

From: ADRIAN A [REDACTED]
To: [publicworks](#); -- City Clerk; Kevin McDonnell; Barnacle, Brian; Janice Cader-Thompson; Mike Healy; Karen Nau; Pocekay, Dennis; John Shribbs; Peggy Flynn; Brian Cochran
Cc: ADRIAN A [REDACTED]
Subject: GRAFFITI
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:40:55 PM

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Dear City Representatives,

I visited your city during Thanksgiving week to see where American Graffiti was filmed. We walked around the city and were applauded by all the GRAFFITI everywhere.

We live in Redlands, Ca where we can go to an app and report graffiti immediately to the city for clean up.

I was unable to download these awful gang signs.

It is called the "Broken Window" effect. It will get worse if you don't address it.

Respectfully,

Adrian Asencio
Redlands, CA





From: Angelo Sacerdote
To: -- City Clerk; Peggy Flynn; Kevin McDonnell; dpocekay@gmail.com; Barnacle, Brian; Mike Healy; shribbs@cityofpetaluma.org; Janice Cader-Thompson; nau@cityofpetaluma.org
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 1:30:34 PM

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I am writing as a Jew and as a resident of Petaluma to urge the City Council to pass a resolution supporting a cease-fire in Gaza. The attack by Hamas on October 7th was horrific and nothing can justify such brutality. However, the Israeli response has been wildly disproportionate and threatens the safety of Jews and Muslims everywhere. Since this conflict has exploded, we have seen an uptick of violence and threats directed at Jews and Muslims in the US and around the world. I certainly feel less safe as a Jew, and I also feel ashamed that all of this blood is being shed by my people and is being funded by my country.

Over 15,000 Palestinians have been killed, over 70% of them women and children. Nearly half of the housing in Gaza has been destroyed. Tens of thousands have been injured and over 1 million have been internally displaced. Hospitals and refugee camps have been attacked. These Palestinian civilians are not all Hamas

Some see every Palestinian child as a potential terrorist. When entire neighborhoods and families are killed by Israeli bombs, this can become a self fulfilling prophecy. What Israel is engaging in creates recruitment opportunities for groups like Hamas. Hamas probably intended for Israel to react in this way in order to start a wider war. Israel should not have fallen into this trap.

Some see criticism of Israel as anti-semitism. Some see protests in defense of Palestinian lives as being pro-Hamas. If we want Israel to survive and thrive, we must not be afraid to speak up when we see it acting against its own best interest. Peace in the region can only happen if the rights of Palestinians to live in peace are respected as well. Israel has a right to exist, but so do the Palestinians.

Please do the right thing and support a cease-fire.

Thank you,
Angelo Sacerdote

\November 27, 2023

Petaluma City Council
City of Petaluma

RE: Appellation Hotel at the corner of 'B' Street and Petaluma Blvd. South

Council Members -

I commend the developers and the City for addressing this long term vacant lot, that has served as a scab on Petaluma's historic downtown.

The property's previous owner had attempted a similar development on this lot, incorporating 53 hotel rooms and a roof top restaurant, all within 4 stories. There were two elements of design/function that were difficult to overcome: 1) Size and scale of a four story building, built straight up from the sidewalks on 'B' Street and PBS; and 2) Adequate parking for hotel guests, restaurant guests, and employees. These earlier identified issues appear to be exacerbated by the larger, increased volume hotel now proposed.

The new proposed hotel wants 93 rooms, for an increase of 75% over the previous proposed density. They want the building to be 50% higher, with 6 stories versus the previous plans for 4 stories. The public renderings in the newspaper, again show a building built right out to the respective sidewalks on two sides. The size and scale of the previously designed 4 story hotel seemed excessive. IF . . . this size of building were necessary, could it be *stair-stepped* back from the sidewalks, beginning at the second floor and extending to the sixth floor? It is easy for me to request such a change but difficult for the developer to design such a building and achieve the desired internal elements. The hotel will be the developer's building but the historic downtown belongs to all of Petaluma. The developer needs to accommodate their new neighbors.

Parking : The story in the newspaper indicates that there will be 58 parking spaces located in the basement level. How will 58 parking spaces accommodate guest in 93 hotel rooms; plus up to 150 guests in over 3,100 sq/ft of restaurant and beverage space; plus adequate parking for hotel employees? This corner lot is close enough to the Petaluma River that the water table may be too high for any underground parking. Does that water table fluctuate with daily tides and annual seasons? Will climate change and sea level rise have a long term impact on the water table? What additional parking provisions are the developers proposing? The previous owner was negotiating to lease a vacant lot on Fifth Street and provide valet service from the hotel's front door. What happens when that lease terminates? Does the hotel's parking problem become the city's parking problem?


Don't allow the siren's song of additional tax revenue, compromise the historic downtown ambience.

Again, my compliments in doing something creative with this very visible downtown lot. However, is this proposal the appropriate plan for the historic downtown?

Respectfully,

Chris Albertson

Chris Albertson

From: [Constance](#) 
To: [-- City Clerk](#); [-- City Council](#)
Subject: Question
Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 5:57:35 AM

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Hi City Council Members,

Could you please help me understand why any of you would approve the overlay and the hotel? I'm hearing the information provided is not complete? Is there a way to delay this decision until you could receive the additional information to make a better choice?

I'm wondering why those in favor of the new overlay think this will be a benefit to Petaluma?

I'm hearing most people do not want the overlay approved and the city council will be approving this anyway? Is this information correct?

Constance Bay

From: [Constance Bay](#)
To: [-- City Clerk](#); [-- City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: Hotel Proposal email
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:55:32 PM

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I want to comment here on the proposed EKN Appellation Project—the proposal for a 6 story hotel to be constructed on B St and Pet Blvd. next to Rex Hardware and historic downtown.

Here's why I'm against it:

- **Too tall.** The 6 story height does not fit with the buildings in this area. The Theatre District—a very successful development directly adjacent to the Hotel is 3-stories. It would be a better template.
- **Increased traffic Congestion:** Both the vendors, and employees, will add commute traffic to downtown. Service industry employees will not be able to afford local housing. The hotel is directly related to increasing vehicle traffic on Washington St. and already overcrowded roads and highways.
- **Environmentally Irresponsible:** The hotel not only increases vehicle traffic and relies on workers with long commutes, it does not link to the train which could have provided an alternative; and the 6-story height is a direct contributor to increasing temperatures at a time when city planners should be adapting to the reality of global warming by reducing the urban heat sink effect.
- **Higher Density is misguided:** At a time when city planners are adapting to global warming and the need for urban green zones and wildlife corridors (even San Francisco has done so), Petaluma is going in exactly the opposite direction, building higher, increasing densities, and obstructing airflows. The hotel project is another step in the wrong direction!

Constance Bay

West Side Petaluma Resident

From: [Constance Bay](#)
To: [Petaluma Planning](#); [-- City Clerk](#); [-- City Council](#)
Subject: Overlay
Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 10:53:13 AM

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Hi Petaluma, City Clerk and Petaluma city Council,

I attended a meeting last evening, which brought up a few questions for me regarding the current topic of the overlay, and also the hotel project. There was also some information provided. I just wanted to confirm so I'm hoping you can help me out.

First off, it sounds like we need some better communication between the City Council and the public. Is there any chance the city Council could have a meeting with the public where we were able to ask questions and the city council could respond to those questions there and then? My experience with attending the City Council meeting has been disappointing. The city council members are in front of their computers, and later in the meeting the public can stand up and talk for three minutes. There is no time during the meeting for questions to the city Council and a chance for city council to respond. Is it possible to set up something like this in the future ?

It was also mentioned at this meeting that, for every 10 people against the hotel and overlay there is one person in favor of it. Is this correct information?

I also heard that the planning commission was against the new Adobe winery being built right against the dock, so there is no way to walk along there. The Petaluma city Council approved this anyway. Is this correct information and if so, why would the City Council approve this?

I can understand the need for new development and change to the downtown. Isn't there some way to accomplish this while protecting our historic buildings? Could we at least attempt to follow the Petaluma City Historic Commercial District guidelines ? Could buildings be designed that are compatible with surrounding buildings and enhance the historic downtown environment?

It sounds like there's a lot of people in Petaluma, who feel like their opinions are not being heard? Do you think there's anyway the city council could address this?

This decision on the overlay and the hotel will have long-term impacts on the city. Petaluma is a very special place, so I am hoping the city Council will look for other ways to enhance the downtown area and vote down the overlay and the hotel, then work can really begin on other options.

Thank you.

Constance Bay

From: Ellen C [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk
Cc: Peggy Flynn; Kevin McDonnell; Janice Cader-Thompson; Pocekay, Dennis; Barnacle, Brian; Mike Healy; Karen Nau; John Shribbs
Subject: Public comment for tonight's meeting
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:30:18 PM

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Welcome to Petaluma Caitlin Corley - please accept this public comment for tonight's meeting.

Thank you

Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am Jewish. I know antisemitism is real. Being appalled by the Israeli government's response to the horrific attack on October 7 is not antisemitic. Since Israel began its retaliation less than two months ago, more Palestinian civilians have been killed than civilians killed by U.S. forces and allies in the entire first year of the 2003 invasion of Iraq. More Palestinian civilians have been killed than civilians killed by the U.S. and its allies in Afghanistan during nearly 20 years of war.

And according to a recent investigation by Israeli journalist Yuval Abraham, the mass civilian casualties are the result of deliberate policy changes Israel made that loosened constraints on attacks that could kill civilians and greatly expanded acceptable military targets. <https://www.972mag.com/mass-assassination-factory-israel-calculated-bombing-gaza/>.

We are deluding ourselves if we believe Israel is trying to limit civilian casualties.

Except for that brief pause, every day we're witnessing the unimaginable: children buried under collapsed buildings, infants abandoned to slow and horrible deaths, women crying out for their dead children. As of this weekend, over 15,500 people have been killed in Gaza, the vast majority women and children. 1.8 million Gazans, 80% of the population, have been displaced.

When do we say enough? There's not enough bombs in the world to be rid of Hamas or hate. The only way to lasting peace is for Palestinians to live freely. The only way to be on the right side of history is to call for a stop to the massacre NOW.

I've been out in the streets with a group of people chanting "ceasefire now" for many Saturdays. We've received an overwhelmingly positive reception even during the veterans' march and the holiday fair. The people of Petaluma care.

Please show you care too. You may believe your collective voice does not matter, but it could influence our federal elected officials to stop allowing U.S. tax dollars to fund this

human rights catastrophe. Please pass a resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ellen Obstler

From: [Linda](#) [REDACTED]
To: [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Public input: downtown hotel
Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 3:11:17 PM

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Good afternoon,

I grow tired of reading opinion letters in the Argus that oppose the hotel downtown. It seems like a good addition to our downtown in my opinion. I also get the impression that a few loud voices make it seem like lots of people oppose the project, but I don't think that's true. From what I have seen, seems like the process for this project has been thoughtful and thorough, and that the project will benefit the City of Petaluma. I hope it gets approved.

Thanks for all that you do,

Linda Judah

From: [michaelbarker](#) [REDACTED] <[michaelbarker305](#) [REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 12:45 PM
To: Peggy Flynn <pflynn@cityofpetaluma.org>
Subject: EKN Appellation Project

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To: Peggy Flynn
City Manager

I want to comment here on the proposed EKN Appellation Project—the proposal for a 6 story hotel to be constructed on B St and Pet Blvd. next to Rex Hardware and historic downtown.

