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## **Groups deplore violence**

In claiming that local peace groups are “solely focused on vitriol against Israel,” letter writer Linda Deutsch shows a profound misunderstanding.

Local peace and justice groups agree that violence is wrong whether in Paris or in Palestine.

The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom focuses on abolition of nuclear weapons and drone attacks, justice in the Middle East through political solutions and peace talks for Syria, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine/Israel. WILPF has long supported racial justice, labor rights, women’s rights.

Seeking world peace through nonviolent means and international law, the Peace Coalition of Monterey County supports talks now underway to keep Iran’s nuclear program peaceful, supports ending the blockade of Gaza, ending the occupation of Palestine, freeing political prisoners, and self-determination for Palestinian people, and is concerned about drones, the arming of Ukraine and more.

The Peace Resource Center in Seaside is a venue for speakers, films, discussions on peace, nonviolence, democracy, social justice and sustainability. A weekly email Peace Calendar lists events all over the county relating to these topics: [pcmc-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:pcmc-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)

Peace and justice groups deplore terrible acts such as occurred in Paris, and strongly believe that perpetrators should be held accountable in accordance with law.

— *Joyce Vandevere, Peace Coalition of Monterey County*