

## **Resolution in Support of Palestinian Human Rights**

**WHEREAS**, Israel's occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem<sup>(Amnesty International)</sup><sup>1</sup> and blockade of Gaza<sup>(Oxfam)</sup><sup>2</sup> are illegal under international law and have resulted in the mass violation of human rights, dispossession of property, and erosion of living conditions for Palestinians; <sup>(Norwegian Refugee Council)</sup><sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Israel's treatment of Palestinians is a form of apartheid<sup>(Human Rights Watch)</sup><sup>4</sup>, <sup>(B'Tselem)</sup><sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel has encouraged ethnic cleansing (the political domination of a territory by one ethnic group over another through forced removal)<sup>(UN)</sup><sup>6</sup> by settler groups<sup>7</sup> in East Jerusalem; \* and

**WHEREAS**, despite all these human rights abuses, Israel has been the single largest recipient of US military aid since the end of WWII;<sup>8</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, in the face of growing resistance in the U.S. to the violation of Palestinian human rights, many governmental and private institutions have criminalized, disciplined, and sanctioned citizens, employees, and students for speaking out on the mistreatment of Palestinians, and states have adopted laws that unconstitutionally prohibit forms of protest against Israeli policies; and

**WHEREAS**, legitimate criticism of Israeli actions and policies and American support for those actions and policies is often falsely labeled as antisemitic and "hate speech".

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club calls for the end of U.S. support of Israeli apartheid and ethnic cleansing and opposes American military aid to Israel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club opposes falsely equating all criticisms of Israel or support for Palestinian human rights as anti-Semitic or "hate speech" and opposes adverse actions taken by public and private institutions based on that false equivalency, including laws at all levels that restrict the right to protest Israel's treatment of Palestinians; and

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\* Government-backed settler organizations are trying to convert East Jerusalem neighborhoods from majority Palestinian to majority Jewish with the explicit goal of political control.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club will work in coordination with organizations in the Bay Area to support Palestinian human rights and oppose the occupation, including through advocacy at the County and State Democratic Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2017/06/israel-occupation-50-years-of-dispossession/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.oxfam.org/en/timeline-humanitarian-impact-gaza-blockade>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nrc.no/news/2018/april/gaza-the-worlds-largest-open-air-prison/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/report/2021/04/27/threshold-crossed/israeli-authorities-and-crimes-apartheid-and-persecution>

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.btselem.org/publications/fulltext/202101\\_this\\_is\\_apartheid](https://www.btselem.org/publications/fulltext/202101_this_is_apartheid)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/ethnic-cleansing.shtml>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vn\)JytPgcgg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vn)JytPgcgg)

<sup>8</sup> <https://usafacts.org/articles/how-much-military-aid-does-the-us-give-to-israel/>