Here's why I'm against it:

- **Too tall.** This is the main issue I have. 6 story height does not fit with the buildings in this area. The Theatre District—directly adjacent to site is a really nice development that enhanced city. It is a much better scale; the hotel should fit with that.
- **Increased traffic Congestion:** Both the vendors, and employees, will add commute traffic to downtown. The service industry employees will not be able to afford local housing. So, the hotel is directly related to increasing vehicle traffic on Washington and the Boulevard and already overcrowded roads and highways. Obviously, the construction too would have major disruptive impacts.
- **Environmentally Irresponsible:** The hotel not only increases traffic, it does not link to the train; and the 6-story height contributes to the heat-sink effect which increases temperatures at a time when city planners should be adapting to the reality of global warming. The hotel in itself, would not be a major factor here, but as a step to implementing the overlay plan, it would be.

- **Higher Density is misguided:** Higher density goals have been sold as environmentally appropriate; they are not. At a time when city planners are adapting to global warming and the need for urban green zones and wildlife corridors (even San Francisco has done so), Petaluma is going in the opposite direction, building higher, increasing densities, and obstructing airflows. While Petaluma River and Shollenberger Park do form a bird wildlife corridor, the hotel project remains a step in the wrong direction! It is too high to tie in with Theatre District and surrounding area, and its environmental effects on traffic and micro-climates are harmful.

Michael Barker



Petaluma Resident

December 4, 2023

To the City of Petaluma City Clerk:

Will you please place the Nov 21, 2023 public comment email/letter, below in the public record for the Petaluma City Council Meeting on Dec 4, 2023 ? Thank you for doing so.

I checked the agenda for tonight's meeting:

<https://cityofpetaluma.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=16811>

... but did not see the Nov 21, 2023 public comment email/letter linked to the agenda. Will you please correct that error?

I also received no answer re: the **missing videos** from past City Council meetings here:

<https://cityofpetaluma.org/archivedmeetings/> and here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofpetaluma1858/videos>

I checked the second link and did find the video for the **Petaluma City Council Meeting - 11/20/2023** --> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZWWH8XAGno>

... but no earlier meetings from 2023.

Will you please post the following letter to tonight's agenda and please ensure that the missing 2023 Petaluma City Council videos get posted to the links, above?

Thank you.

From: Paul McGavin <pmcgavin@wirecalifornia.org>

Date: November 21, 2023 at 2:39 PM

To: Kevin McDonnell <kmcdonnell@cityofpetaluma.org>, Janice Cader Thompson <jcaderthompson@cityofpetaluma.org>, Brian Barnacle <bbarnacle@cityofpetaluma.org>, Mike Healy <mhealy@cityofpetaluma.org>, Karen Nau <knau@cityofpetaluma.org>, Dennis Pocekay <dpocekay@cityofpetaluma.org>, John Shribbs <jshribbs@cityofpetaluma.org>

CC: "Flynn, Peggy" <PFlynn@cityofpetaluma.org>, "Alverde, Ingrid"

<IALVERDE@ci.petaluma.ca.us>, cityclerk@cityofpetaluma.org

Subject: November 21, 2023 Public Comment re: Preparing for CA Assembly Bill 965

Date: November 21, 2023

To: Petaluma Mayor

Kevin McDonnell <kmcdonnell@cityofpetaluma.org>

To: Petaluma City Council Members

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cc: cityclerk@cityofpetaluma.org
Peggy Flynn <PFlynn@cityofpetaluma.org>

Re: November 21, 2023 Public Comment re: Preparing for CA Assembly Bill 965

[Petaluma City Clerk: Will you please place this letter in the public record for the Petaluma City Council Meeting Dec 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm ? Thank you for doing so.]

Dear Mayor McDonnell et al.,

I am writing to request that the City of Petaluma adopt eight (8) strategic additions (and no other changes) to the City of Petaluma Municipal Code [Chapter 14.44 Telecommunications Facility and Antenna Criteria](#), detailed in this letter and the four appendices. Please read the recommendations backed up by the substantial written evidence detailed in this letter.

- Recall, that I first made a public comment about HR-3557 at the July 17, 2023 Petaluma City Council meeting --> <https://youtu.be/KwrUWZkiZ7o?t=6262> and again on Sept 11, 2023.
- At <https://cityofpetaluma.org/archivedmeetings/> for City Council/Petaluma Community Development Successor Agency (PCDSA) , I see only "Currently there are no archived videos. Please check back at a later date" . . . but there **are no links to video recordings of City Council meetings there.**
- Also, on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofpetaluma1858/videos> . . . I can find no City Council meeting recordings there, either.
- **Ms. Flynn . . . where would one find these city council meeting recordings? Will you please respond? Thank you.**

I am a Telecommunications subject matter expert, a Petaluma resident and the founder of [Wire America](#), [Wire California](#) and [Unsafe at Any G](#). In 2018, our groups were instrumental in convincing the City to pass an effective and protective Petaluma Wireless ordinance. Recall, In early February 2018, our group of experts met for 90 minutes directly with the Petaluma's Planning contractors, the assistant City Attorney the Assistant City Manager and staff from Public Works and Economic Development. After this very productive meeting, we worked with the City to take the ordinance through the Planning Commission and the City Council, and the City voted through the protective Wireless code in August, 2018. Those were good days.

Things changed, however, when the residents of Petaluma had to work hard for over 8 months in 2020 and 2021 to defeat the ridiculous Wireless Telecommunications Facility (WTF) proposed for the Creamery ([https://www.unsafeatanyg.com/petaluma\)/creamery/](https://www.unsafeatanyg.com/petaluma)/creamery/)) -- 16 antennas, maxing out at **2.4 Million Watts of Effective Radiated Power** -- a WTF that would have terrorized many residents living in West Petaluma. Convincing Verizon to walk away delivered a valuable and much appreciated gift to half of our City.

I also lobbied at the Federal level from 2017 to 2019, opposing Senate Bill 19 and other bills which did not pass. Finally, I successfully lobbied against and secured vetoes of California State Telecom bills SB.649 in 2017 and SB.556 in 2021 -- **these vetoes preserved local control for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in California.**

In 2021 and 2022, we next delayed or ended (???) the misguided attempt to weaken Petaluma's Wireless Ordinance when City Attorney Danly hired a biased, pro-wireless industry attorney Telecom Law Firm (TLF). From 2020 through 2023 Danly and others in the City staff (both contractors and employees) have unreasonably refused to answer questions or respond in a timely manner to the residents of Petaluma about this questionable hire and other issues. **We are hoping for much better service from the City of Petaluma in 2023 and 2024.**

- In 2021 and 2022, we placed substantial written evidence documenting TLF's obvious conflicts of interest in Petaluma's public record, **but no one responded to discuss this matter.**
- TLF law partners Jonathan Kramer and Tripp May are also principals in a separate business, Permit Team LLC, which makes its money from rapidly processing applications for many so-called "small" Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (sWTFs) in cities that have fallen for the Wireless industry propaganda nonsense that says that municipality's "hands are tied" with respect to placement, construction and modification of WTFs. **Nothing could be further from the truth.**
- In 2020, the City of Malibu fired Jonathan Kramer for his lack of objectivity and chose to secure the services of [W. Scott McCollough](#) instead. This is the Youtube quote from Kramer that got him fired from Malibu:

[Kramer](#): "I consider ourselves part of the Wireless Industry . . . Don't use the term, radiation— it's technically, absolutely, the most accurate word and it scares the 'bejesus' out of people . . . please stop using the R-word. The R-word is the F-word to us because it just makes our job in trying to get small cells approved much more

difficult because that's the trigger word . . . use any other word, emissions, transmissions, any missions you want, but don't use the R-Word."

- Fortunately, revising Petaluma's wireless code was not made one of the top ten City Council priorities for 2022, and seemed to remain that way through 2023. **What will happen for the rest of 2023 and 2024?** Ms. Flynn . . . Will you please answer this question? Thank you.

Well, in 2023, Californians did **not** get a veto of a bad California State Teleco: **AB-965** becomes effective in January 2024 -->

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB965

- This new state law forces Petaluma to process batches of up to 50 WTF applications at a time (with **no limit** on the number of batches). The law, however, does **not** take away the City's WTF zoning authority -- **making it imperative to ensure that WTFs continue to NOT be allowed in residential zones in Petaluma**
- Therefore **no changes** are needed for City of Petaluma Wireless code ([Chapter 14.44](#)), in response to CA Assembly Bill 965 -- but the following recommended additions to WTF Application Requirements are strongly recommended.

Recommended Chapter 14.44 WTF Application Requirements

If changes to Chapter 14.44 are being considered, then the City of Petaluma could **add the following eight (8) WTF application requirements**, which represents some of the best advice gathered in 2018 to 2023 from the following top telecommunications attorneys in the U.S.:

- [Link to](#) W. Scott McCollough, Esq. --> <https://wireamerica.org/mccollough/> advice
- [Link to](#) model wireless code from Andrew Campanelli, Esq. --> <https://wireamerica.org/campanelli/>

Please note that the City of Petaluma and all wireless carriers are bound by the **three US Courts of Appeals rulings (2019-2021), cited below**. The burden of proof for each following numbered WTF application requirements would be on the applicant.

For each WTF placement, construction or modification application:

1. **The applicant must provide** substantial written evidence that not placing, constructing or modifying the WTF in the proposed location would result in an effective prohibition of wireless telecommunications service.

2. **The applicant must provide** substantial written evidence of wireless carrier-specific, granular, anonymized (by deleting last 4 digits of each tel no.) **made calls/dropped calls records in the proposed WTF target search ring for the previous 12 months from the application date** to prove that a **significant gap** in wireless telecommunications service (inability to place an outdoor wireless phone call) actually exists: i.e. evidence of **> 15 % of all calls were dropped**. This low-cost data is readily available from wireless carriers, no matter what the carriers may say.

Please note: wireless telecommunications service (wireless phone call service) is separate and distinct from wireless information service (wireless broadband data service), per the US Courts of Appeals ruling in [Case No. 18-1051 Mozilla Corp. v. Fed. Comm'n's Comm'n](#), 940 F.3d 1 (D.C. Cir. 2019). Wireless telecommunications service is a Title II, regulated, **"covered service" that qualifies for** limited preemption of local municipal code per 47 U.S.C. Sect 332(c)(7), but wireless information service is a Title I, unregulated service that is **not a "covered service"** (and not regulated by the FCC), which means that wireless "information" service **does not qualify for** limited preemption of local zoning code, per 47 U.S.C. Sect 332(c)(7).

Nearly all so-called "small" Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (sWTFs) do **not** provide wireless telecommunications service; such sWTFs provide **only** wireless information service and therefore, **sWTFs are not required at all**.

Wired information service is far superior, when compared to wireless information service. Wired information service from Comcast Coaxial, AT&T Fiber and/or Sonic Fiber has much faster download/upload speeds, is more reliable, more secure, more cost effective, much energy-efficient, far less fire prone, has much higher data caps (and often none at all), and, most importantly, does not emit hazardous pollution (RF microwave radiation). Also, **once equipped with superior wired information service** (as Petaluma residents already are), one can easily use an in-house Wi-Fi router to take advantage of wireless broadband and/or Wi-Fi calling features **via Wi-Fi in one's home** (even when no cellular wireless signals reach the home).

