you and I, silently paying our taxes that are paying for mass murder. We cannot remain silent: *silence is complicity*.

And more atrocity will follow in coming years unless we stop it: today's situation in Gaza is being used as an excuse worldwide to promote antisemitism, a form of racism that hurts us all.

We must now use every legal and nonviolent pathway to stop this murder in our name and with our money and weapons.

You could help immeasurably: by strongly supporting the Ceasefire Resolution now before you. I am grateful that you are considering it. Success, however, must be defined as your public support for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and Israel.

No more money for *anybody's* genocide, Hamas', Israel's or ours by proxy. Ceasefire now.

Thanks,

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The View From the Gurney Up

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