

I present this Board of Supervisors with an important choice today. Various cities and local governments around the world and in the USA have called for a ceasefire in Gaza. About 70 cities in the USA have called for a ceasefire, including, St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle, and Detroit. In California, San Francisco, Long Beach, Richmond, and Oakland have called for a ceasefire. The International Rescue Committee and other organizations have called for a ceasefire. The International Court of Justice has advised there should be a ceasefire.

I urge the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to pass a Ceasefire Resolution regarding Gaza and Israel. Taxpayer dollars from all over Ventura County are funding a humanitarian disaster in Gaza. We have crying needs in Ventura County, so why are we financing a disaster in Gaza?

Here is a sample Resolution: "The Ventura County, CA, Board of Supervisors calls on all federal leaders and congresspeople to support negotiations that lead to a swift and lasting humanitarian ceasefire between Israel and Gaza, and for the safe passage of food, water, medical supplies and other humanitarian aid to Gaza, and for a peaceful resolution to hostilities in that region."

The Board of Supervisors might then direct the Clerk of the Board to email or mail this resolution to all federal Representatives and Senators for Ventura County, and to the President, Vice President, and to the Secretary of State of the United States. The State of California Governor and the California Assembly Members and Senators for Ventura County could also be sent copies of the Resolution.

Thank you for considering my request, and please take timely, compassionate action. Jim Yarbrough Newbury Park, CA jyarbro2003@yahoo.com