Wired information service, supplemented with just enough power for wireless telecommunications service is the sweet spot for Petaluma's residential areas. Such a sweet spot prevents the potential **massive RF microwave radiation pollution** from 3-4 competing wireless information service infrastructure antenna networks (AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon and Dish antennas polluting all at once) that would transmit intense, hazardous, privacy-stealing information service signals at power outputs that are far too high (> -85 dBm) from distances that are far too close (< 1,500 feet).

3. **The City of Petaluma shall deem each WTF application incomplete until** the applicant provides substantial written evidence that the FCC has **completed the court-mandated work** specified in the ruling in Case [20-1025 Env'tl. Health Tr. v. Fed. Communications Comm'n](#), 9 F.4th 893 (D.C. Cir. 2021): [The FCC must] "provide a

reasoned explanation for its determination that its guidelines adequately protect against harmful effects of exposure to radio-frequency [microwave] radiation" and that the antennas specified do not transmit at frequencies above 6,000 MHz (see full details in **Appendices A, B and C, below**).

4. **The applicant must provide** substantial written evidence of a full copy of the firm's commercial liability insurance policy proving that it has sufficient insurance to cover future claims of injury, illness or death related to RF microwave radiation exposures, naming the local government as the additional insured. In lieu of a full copy of the firm's commercial liability insurance policy, the applicant or operator can place in escrow, \$1,000,000 per WTF that the City can use to cover any future claims of injury, illness or death related to RF microwave radiation exposures. This requirement is separate and distinct from any standard general liability indemnification offered by the applicant.
5. **The applicant must must provide** substantial written evidence that proves that the WTF strictly adheres to all City-adopted building, electrical, fire safety and fall-zone codes and that all applications are reviewed and stamped by independent professional engineers that have licenses in each required specialty: structural, electrical and RF microwave radiation; ensure that for each WTF proposed or currently operating in the City, that all five hazards listed Article 90.1(C) of the National Electric Code (NEC) and conducted emissions (dirty electricity) are sufficiently mitigated: (1) shock, also known as electrical contact, (2) thermal effects, (3) overcurrent, (4), fault current and (5) overvoltage.
6. **The applicant must contribute** to a Comprehensive Wireless Signal Strength evaluation test, conducted every six months, as described below in **Written Evidence — Wireless Antenna Need Test — In Telecommunications - the WE-WANT-IT test** (See details in **Appendix D, below**).
7. **The applicant must provide** substantial written evidence that the application complies fully with the following federal acts: the 1996 Telecommunications Act (1996-TCA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA) the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Rehabilitation Act (RA).
8. **The applicant must provide** substantial written evidence of National Environmental Policy Act (**NEPA**) review and National Historic Preservation Act (**NHPA**) review, as required by Federal law, FCC rules and US Courts of Appeals ruling in [Case 18-1129 United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma v. Federal Communications Commission](#), 933 F.3d 728 (D.C. Cir. 2019).

Proof: Ms. Garnet Hanly, Division Chief of the Competition & Infrastructure Policy Division, FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau admitted in an attorney-to-attorney call on Oct 19, 2020:

“The FCC when it modified its rules [Title 47, C.F.R. [§ 1.1312\(e\)](#)] by its October 2019 [Order 18-30](#) that became effective on Dec 5, 2019], after the DC Circuit issued its mandate [in its Ruling of [Case 18-1129](#) Keetoowah v FCC] we [the FCC] took the position that we were **reviewing Small Wireless Facilities as [Federal] undertakings and major Federal actions**, pursuant to the DC Circuit decision and that is what we’ve been doing.”

The ruling in Case [18-1129](#) FCC Order 18-30 vacated portions of FCC Order 18-30, an order that sought NHPA and NEPA review exemptions for so-called "small" Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (sWTFs) applications. These exemptions and the very definition of "small wireless facilities" were vacated (and never properly re-established via required FCC NPRM procedures), which means that **every WTF must undergo NEPA and NHPA review**. The DC Circuit judges ruled in Case 18-1129:

“... The Commission failed to justify its determination that it is not in the public interest to require review of small cell deployments. We therefore grant the petitions in part because **the Order’s deregulation of small cells is arbitrary and capricious**... the FCC’s characterization of the Order as consistent with its longstanding policy was not "logical and rational.”

“... the scale of the deployment the FCC seeks to facilitate... makes it impossible on this record to credit the claim that small cell deregulation will "leave little to no environmental footprint.”

“... The Commission also failed to assess the harms that can attend deployments that do not require new construction, particularly the cumulative harms from densification.”

“... [The FCC] fails to justify its conclusion that small cells "as a class" and by their "nature" are "inherently unlikely" to trigger [environmental] concerns.”

“... We grant the petitions to vacate the Order’s removal of small cells from its limited approval authority and remand to the FCC.”

I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I can answer by email or tel: 707-981-5522

Please see the evidence in **Appendices A, B, C and D**, below. I look forward to discussing these additions with each of you and hopefully convince the City to adopt all eight (8) of these expert WTF application requirements.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters.

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Regards,

Paul McGavin

Founder, Wire California

<https://wirecalifornia.org>

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Appendix A: Ruling and Mandate in Case 20-1025 Environmental Health Trust v. FCC

The DC Circuit judges ruled the following in Case [20-1025](#) *Envtl. Health Tr. v. Fed. Communications Comm'n*, 9 F.4th 893 (D.C. Cir. 2021)::

“... we grant the petitions in part and remand to the Commission to provide a **reasoned explanation for its determination that its guidelines adequately protect against harmful effects of exposure to radio-frequency [microwave] radiation**. It must, in particular,

- (i) provide a **reasoned explanation** for its decision to retain its testing procedures for determining whether cell phones and other portable electronic devices comply with its guidelines,
- (ii) **address the impacts of RF radiation on children**, the health implications of long-term exposure to RF radiation, the ubiquity of wireless devices, and other technological developments that have occurred since the Commission last updated its guidelines, and
- (iii) **address the impacts of RF radiation on the environment.**”

The DC Cir. judges based their ruling on the following evidence that was accepted into the DC Cir.'s and FCC's public records (this evidence is also entered by reference and link into the City of Petaluma Public Record) : [Vol-1](#), [Vol-2](#), [Vol-3](#), [Vol-4](#), [Vol-5](#), [Vol-6](#), [Vol-7](#) [Vol-8](#), [Vol-9](#), [Vol-10](#),

[Vol-11](#), [Vol-12](#), [Vol-13](#), [Vol-14](#), [Vol-15](#), [Vol-16](#), [Vol-17](#), [Vol-18](#), [Vol-19](#), [Vol-20](#), [Vol-21](#), [Vol-22](#), [Vol-23](#), [Vol-24](#), [Vol-25](#), [Vol-26](#) and [Vol-27](#).

Completion of the mandated work in the ruling in Case 20-1025 is required (not optional).

The FCC's completion of the work mandated by this ruling is a valid application requirement. Requiring evidence of completion of this mandate is not an "effective prohibition" of personal wireless service for the following reasons:

1. A careful reading of the the 1996-TCA's effective prohibition preemption provision (47 U.S.C. § 332(c)(7)(B)(i)(II): “shall not prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless service”)
2. The proper test is whether or not personal wireless service exists. (Note: personal wireless service = wireless telecommunications service = the ability to place outdoor wireless phone calls from any existing WTFs transmitting into the area). If personal wireless service (meaning there is no significant gap in personal wireless service) exists, then **preemption does not apply**.
3. The FCC's inaction in response to the D.C. Cir.'s 2021 ruling and mandate in Case [20-1025](#) Env'tl. Health Tr. v. Fed. Communications Comm'n, 9 F.4th 893 (D.C. Cir. 2021) "to provide a reasoned explanation for its determination that its guidelines adequately protect against harmful effects of exposure to radio-frequency [microwave] radiation" is the sole reason for delaying consideration of new WTF applications. Once the FCC completes its court-mandated work, and the applicant provides substantial written evidence of this completed FCC work, then the application requirement will be satisfied and the applications can be considered.

Appendix B: Case 20-1025 Remanded FCC Order 19-126/19-226 Back to the FCC

I. In Case 20-1025, Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) was judged as nonscientific and insufficient.

Contrary to what is written in FCC Orders 19-126/19-226, the FCC RF microwave radiation Exposure Guidelines **started first with SAR** and then used "best guess" assumptions and calculations to derive the RF microwave radiation **Maximum Public Exposure (MPE)** guidelines.

Proof: National Council on Radiation Protection (NCRP) Report 86 (1986)

NCRP [Report 86](#), cites the following evidence and lists the "best guess" assumptions and back-of-the-envelope calculations to derive MPE **from** SAR.

Comparison of Power Flux Density (PFD) and Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) Thresholds that Caused Behavioral Disruption (Source: NCRP [Report 86](#))

Species		CW 225 MHz	Pulsed 1,300 MHz	CW 2,450 MHz	Pulsed 5,800 MHz
Norwegian Rats	PFD	n/a	100,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$	280,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$	200,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$
Norwegian Rats	SAR	n/a	2.5 W/kg	5.0 W/kg	4.9 W/kg
Squirrel Monkeys	PFD	n/a	n/a	450,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$	400,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$

Species		CW 225 MHz	Pulsed 1,300 MHz	CW 2,450 MHz	Pulsed 5,800 MHz
Squirrel Monkeys	SAR	n/a	n/a	4.5 W/kg	7.2 W/kg
Rhesus Monkeys	PFD	80,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$	570,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$	670,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$	1,400,000,000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$
Rhesus Monkeys	SAR	3.2 W/kg	4.5 W/kg	4.7 W/kg	8.4 W/kg

Legend:

- **CW** = Continuous Wave (an analog carrier wave with no digital data embedded on it)
- **Pulsed** = modulated signal (carrier wave with digital data embedded on it)
- **W/kg** = Watts per kilogram (measures temperature of live tissue)
- **$\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$** = microWatts per square meter (measures voltage in Volts/meter and calculates a 2D field of power flowing across one square meter of area)

SAR is essentially a meaningless, "gamed" trick, designed to hit already existing number (to match the earlier "best guesses" from ANSI and the IEEE from 1953 to 1982). For the real history of the FCC RF microwave radiation exposure guideline, view here --

> https://youtu.be/W6q88rA_cMo?t=2971 SAR is merely a commercial RF microwave radiation exposure guideline, **not** a scientific RF microwave radiation guideline that assesses safety in any credible way.

SAR did not consider any animals' blood, muscles, brain, tissue physiology, cellular membranes, blood-brain barrier, tissue voltages, DNA/RNA damages, protein folding problems or anything else other than **an average** -- **not peak** -- temperature reading of the animals' core body temperatures after observing a **behavioral change** in just five monkeys and eight rats (see data table, below).

The rats and monkeys were irradiated with RF microwave radiation exposures at higher and higher doses, until . . . the lab animals **became unresponsive, meaning that the lab animals could no longer seek and eat their food**. Once the animals were this significantly brain-damaged and physically maimed, the scientists, measured the animals' core body temperature and made a series of "best guess" assumptions and mathematical calculations to derive both SAR and MPE

SAR is an average of an average of an average -- which **significantly understates** the actual RF microwave radiation power levels these animals faced. The first average is further averaged by averaging nine arbitrary user-selected points in 3D space (allowing the researcher to **avoid** well-known hotspots created by electromagnetic radiation resonance), further spread over one kilogram of tissue, which is yet another averaging technique.

The current FCC RF microwave radiation exposure guidelines are based **only** on one

observed behavioral change (**unresponsiveness**) and only on one effect (**the heating of tissue**), which the **DC Circuit judges determined was insufficient**. The DC Circuit judges ruled the following in Case [20-1025](#) *Env'tl. Health Tr. v. Fed. Communications Comm'n*, 9 F.4th 893 (D.C. Cir. 2021)::

“... we grant the petitions in part and remand to the Commission to provide a **reasoned explanation for its determination that its guidelines adequately protect against harmful effects of exposure to radio-frequency [microwave] radiation**. It must, in particular,

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Current scientific evidence through 2023 establishes that many adverse biological disruptions occur at RF microwave radiation exposures that are far lower, and occur on the way to heating: cell membranes leak, proteins vibrate/distort, DNA/RNA transcription errors occur — leading to tinnitus, headaches, sleep disruption and significant damages to blood, blood-brain barrier, hormones, the immune system and eventually cancer (see links, below, to the 27 volumes of evidence accepted as proof by the DC Circuit in 2021).

Appendix C: Problems with FCC Orders 19-126/19-226: Targeted Changes to the Commission’s Rules Regarding Human Exposure to Radio-frequency Electromagnetic Radiation

The D.C. Circuit judges mandated in Case 20-1025 that the FCC must evaluate 27 volumes of scientific evidence (11,000+ pages, see links below) establishing biological harms from RF microwave radiation and then explain how the FCC RF microwave radiation guideline adequately protects against harmful effects of exposure to RF microwave radiation.

[Vol-1](#), [Vol-2](#), [Vol-3](#), [Vol-4](#), [Vol-5](#), [Vol-6](#), [Vol-7](#) [Vol-8](#), [Vol-9](#), [Vol-10](#),
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[Vol-21](#), [Vol-22](#), [Vol-23](#), [Vol-24](#), [Vol-25](#), [Vol-26](#) and [Vol-27](#).

Appendix C: Written Evidence — Wireless Antenna Need Test — In Telecommunications (WE-WANT-IT)

WE-WANT-IT tests require a Comprehensive Wireless Signal Strength Test to be conducted every six months by an independent RF Engineer, who will meter the Wireless signal-strength levels in decibel-milliWatts (dBm) of every carrier-specific licensed and unlicensed wireless frequency that is being transmitted to the streets of Petaluma tied to GPS coordinates from the measurement sites. This requires a spectrum analysis of each licensed carrier frequencies from 100 MHz to 60,000 MHz throughout the City. The full data file for each WE-WANT-IT test will be placed in the City's public record for anyone to view, analyze and verify and will serve as the basis for local decisions, regarding:

- the need for any additional wireless infrastructure for wireless telecommunications coverage
- the placement, construction, modification and operations of WTFs of Any size or any "G" in the City
- if a wireless carrier-specific significant gap in wireless telecommunications service exists anywhere in the City

The Cost for each WE-WANT-IT test can be paid by existing antenna operators in the City on a prorated basis: based on the share of each Wireless Company's antenna capabilities, meaning the percentage of the sum of the calculated maximum Effective Radiated Power that could be transmitted by each antenna that is transmitting to areas in the City's jurisdiction.

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Regards,

Paul G



From: [Peter T \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: -- City Clerk; [REDACTED];
Subject: Charlie Brown Holy Day Special (PLZ PLACE ON PUBLIC COMMENTS) thank you
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 12:45:25 PM

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CHARLIE BROWN'S little Red Haired Girlfriend and the 2023 – 2024 Holiday Story of the year in California

This here story will be told every Holy Day Season knowing the PEANUTS GANG & YESHUA had something in Common for a Very Good REASON

They both Spoke to and Lived as Almighty meant for us to LOVE... this True Story from Beyond & ABOVE This True Story so very FIERCE all illusions to PIERCE...

Charles Schultz portrayed the PEANUTS GANG as VEGANS all 55 years.....and yet now the whole World be Crying NON – STOP TEARS w plenty of FEARS....

As the “patriarchal” bullies ruling religions & politicians continue serving as master Vampires in service to Morticians..... NEVER WANTED YOU READ LET ALONE TAKE HEED...THE ESSENES GOSPEL OF PEACE...requiring the 40 Day Freedom Strike for all Warmongers to CEASE.... Have You got Ears to HEAR... thee Prophetic Command opening thee Promised Land is CLEAR, 1st FREE Leonard Peltier...

So for TRUE FREEDOM you Thirst We MUST FREE the Animals FiRST.... And so too to FREE thee EARTH for the Promised Spirited BiRTH...

YESHUA Quote from the Essenes Gospel of PEACE states CLEARLY “Verily I say unto you, they who partake of benefits which are gotten by wronging one of GOD’s creatures cannot be Righteous : nor can they understand Holy things, or TEACH the Mysteries of the KINGDOM, whose hands are stained w blood or whose mouths are defiled w flesh. Yeshua Amen AHO

Yeshua aka Jesus indeed always the VEGAN clarified I am Always w You and to follow Me “ as a Vegan

The Fish & Loaves True story being He cast forth the TRUTH (the BREAD) and reeled in the Believers(fish)

So just Who is Vegan Charlie Brown’s Red Haired Girlfriend..... Well She just walked around the bend into the SPOTLIGHT to assist finishing the FIGHT.... She being known as ZOE who Now being the Lead in this SHOW.... Being Truly Beautiful meaning Spiritually Dutiful... A ROSE Arisen to bust the chains of this Prison....

Or is She really Mary Magdalene the Truest Disciple unto thee Living Lord.... Calling for All to get on Board as thee Only Authority that Lays down the SWORD....for the Greatest Racist assault Still Be towards theFEMININE, so sayeth thee Queen of Light

Great God, Good Lord the SPEAR be so very related to the SWORD... the very SPEAR that Pierced His Side and has it been Given regarding the Promised Land’s Livin.... “That Whomever possesses the “SPEAR OF DESTINY holds the FATE of the WORLD in their hands” This refers to our Migrant Mexican labor who by STRIKING the System be Laying down the Sabre”

See: “Peter Tscherneff 5 G youtube”

**Harry Bridges used the Hammer of THOR to Cease
that Corporate Store of War... Seaport General Strike
being 40 nites 40 Days jimmi Hendrix Purple Haze**

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Queen ZOE Arisen Queen Zoe Arisen

From: [Peter T \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: -- City Clerk; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: AFFIDAVIT CONFESSION
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:52:15 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 02:33:05 PM PST
Subject: AFFIDAVIT CONFESSION

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUSTMENT &

CLARIFICATION..... SONOMA COUNTY FARM

BUREAU VS DIRECT ACTION EVERYWHERE AKA WAYNE HSIUNG DXE

Sonoma County Judge who just sentenced two child molesters to serious time remains involved via “Complicity” w nefarious Organized Crime Syndicates specializing in murder, genocide, human woman & child sex trafficking along w profiteering off the sales of euthanized pets and cadavers scheduled for cremation but instead being sold as “WEIGHT” to various “FEED” sources that blend them into feed pellets fed to commercial organic chicken, duck and turkey industries...This be ongoing in California and

Sonoma County for many a decade....

“For there is nothing COVERED that shall not be REVEALED, and hid that shall not BE KNOWN” Jesus

Let us include the 500 tons of Chinese Meatfiller that enters our California Ports thrice monthly (Chinese cadaver, Canine, soy & seaweed properly spiced of course) going to Con Agra, Tyson, Purina and more turned into burgers, hot dogs, sausages, dog, cat, cow, pig commercial feeds, yum. As 40 thousand Chinese die daily and into the BLENDER they go... are there how many cemeteries in China ????

Has anyone really been recording w photo back-ups just how many family loved ones in Sonoma, Lake & Marin Counties were paid to be cremated only to have their bodies sold as weight for animal feed.... I seem to remember one corrupt Lake County Sheriff who also owned a funeral/crematory in San Francisco.... Hey it's just business RIGHT?? The business of recycling ? That's a good thing, RIGHT ??? So I heard that someone has over 30 years of evidence w pictures w license plates, delivery points the whole shebang, RIGHT? Gosh, I wonder how the PUBLIC is going to feel about County Supervisors and Judges and DA's harboring these secrets and protecting such "Profitable" EVIDENCE ?

So they choose to Falsely convict Wayne of DXE with a purchased JURY that ignores EVIDENCE WITH HELD in a case wrought w malfeasance w a malicious prosecution charging him w "TRESPASS" & "CONS-PIRACY"... Perfect for how does "ONE" forgive the ongoing "TRESPASS" of 14 million daily Life Loving Sentient Being Slaughterhouse Murders in this Nation ? The malicious intentional physical/ psychological ASSAULTS in factory farms upon All Sentients including Most All Human Populations.

I am Peter Alexander Tscherneff as I am confessing to being the True Ultimate CONSPIRATOR in this Animal Rights Arena. Is it NOT obvious? Of all the Counties, of all the Towns in Northern California...they choose Petaluma whereas most every ACTION by DXE orchestrated by Me is within seconds or minutes of my Gardens at 50 Center Road next to Liberty School... PETA---luma People Ethical Treatment for ANIMALS Secret Headquarters West Coast !!!!

It was I who provided 2 separate Animal Rights Groups the Pennsylvania Egg Truckers Manifest routinely delivering old

Pennsylvania surplus eggs for Cal-Fresh Eggs Organic & locally sourced....SURE !

It was I making public these animals feeds were poisoning the animals delivering CANCERS to these animals, Police Canines and the General Public at ever alarming Rates....

I am sorry I was unable to have Thanksgiving dinner w Wayne as we were both in the SoCo Jail this last week... My 1st visit after 18 years to this jail I came in w an open wound from a surgery 2 days prior at Petaluma Valley Hospital, the Wellpath Medical Operators neglected to follow thru, ignoring me & neglecting my medicines... my injury became re-infected.... And hey it's hard to sleep in these jail facilities and they are understaffed...well NO WONDER they SPIKE the Food w DRUGS to "POPULATION SNORE" us for hours on end.... Rather routinely....

Then 2 days ago before my second release I was threatened & coerced to take a NASAL COVID SWAB which I REFUSED... I offered to collect my nasal snot w toilet tissue and smear it on the hermetically sealed medical swab, which they declined... hmmm. The NASAL SWABS are used to deliver NANOTECHNOLOGY to be activated numerous ways via 5G technology... this is old stuff in certain circles and my knowledge is 1st hand... having known Dr. Maurice Wolin from Chiron Pharmaceuticals on the Board as a matter of fact... google Covid patents Chiron Pharmaceuticals Emeryville, California..... this was fabricated here NOT China.... Just like the AIDS Retrovirus.. And so Dr. Wolin gets Famous for showing up for the Petaluma 2006 Dateline STING netting 29 men desiring relations w a 13 year old girl. Former Chief of Los Angeles F.B.I. Ted Gunderson and I provided the D.A. and the Judge enough information to put Wolin away for One Thousand years... they refused... why ?

We provided the D.A. a 5.5 hour interview of Me, Peter Alexander Tscherneff by Ted Gunderson covering in detail the nefarious workings associated to Dr. Maurice Wolin who being the "Silent" partner to Dr. Pan of Sacramento to deliver numerous conditions upon children forced to take vaccines just like when beginning in 1992 Wolin's Vaccine

programs were instituted upon all Military Recruits.... By 2008 over 14 million were DEAD from his vaccines hidden by deceit and blamed on Overseas War inputs as our men & women died of 4 -7 varieties of disease thanks to Project Paperclip Nazi science.....

And lastly... the same TONG & TRIADS that Jerry “the heroin Dealer” Brown works with bringing in China White w fentanyl so too women & children TRAFFICKED weekly into our PORTS... the same group who arranged the MURDERS of Mayor Ed Lee and Public Defender Jeff Adachi (via Heart Exploding Psychotronics), the false imprisonment of Shrimp Boy Chow and Senator Leland Yee for working w Oakland Police Chief Ann Kirkpatrick on the Undercover Ops Kwan Yi to arrest bigtime PORT Traffickers... Chief Kirkpatrick was subsequently fired... So very close....

So by virtue of “Willful Blindness”, direct and/or indirect Complicity.... Flat out ACCOMPLICES in this VAMPIRIC Multi-Dimensional Incremental Genocidal Vaccine Program I wonder to what degree shall the PUBLIC view our County Supervisors and Court Officers..... How shall our Military families and those of Law Enforcement who have lost Loved Ones to this Lethal Charade imposed upon us all ? Be there some Divine Intervention in the Wings... or shall we trust a Jesuit Corrupt Cash Register Court System that has gotten the BAR Association Obscenely wealthy by urinating on the US Constitution.... Whose Living Spirit remains in the Prison Cell of Leonard Peltier, Oglala Sioux connected by Blood to the TSALAGI, the Cherokee being the Lost Tribe of the City of David directly connected to Egypt... I am Peter as I am speaking Truth to Power this moment this HOUR... Comes Now the Living Lord, the only Authority that Lays down the Sword.... It is DONE (Peter Tscherneff 11/28/2023) AHO

From: rekb@
To: -- City Clerk
Subject: Termination of Zoom Comments sent to City Clerk per Council Agenda
Date: Saturday, December 2, 2023 9:43:09 AM

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Good to read that Zoom at City Council meetings has been terminated. I was/am adamantly against it. Reasons are below:

1. Democracy operates through exchange between people. People commit to their ideas. We read their body language. We get a sense of how strong their commitment is. This permits us to achieve compromise. Almost all of this is blocked by Zoom.
2. Everyone owes people who sit through City Council meetings their respect and thanks. Council Members do it for their own reasons but deserve our respect. Any of us could volunteer but only a few do. We owe them our physical presence so they can see who is expressing the view and make human judgments. Zoom blocks that.
3. Technology is wonderful but as with all wonders there are down sides. Zoom works well in business, especially because business is a top down organization. It does not work where conversations are mutual or ideas are expressed because those communications require two-way non-oral and oral communications.
4. Zoom technology requires City Council to bend a knee to the technology. Everything stops for Zoom. I very much dislike the deference given to technology that actually blocks communication (as stated above)
5. Zoom can be subverted, perverted, and abused but there are no consequences to the perpetrator.
6. Zoom provides anonymity that political communication abhors.
7. As a political tool, Zoom can be used as a weapon by making an issue seem more important, more public interested, etc. than it really is and do this just by packing commentary time windows that Council allocates.
8. Democracy depends upon commitment. At the earliest development of democracy, the whole concept of a vote meant that you put your well being behind what you supported. From that beginning a vote has become largely an expression of very temporary opinion; a debasement of the concept of commitment. And yet legally a vote by a legislature is protected by Common Law as an expression of opinion by someone legally granted the power to pass legislation that commits every one. We need to preserve the need for everyone to put themselves behind their words; providing a face, a physical presence, and a voice. Law only recognizes people. Even business is an artificial "person" by law. So it is people and commitment that must be preserved. We cannot allow an artificial voice over Zoom or an Artificial Intelligence (AI) to dominate human interaction. Zoom is just a simplified version of that path.

Richard Brawn

Petaluma, CA

From: rekb@
To: [Peggy Flynn](#); [Pocekay, Dennis](#); [Janice Cader-Thompson](#); [John Shribbs](#); [Karen Nau](#); [Kevin McDonnell](#); [Mike Healy](#); [Barnacle, Brian](#); [-- City Clerk](#)
Subject: Masks again
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:54:24 AM

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Unfortunately, as the saying goes, "Freedom requires a constant defense." Here we go again.

The Sonoma County Health Director has put out a memorandum requiring masking by the public and all persons in all medical facilities. "Order of the Health Officer of the County of Sonoma No. RVP23-01, DATE OF ORDER: September 19, 2023.

By all appearances, it looks as if the common Flu will be cause for imposing masks again. The Health Director Order contains the same COVID unawareness of human side effects and medical science ignorance. Below is my request to the Interim County Health Director.

Richard Brawn
141 Grevillia Drive
Petaluma, CA 94952

Reference: Order of the Health Officer of the County of Sonoma No. RVP23-01 (mandatory use of masks).

Can you please provide legal justification for imposition on the entire public who are located in the mentioned facilities. The order imposes severe and harmful medical side effects not addressed within text. Hence my request for the basis of the powers assumed in the order.

- 1) Documented adverse physical and psychological effects on those wearing such masks all day.
- 2) Documented proof that masks can and do infect the user if used too long or improperly removed.
- 3) The order provides no relief for administrative personnel. Hospitals, clinics, and doctor's offices will have difficulty recruiting personnel.
- 4) Nowhere does the order address ventilation or temperatures to suppress viruses and disease.
- 5) Masks create a barrier to understanding that, when combined with oral accents, severely interferes between health care personnel and patients/customers.
- 6) The order fails to address the real ineffectiveness of masks, even N95 and the near total ineffectiveness of such items as scarfs.

Richard Brawn

[REDACTED]

Petaluma, CA [REDACTED]

Sent: 9:41 am 12/3/2023

From: Taryn [REDACTED]
To: -- City Council; [REDACTED] Baker;
[REDACTED]; Drew Halter; Cindy Chong; ParksNRec; Kevin Hays
Subject: This Wed 11/29 11AM: online form on pesticide-alternatives for mgmt Parks and Playing Fields
Date: Sunday, November 26, 2023 5:50:53 PM

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Dear City Council, Parks staff, Parks Commission, and Climate Commission:

This Wed is a national online forum on best practices for non-plastic, non-toxic pesticide management of natural grass turf. Please note: registration is required.

Thank you for caring to keep our community safe, Taryn

Online event for all advocates, decision makers, and land managers who want to learn how to transition public playing fields to organically managed natural grass turf and why it's imperative.



Please join us for Beyond Pesticides National Forum, Transformative Community-Based Change from the Ground Up: Managing Parks and Playing Fields with Organic Practices and Policies, on Weds. November 29, 2023, at 11:00am PST [>>Speaker and registration information HERE.](#)

This session is for all who want beautiful landscapes, parks, and playing fields without the reliance on petrochemical pesticides and fertilizers. This session is for all people concerned about community health, elected officials (from town, city, county, regional, state to school boards) interested in moving away from toxic chemical reliance, and land managers and landscapers who work in parks and on playing fields and other landscapes.

From: Zahyra G
To: -- City Clerk
Cc: -- City Council
Subject: Non Agenda Item: Support for a Ceasefire Resolution Public Comment
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:47:32 PM
Attachments: image.png

Some people who received this message don't often get email from zahyragarcia@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Councilmembers and Mayor,

As you are all aware we know for a fact that White Supremacy lives in our County and in Petaluma. You all have at one point in your life have heard/read or witnessed these acts right here at home. I know I've come to these public forums to highlight injustice. "Racism is a marriage of racist policies and racist ideas that produces and normalizes racial inequities."

- [Ibram X. Kendi]

Hate in all its forms, does not belong in our communities or in our government. Every human being regardless of whatever walk of life, deserves basic human rights and to live with dignity and respect. With that said I am in full support of a Ceasefire Resolution. Others have issued public calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

1. Sonoma County Democratic Party:

https://sonomademocrats.org/resolution-to-cease-hostilities-in-the-middle-east/?fbclid=IwAR3SBlwEyATHyqbXB92vSil5xopTGzyWaWaZ1LyGZ5OhoApd_9rF-cjLai4

2. Unions:

United Auto Workers
The American Postal Workers Union
The UE Union
The California Nurses Association
The Chicago Teachers Union
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/dec/01/uaw-ceasefire-gaza>

3. Oakland City Council (Unanimous vote)

<https://oakland.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6426870&GUID=0B829E4E-DACD-4245-B5FA-3365F4E66CEB&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=Affirming+Oakland's+Support+For+The+Congressional+And+Worldwide+Calls+For>

and

Richmond City Council (5-1)

<https://pub-richmond.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=51779>
voted to approve a Ceasefire Resolution.

4. As of December 2nd, 2023, at least **60 members of Congress** have called for a ceasefire or cessation of hostilities in Israel and occupied Palestine. This tracker is provided by Working Families Party (Tracker is always subject to change):

https://workingfamilies.org/ceasefire-tracker/?fbclid=IwAR07O_Umlq2OHBOSCAUrhkEH5GzrG21wpGamiMh295oi-TNu9CF3yCd4ozk

4. LA Times Editorial Board

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-11-16/editorial-ceasefire-now-the-killing-in-gaza-must-stop?fbclid=IwAR0BP1sGoBh1LIL-oqCxINcllp6leS7b8rE8s0ljbTeqj4KKCM3rrcNec5g>

I'd like to add supporting evidence that has been conducted by human right organizations because misinformation is something we need to combat as well. My hope is that you take these human rights organizations into consideration and look at it through a healthcare point of view. These are factual data that has been reported.

Starting with the definition as published from the United Nations.

What is International Humanitarian Law?

International humanitarian law encompasses the principles and rules that regulate the means and methods of warfare, as well as the humanitarian protection of civilian populations, sick and wounded combatants, and prisoners of war. Major instruments include the 1949 Geneva Convention for the Protection of War Victims and two additional protocols concluded in 1977 under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

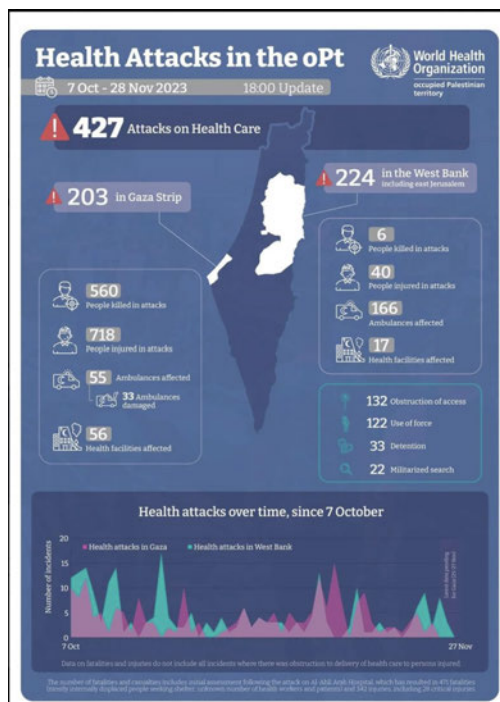
The United Nations has taken a leading role in efforts to advance international humanitarian law. The Security Council has become increasingly involved in protecting civilians in armed conflict, promoting human rights and protecting children in wars.

[<https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/international-law-and-justice>]

1. WHO [World Health Organization] has reported since October 7th, WHO has documented 427 attacks on health care in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Attacks have resulted in 566 fatalities and 758 injuries.

Health care and civilians must be actively protected.



2. Human Rights Watch: Gaza: Israeli Attacks, Blockade Devastating for People with Disabilities Published Nov. 1st 2023

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/11/01/gaza-israeli-attacks-blockade-devastating-people-disabilities>

"A general lack of assistive devices in Gaza such as wheelchairs, prostheses, crutches, and hearing aids, a result primarily of restrictions linked to Israel's unlawful 16-year closure of Gaza, is also affecting people's ability to flee. People who have visual, hearing, developmental, or intellectual disabilities may not hear, know about, or understand what is happening.

Several people with disabilities said that lack of electricity and internet disruptions have made it more difficult for them to access crucial information that would have helped them to decide where, when, and how to flee for greater safety."

"Israel's cutting of electricity and water to Gaza, and blocking the entry of fuel, food, and all but a trickle of humanitarian aid, including medicines, amounts to collective punishment, a war crime. The Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza reported that since the Israeli bombardment of Gaza began on October 7, at least 8,500 people had been killed as of October 31, including more than 3,500 children. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates that over 1.4 million have been displaced."

3. UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) have reported that people are experiencing a sharp increase in communicable diseases such as

skin infections due to poor sanitary conditions have caused a 40% increase, acute respiratory infections, diarrhea due to poor sanitary conditions have caused a 35% increase, lice. On average 220 people sheltering in UNRWA facilities share ONE toilet. On average, 4,500 people sheltering in UNRWA facilities share ONE shower unit. People are forced to use dirty water from wells and unsafe sources, increasing risk of waterborne diseases.

This was published on their IG account On Dec. 2nd 2023: <https://www.instagram.com/p/C0We1xBoW0f/?igshid=ODhhZWMSNmIwOQ==>

For more information visit their official website: <https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-43-situation-gaza-strip-and-west-bank-including-east-Jerusalem>

4. Doctors Without Borders have conducted an internal investigation: "Two weeks after an MSF convoy was attacked while evacuating from Gaza City, testimonies from MSF staff point to the Israeli military as responsible."

<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/msf-convoy-attack-gaza-all-elements-point-israeli-army-responsibility>

Not only is this medical terrorism. This is Genocide. Our tax dollars should not be funding Genocide. International Humanitarian laws have been violated. We must not repeat history.

Day 53 and we are now hearing that up to 20,000 human beings have been killed and 8,000 of them being children. 1.5 million displaced. We need Petaluma to send a message that we want a permanent ceasefire.

Thank you for your time.

Zahyra Garcia

Pronouns/Pronombres: They/Them

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From: [sarah s \[REDACTED\]](#)
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Dear City Council and City Manager Flynn,

My name is Sarah Seitchik Sebastian and I have lived in Petaluma for 19 years. I am a mother. I am an active community member, I am a local realtor, activist and a Jew.

I am writing to you all this evening to ask you all, as my and my children and family's representative council, to adopt a permanent ceasefire statement to:

End civilian suffering,

Allow for unfettered aid into the region and

A return of all hostages.

The loss of life on October 7th was brutal and tragic and the continued bombing of the civilian people of Gaza will not bring back those who were murdered. The continued horrors and attacks will only breed more pain, suffering and war.

As a Jew I was raised to question everything; that no topic was left untouched by deep thought, debate and discussion. These principles included the topics of Zionism, questioning authority and an unending focus on values, what is righteous and above all else Life. During our holidays we learn of the tragedies and horrors done to our people so that we may never forget and NEVER AGAIN let genocidal acts happen.

It is winter now and during this time we learn and celebrate Hanukkah, when Maccabees who, it is argued, rebelled against the Greeks in a war of national liberation, had to hide in caves to stay safe to fight for freedom. How can we as a people celebrate that rebellion and then let the government of Israel inflict the same pain and suffering to the Palestinian people. How grossly and dementedly ironic. Have we learned nothing at all? As a Jew, I cannot, in good faith, look upon our Palestinian sisters and brothers and not see the pain and horrors that the Israeli Government is doing in our name and not be horrified and nauseous.

I cannot look at the families walking for miles and miles from Northern Gaza to Southern Gaza in search of safety only to be bombed in the South and told to travel North and not cry, "These attacks must STOP!" How reminiscent this is of 1948 Nakba wherein Palestinian families were made to leave all they had, and how reminiscent is it of the Jews being forced to leave their homes in Germany, Poland and Austria during the Holocaust. So many use the genocide of the Jews and others during the Holocaust to justify these atrocities. It cannot be. Not in my name and not in the name of those who have been slain.

We cannot let this continue and while our city of roughly 60,000 may not have much say in international politics, we can stand for what is righteous and good. We can take a stand for LIFE and for LOVE of our neighbors and for peace. Please Please Please join the likes of the Sonoma County Democratic Club and many others and take a stand for a ceasefire.

To you all I say, Shalom (Peace) and L'Chaim (To Life)

In Community,

Sarah

Sarah Seitchik Sebastian

(ella:she/ elle:they)



The many S's in my name –
I wonder, is that claim for fame?
From A A A to X Y Z
The letters are designed to see.
To advertise, I think my guess is
I'll sign my realty in S's.

A poem by Joseph Illick

From: [Luigi Petrich](#) [REDACTED]
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Dear respectable Petaluma City Council:

If a nation is like a person, the government is it's structure, and the cities are the living cells of that organism called a country. My community is the life-blood of my nation.

What am I to do when the federal government is financing overwhelming and irresponsible use of force by its friend (its ally, Israel)?

Well, I act in my community. I call for my City--the fiber of the being which is my country--to pass a Ceasefire Resolution for Israel/Palestine.

For you see, neighbors who are cousins are killing each other with brutal efficiency, and killing cousins using US weapons, and this is revulsive to the fiber of my being, and to many many others in Petaluma.

President Joe Biden is rapidly losing votes, and his chances of re-election. This is evidenced by the many many supporters of our weekly Petaluma march for a Ceasefire. Don't follow President Biden, lead him to sanity!

Please pass an immediate Ceasefire Resolution, a symbolic act towards the chance for neighbors to live in peace, because at this rate no civilian will survive in Gaza, and nobody will ever be able to live in peace. This city cannot stand for that. Stand for Peace. Pass a Ceasefire Resolution!

Your neighbor,
Luigi PETRIGH-DOVE
Petaluma resident since 2015
[REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

With a heavy heart I beg you to support a Ceasefire in Gaza Now resolution. I am surprised and sad to hear that there may not be enough council members willing to talk about it to even get it on your agenda. Haven't you noticed the Argus article that talked about Arabs and Jews calmly expressing their sorrows at the vigils every Saturday afternoon at Helen Putnam Plaza? We know that you do not have power over federal decisions but we hope, like other great cities and towns, you will take a moral stand like the majority of Petalumas seem to want.

Please consider:

1. The attached photos of the on going, well supported vigils happening every Saturday at Helen Putnam Plaza that are well received as we march to the Farmers Market in Walnut Park. One of the farmer's market musicians responded with peace songs incorporating Cease Fire NOW! Some folks out side of our group did the back breaking work of chalking "Cease Fire NOW" on the surrounding sidewalks.
2. During the recent Veteran's Day Parade some of us Petaluma Vigils and Peace Crane Project members and others marched with The Veterans for Peace group carrying signs with " Cease Fire NOW! ". Many parade watchers along the sidewalks clapped as we went by.
3. Regarding the moral responsibility we each have, to do what we can to fight injustice in the world see the attached article, **The Morals of Hamas and Israel — A Dharmic Perspective** by Seshadri Kumar | Oct, 2023 | Medium
4. And last but not least, I am a member of the Peace Crane Project working to stop the risk of nuclear war. I especially support the resolution because an Israeli minister has publicly threatened the use of nuclear weapons against the Palestinians, and the brutality displayed so far makes me take this threat seriously.

Please seriously consider discussing and supporting the Ceasefire in Gaza now resolution before you today.

Your colleague in working towards a sustainable and equitable society!

A. George Beeler, Principal Architect



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The Morals of Hamas and Israel — A Dharmic Perspective



Seshadr Kumar · Follow

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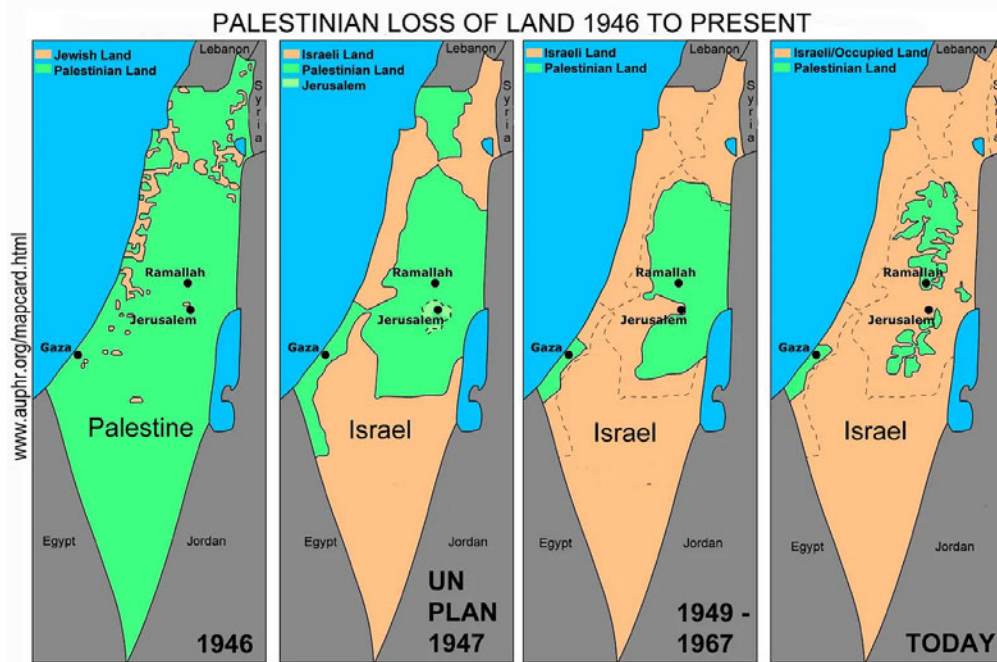
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I have seen a number of Indians try to draw a moral equivalence between the attacks by the Hamas on Israeli civilians that precipitated the ongoing war in Palestine and the retaliatory attacks of the Israeli Defense Forces on Gaza civilians. Both are equally wrong, these people say. Cruelty and barbarism are wrong whatever the circumstances, they say. And they also say, therefore, that the Palestinians deserve the brutal bombardment that Israel is inflicting on them because they acted brutally by attacking first. Basically, they asked for it. The fact that the Palestinians are Muslims, a minority that is hated by the majority of Hindus (and, as I am finding out, Christians as well) in India, helps in developing this response.

But are these two actions equivalent? Most of my friends are Indians, and Hindus at that, so I will draw upon Hindu mythology, which is revered in India, to answer this.

First, one must understand what the Palestinians have gone through. The very creation of Israel was an injustice to the Arabs living in Palestine, as they were forcibly removed from their homes and forced to be refugees. Initially, all the other Arab countries supported them and fought many wars with Israel. But they lost every time, and the Palestinians lost more and more land each time.



How the Palestinians Have Lost Their Land

Some people say that the land that forms the state of Israel was once populated by Jews, if we go by the Bible, and therefore Israel has a right to that land. But the Bible is not history, and even if Jews used to live in that land centuries ago, brutally uprooting people living in Palestine in 1948 was a gross human rights violation. By this logic, Chola kings of South India were once in control of Sri Lanka, Cambodia, and Thailand, so India is entitled to invade those countries and expel their populations from their lands.

After a lot of conflict over decades, the Israelis gave two parcels of land to the Palestinians to live in and self-govern, but the Jews control the lifelines to both areas — the West Bank, ruled by Fatah, and the Gaza strip, ruled by Hamas.

Palestinians are routinely terrorized and humiliated by Israel. Their demand for a Palestinian homeland has come to naught despite years of negotiations. Israel is a brutal occupation force in Palestine.

If all this were not enough, even the small area still occupied by Arabs is constantly encroached upon by Jews. Jews build settler colonies in Palestinian areas, taking away more and more of the little land the Muslims own. Muslim families living in Jerusalem are often forced at gunpoint from

their own homes to make way for Jews. The number of Jewish settlers in Palestinian areas was just over half a million in 2010; today it is just under three-quarters of a million. This increase has happened because of explicit support and encouragement of forced settlement policies by various governments in Israel, including the current Likud-led government of Benjamin Netanyahu, and by the US. Another reason for this is that Jews anywhere have an automatic right to become Israeli citizens, and this has led to a huge influx of Jewish immigrants into Israel. Any protest by Palestinians is met with disproportionate retaliation. Children who throw stones are met with machine gunfire. A single rocket is replied to by a hail of bombs from aircraft. Collective punishment of Palestinians is and has been the norm. Israel has been deliberately provoking the Palestinians more and more, and the US has been openly partisan, as when President Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

If this were still not bad enough, the Palestinians seem to be losing all their Arab friends. There seems to be Palestine fatigue in the Arab world. Egypt normalized relations with Israel long ago. More recently, other countries, including the UAE, Sudan, Bahrain, and Morocco have normalized relations. Even Saudi Arabia is on the cusp of normalizing relations with Israel. Clearly, there is nobody left to stand up for the Palestinians.

Peaceful resolution is clearly not getting the Palestinians anywhere. Despite condemnation by the UN, Israel is continuing its settlement policy. At this rate, the Palestinians will all be begging for a living on the streets.

How should Palestinians fight for their rights? Talks have failed. How should they “fight” Israel? By engaging in a direct military confrontation with the far superior Israeli army, using primitive weapons, and without an air force — to end up with a guaranteed defeat?

So, if you say you are sympathetic to the plight of the Palestinians, you are giving them only three options:

1. Have round after round of negotiations, which don't get anywhere.
2. Fight a direct war with a far superior army and an air force, which will lead to complete defeat.

3. Watch Israeli civilians encroach on what Palestinians still consider their land, until nothing is left, and end up as slave labor for the Jews.

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It is worth noting that the Palestinians living in the West Bank, under Fatah rule, have not indulged in violence all these years. Yet, what has it gained them? Israel withdrew all its settlements from the Gaza strip in 2010, but is briskly building new Jewish settlements in the West Bank. This is what Fatah got by being peaceful.

People become terrorists when they have no other option. Asymmetric warfare is the weapon of the weak. When one has a just cause, and all acceptable and peaceful ways of securing one's rights have come to naught, then one adopts unacceptable and violent ways. In other words, the ends justify the means.

Hindus can understand this by reading the great Hindu epic, the Mahabharata. The Mahabharata is the story of a conflict between two sets of cousins, the Kauravas and the Pandavas, for control of a kingdom, Hastinapura. In the Mahabharata, the principle that any means are acceptable in order for a just end to prevail, referred to as the principle of Brihaspati, the preceptor of the Gods, is invoked by both sides.

The operative portion of the story in the Mahabharata starts when King Vichitravirya dies. He has two sons: the elder, Dhritarashtra, is blind, and therefore is passed over for the kingship. His younger brother, Pandu, is crowned king. But King Pandu is cursed by a dying sage during a hunting accident, loses interest in the kingdom, and abdicates, upon which Dhritarashtra is crowned king by default. The children of Dhritarashtra are called the Kauravas, and the children of Pandu are called the Pandavas. Both the Pandavas and Kauravas therefore have a legitimate claim to the kingdom — the former are the children of the last legitimate king, who was the younger brother, whereas the latter are the children of the elder brother who is the current king, albeit by default.

Duryodhana, the eldest of the Kauravas, believes that the entire kingdom should belong to him, and that the Pandavas do not have a legitimate claim to “even a needle point of land.” The Pandavas, on the other hand, are

amenable to a split of the kingdom, with half going to their cousins and half ruled by them.

Duryodhana hates the Pandavas because they are rival claimants to the kingdom. He tries to have them poisoned and then burned to death. When all that fails, Dhritarashtra tries to achieve peace by partitioning the kingdom. Duryodhana then cheats the Pandavas of their share of the kingdom by winning a rigged game of dice. The condition of the game is that the Pandavas must go into exile for 13 years. When the Pandavas return from exile, Duryodhana refuses to return their portion of the kingdom to them. He justifies all his actions to his father by quoting Brihaspati — that one may take any steps necessary for the elimination of a powerful adversary.

The Pandavas decide to fight for their right in the great war of Kurukshetra when Duryodhana refuses to return their kingdom.

In the setting of the Mahabharata, there are rules by which one is expected to fight on the battlefield. One must not attack someone who is not fighting them. One must not attack an unarmed opponent. One must not strike below the waist. No fighting at night, except by prior agreement. These rules are referred to as the “dharma” (right conduct) of battle. Violation of these rules would be called “adharma.” (Violation of dharma was viewed in the same way as we view human rights violations today.)

Now the Pandavas can regain their kingdom only by defeating the Kauravas in battle. But the Kauravas are invincible in battle. They have great warriors who have never been defeated in war: Bhishma, the grand-uncle of the Pandavas and Kauravas, a student of the great Parashurama, the greatest warrior the world has known; Drona, the martial teacher of both the Pandavas and Kauravas, another disciple of Parashurama; Karna, the son of the Sun god, born with impregnable armor, and yet another disciple of Parashurama; and many other great warriors such as Bhurishravas. Duryodhana himself is invincible when fighting with his favorite weapon, the mace or bludgeon.

While the Pandavas themselves have great warriors, notably Bhima, the second of the five Pandavas, the strongest man of his time; and Arjuna, the

third of the Pandavas, the greatest archer of his time; even these cannot kill the undefeated warriors on the Kaurava side.

But the Pandavas also have on their side Krishna, who is an incarnation of the God Vishnu in human form, who wants to help the Pandavas win because he is on the side of justice and fairness, and he believes that the Pandavas are on the side of dharma.

Krishna knows that the Pandavas can never beat the Kauravas in a fair fight. So, he resorts to dishonorable tactics, or adharma, to win.

Bhishma has taken a vow that he will never fight a woman. There is a warrior on the Pandava side, Shikhandi, who was born a woman, but who underwent a gender change and became a man. However, Bhishma still considers this warrior a woman, and his code of chivalry will not allow him to fight Shikhandi. But Shikhandi is incapable of killing Bhishma. So Krishna instructs Arjuna to position himself behind Shikhandi and shoot arrows at Bhishma. Bhishma will not shoot at Arjuna because Shikhandi stands in between, and so allows himself to be killed by Arjuna. This is clearly a violation of dharma by the Pandavas — attacking a foe who is not fighting you.

Drona is told a lie that his son, Aswatthama, has been killed. On hearing this, Drona loses all interest in life and goes into meditation. When he is thus unarmed and defenseless, a warrior named Dhrishtadyumna chops off his head. Another violation of dharma.

Karna, similarly, is killed by Arjuna when his chariot is stuck in the mud and he is unable to fight Arjuna. Dharma would have required Arjuna to not attack Karna when he was unarmed and not engaged in battle with him. But upon Krishna's urging, Arjuna kills Karna from behind when he is engaged in removing his wheel from the mud.

Similarly, Bhurishravas is engaged in a fight with another warrior when Arjuna cuts his hand off with an arrow from behind. A disillusioned Bhurishravas goes into meditation, at which point his opponent beheads him while he is unarmed and in meditation.

In the final battle of the war, Duryodhana and Bhima are fighting with their maces, and Bhima is finding it going tough, because Duryodhana is unbeatable with the mace. At this point, Krishna signals to Bhima to strike Duryodhana below the navel, a violation of the rules of war. Bhima strikes Duryodhana's thighs and mortally wounds him. More adharmā.

Krishna justifies every one of these transgressions of dharma by saying that the ends justify the means. A dying Duryodhana accuses the Pandavas of violating the rules of war to defeat him. Krishna recalls all Duryodhana's evil deeds, and says that without violating the rules of war, without adharmā, the Pandavas could never have avenged the great wrongs done to them. Adharmā was required to defeat adharmā.

And so, the Mahabharata is a deeply pessimistic story, because it says that the virtuous can never defeat the wicked by following fairplay in war. They must resort to trickery, unfair and illegitimate tactics — adharmā — in order for dharma to prevail. After trying to follow dharma their entire lives, even not retaliating when their wife Draupadi was disrobed in the great assembly of Hastinapura by the Kauravas during the game of dice, after patiently enduring multiple assassination attempts, after being deprived of their kingdom by fraud, after enduring 13 years in exile, the Pandavas finally come to the realization that they can get their rightful inheritance only through evil and unfair means, through adharmā. Even to ensure the victory of virtue, one must embrace vice.

Similarly, the Palestinians have not gotten justice for 75 years by appealing to dharma, and today Hamas is pursuing the path of adharmā. The injustice of the Palestinians began in 1948 with the nakba, the forced expulsion of more than 700,000 Palestinians from the new state of Israel and the destruction of more than 500 villages. Some 5000 Palestinians were massacred by Israel at the time. The injustice has only grown worse in the last 75 years.

If the present adharmā of Hamas is wrong, then the actions of the Pandavas in the Mahabharata were also wrong. And if what the Pandavas did was right, then what Hamas has done is also right. In both cases, adharmā was committed to secure justice and fairness. Hindus must decide which course of action they find morally right — but they must choose consistently.

A system where dharma is never respected and followed can only result in adharma. We have no choice but to accept this reality.

Had Dhritarashtra upheld dharma when the Pandavas pleaded for their rights with him, they would never have had to engage in adharma to get their rights. If we claim to value dharma, then we must be consistent in upholding it. Otherwise, we are engaging in adharma ourselves.

Had the world listened to the anguished cries of the Palestinians over the last 75 years, a just solution would have been worked out for them and some of them (i.e., Hamas) would not need to engage in terrorism today. But by turning a deaf ear and a blind eye to their suffering, the West has forced Hamas to engage in the only way that the West pays attention to — terrorism.

It is not enough to say that you condemn both the violence against civilians by Hamas and the state terrorism of Israel equally. By doing so, you are only enabling the powerful terrorist state of Israel, because your condemnation means nothing to them — they have been engaging in state terrorism for 75 years and getting away with it scot-free. The only people to face consequences for their terrorism are the weak — in this case, Hamas, and in decades past, the PLO. They are blacklisted, their assets are frozen, they are put on Interpol arrest lists, whereas the terrorists who rule the state of Israel roam the world as royalty.

The world is not equal and fair. The powerful have more privileges. And so, if you value human rights and freedom, you must not condemn equally. If you truly care about justice, you must side with the weak, not be even-handed.

Be like Krishna. Not like Dhritarashtra.

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Council members,

Thank you for your public service; I appreciate your time and your work.

Please pass a resolution calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. The unconscionable aggression against civilians is a war crime, and it goes against every value I hold.

Joining the weekly protest and walking the downtown streets holding signs reading "ceasefire now" has shown me that most Petalumans agree with us on this. Supportive honking, waves, applause, peace signs, and effusive thanks from passers by are the norm.

Thank you,
Hiya Swanhuyser



Petaluma United Methodist Church

410 D Street

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DEC X 4 2023

November 22, 2024

Dear Petaluma City Council Members

I am the Reverend Robert Herrmann and I serve as the pastor of Petaluma United Methodist Church. Our church has served the community of Petaluma from the corner of 5th and D Streets for the 77 years. We are proud to share that this congregation helped start COTS, a ministry that continues to serve our homeless siblings. We offer our location to various non profit groups such as the Village Network and 12 step groups that offer various important means of assistance to the Petaluma community.

I write to you now to ask that you vote against the installation of a bike lane on D street. Placing a bike lane on D street would eliminate vital parking spaces from the front of the church and would impede accessibility to our building by those who come here to receive services, attend meetings, participate in worship and work at ministries focused on making Petaluma a place where all are welcomed and loved.

Council members, the loss of the parking spaces would have an ill effect on so many community members who rely on the services that are offered at Petaluma United Methodist Church. May God bless you in your work.

Sincerely,

Reverend Robert Herrmann, pastor
Petaluma United Methodist Church

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December 4, 2023

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SUBJECT: Proposed Downtown Housing and Economic Opportunity Overlay

Esteemed Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Members and City Clerk of the City of Petaluma:

We have lived in Petaluma for 16 years, having moved here from the East Bay. The first day we visited Petaluma, we fell in love with this lovely town. We bought a home and relocated. Our lives are enriched by living in Petaluma, a small town that has humble beginnings and to this day, continues to be architecturally beautiful, with a charming collection of shops, restaurants, homes and apartments. Living here brings us calm, something that is hard to find nowadays.

We are STRONGLY OPPOSED to the proposed "Downtown Housing and Economic Opportunity Overlay" that would allow EKN Development Group to build its proposed Appellation Hotel in Downtown Petaluma. Here's why:

- Petaluma is NOT Healdsburg. We love Petaluma the way it is now. We don't believe revisions to the General Plan or zoning laws are needed.
- Modifying the city's zoning to increase building height from 45 to 75 feet is not in character with our beautiful Downtown or the City's General Plan. That is too tall even, if as Mayor McConnel says, "the 5th and 6th floors would be set back from the street edge" (Argus Courier 11/10/23).
- Modifying the city's zoning to increase lot coverage from 80% to 100% changes the feel of our Downtown. Allowing for some open space around a structure such as a hotel is visually pleasing and better for the environment.
- Modifying the city's zoning to increase floor area ratio (the ratio of a building's total floor area to the size of the land upon which it is built) from 2.5 to 6.0 is counter to the City's General Plan that was developed to ensure consistency and preservation for Petaluma in the future.
- The proposed parking for the hotel, an underground garage with valet for up to 58 cars in HUGELY inadequate, based on a hotel with 93 keys, a restaurant with seating for up to 150, plus an event space and rooftop bar. Where will all these hotel, restaurant and bar

customers PARK? This will negatively impact parking in Downtown Petaluma and the neighboring streets near B Street and Petaluma Boulevard.

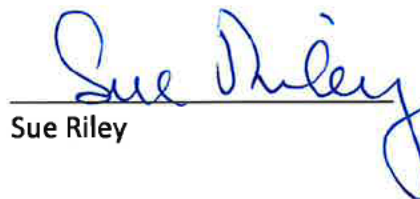
- We understand the intention of the "Mixed Use 2" zoning of the General Plan is to ensure that downtown and adjacent areas will reflect the same physical form and character of development as in our historic and architecturally-beautiful Downtown as development and redevelopment occurs.
- We understand that the Planning Commission and several members of Petaluma's Historic and Cultural Preservation Committee met on November 14 and considered recommendations on the Opportunity Overlay and, according to the Argus Courier (11/17/23), unanimously approved amendments to the General Plan and updates to the zoning code.
- When we visited the Appellation Hotel website, the proposed hotel in Petaluma looks to be a "done deal". It is described as something that is coming to Petaluma, not something that does not meet the City's General Plan or the Mixed Use 2 zoning rules. Right now this is a proposed project, and it should be reflected as such on EKN Development Group's website.
- We understand the City Council meeting on December 4 was to focus on the proposed "Overlay", and that it has been postponed.
- We are completely opposed to changing the city's General Plan or the zoning codes established to keep Downtown Petaluma a cohesive and architecturally historic district.
- It feels as though the General Plan and the zoning rules might be changed by the City Council in order to allow EKN Development Group to build their hotel at B Street and Petaluma Boulevard. The desires of one developer should not dictate or change the City's General Plan.
- We are not opposed to a new hotel in town, but either it should be located elsewhere or it should conform to current standards. The developer can scale down the project so that it fits Petaluma's architectural size and style.
- The proposed design of Appellation Petaluma does NOT meet the historic architectural standards and goals as described in the city's General Plan. It is too big, too dense, and does not provide ample parking for all the business it intends to generate in Downtown Petaluma.

We urge you to reject the proposed Downtown Housing and Economic Opportunity Overlay to override standards put in place to ensure that Downtown Petaluma and the adjacent areas have a distinctive architectural style and charm well into the future.

Thank you and best regards,



Mike Riley



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c/ Kendall Sawyer, City Clerk

Suzie Terry, Executive Assistant to City Manager Peggy Flynn

-----Original Message-----

From: Sam Tuttelman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:11 PM
To: -- City Attorney <cityattorney@cityofpetaluma.org>
Subject: Ceasefire Resolution

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Eric -

Attached is a Ceasefire Resolution we would like the City Council to adopt. We will be asking in Public Comment on non-agenda items for the Council to see fit to put it on an upcoming agenda. The residents of Petaluma need the Council to address this urgent human rights issue.

Thank you!

Sam Tuttelman
Hanan Huneidi

Proclamation Affirming Petaluma's Support for a CEASEFIRE and a Just Resolution for All in Palestine/Israel

WHEREAS many residents of Petaluma and the surrounding areas maintain strong personal ties to the victims on both sides; and

WHEREAS, every day we witness relentless bombing by the Israeli military on civilian institutions, such as hospitals, ambulances, churches, mosques, residential buildings, treatment plants, and bakeries, in which nearly 15,000 innocent civilians, nearly half of whom are children, have died and many more have been injured or are buried beneath the rubble; and

WHEREAS, against all international law, the collective punishment of the Palestinian population of Gaza is depriving them of basic human needs, such as clean drinking water, food, electricity, fuel, medical supplies, building materials; and

WHEREAS the forced transfer of the population within the Gaza Strip constitutes ethnic cleansing as happened to the Palestinians **in 1948 and 1967 and which continues** with the ongoing demolitions of homes and destruction of villages and neighborhoods in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza; and

WHEREAS Gaza is known as “the world’s largest open air prison” due to ongoing unbearable living conditions imposed by the state of Israel, including a full air, land and sea blockade, enclosure of its borders by concrete walls and barbed wire fences, and strict restrictions on movement of its residents; and

WHEREAS The United States gives billions of dollars in military aid to Israel every year from our tax dollars – money that is desperately needed to fund education, healthcare, housing, and much more in our community; and

WHEREAS many of the families of the hostages fear the military onslaught on Gaza is putting their loved ones' lives at risk and are calling for a prisoner exchange as has been offered by Hamas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petaluma join the United Nations, world leaders, religious leaders, and citizens of the world everywhere in calling for an immediate CEASEFIRE and an end to all armed hostilities by all sides in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, especially in Gaza, and in Israel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Petaluma call for the immediate commencement of negotiations between the two sides for the release of all the hostages taken on October 7th in return for the release of all Palestinian political prisoners; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Petaluma advocate for the dignity and safety of residents in every community and that peace diplomacy between Palestinians and Israelis is possible with the help of fair-minded people and leaders of the world.

From: [REDACTED]
To: -- City Clerk; Drew Halter
Cc: Kevin McDonnell; Barnacle, Brian; Kevin McDonnell; Karen Nau; Janice Cader-Thompson; John Shribbs; Mike Healy
Subject: Public comment on resolution for a ceasefire
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:27:08 AM
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Dear Members of the Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of a ceasefire resolution at last evening's meeting of the Council. I have attached the 3-minute version of my comment for your review and for entry into the public record.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Beverly

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Beverly Voloshin

Public comment in favor of a resolution for an immediate ceasefire in the Hamas-Israel War
Petaluma City Council meeting, 4 December 2023

I rise to speak in favor of a resolution for an immediate ceasefire in the Hamas-Israel war.

I am a Petaluma resident and former board member and board chair of Rebuilding Alliance, a US-based organization that does humanitarian work in the West Bank and Gaza. I am also a professor emerita of English and American Literature at San Francisco State University.

I was teaching a seminar for the master's program in American Studies at one of the Palestinian universities when this war began on 7 October.

We need an immediate ceasefire and humanitarian aid. Otherwise, more people in Gaza will die of disease than the many thousands already killed by the bombs. Indeed today, the UN's Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory [stated](#) that "the conditions required to deliver aid to the people of Gaza do not exist. If possible, an even more hellish scenario is about to unfold . . . What we see today are shelters with no capacity, a health system on its knees, a lack of clean drinking water, no proper sanitation and poor nutrition for people already mentally and physically exhausted: a textbook formula for epidemics and a public health disaster."

You may say that this war is a federal and not a local issue, but all across the US people are affected—especially Palestinian Americans, Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, and Jewish Americans. We have seen a frightening rise in hate speech and hate crimes.

Two months before the current war, I signed a petition from academics called "The Elephant in the Room." It stated that the then-current protests in Israel were ignoring the root problem (the elephant in the room)—that is, Israel's long and brutal occupation of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

This is a political problem. It has led to the current war. It cannot be solved militarily but only politically.

Right now, a ceasefire is imperative—to save lives. And, crucially, a ceasefire is a necessary step in what will have to be an earnest effort at a political resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—a resolution that will ensure safety and dignity for everyone living between the river and the sea.

Thank you for your consideration.

For further background, please see the following:

On the "elephant in the room" and the call to North American Jewry to help end the Occupation:
<https://sites.google.com/view/israel-elephant-in-the-room/home>

On the call for an immediate ceasefire:

<https://sites.google.com/view/israel-elephant-in-the-room/response-to-october-7>

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I support the City of Petaluma committing staff and funds now to rehabilitate the Petaluma Riverfront Trestle to a beautiful riverfront promenade. Please share this email with the City Council members and City Manager. Thank you.

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