

## RESOLUTION

Adopted at the Wellstone Club meeting on 10/26/23

**The CC moves that the following Resolution (based on a statement by The Friends Committee on National Legislation/ Quakers) on Palestine/Israel be adopted:**

**TITLE: Resolution calling for an immediate de-escalation and ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine.**

**WHEREAS We are heartbroken by the recent violence in Israel and Gaza and as a progressive Democratic Club, including Jews, Muslims and people of all faiths, we deeply mourn the loss of all lives and pray for those who have lost loved ones due to this latest escalation;**

**And WHEREAS we unequivocally condemn Hamas' murderous attacks and inhumane treatment of civilians and call for the immediate release of all hostages, and we also unequivocally condemn the indiscriminate and violent Israeli response that has already claimed thousands of civilian lives;**

**And WHEREAS the United States has and continues to supply Israel with more weapons and continuing such military aid will not bring peace**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

**Our elected leaders must:**

- **Work to de-escalate this situation by calling for restraint, ceasefire, de-escalation, and respect for international law and**
- **Oppose the transfer of more weapons of war and demand restoration of food, water, fuel and electricity to Gaza and**

- **Address the root causes underlying this explosion of violence, including decades of institutionalized oppression and collective punishment of Palestinians through brutal military occupation and a 16-year Gaza blockade.**

**And**

**We encourage our members and others to sign on to the letters (text below)\* to our Congressional representative and Senators as proposed by the Quakers [here](#) and request that our representatives to the Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee put forward this resolution for adoption.**

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**\*Suggested text in letters from the Quakers/Friends Committee on National Legislation:**

**Dear [Senator Butler][Senator Padilla][Congresswoman Lee],**

**I am deeply saddened by the recent outbreak of violence in Israel and Gaza. Both Hamas' attacks and inhumane treatment of civilians and Israel's indiscriminate and violent response have been appalling. I am concerned this is just the beginning.**

**Israelis and Palestinians deserve to live in peace. We have seen over and over again that this cannot be achieved through repeated cycles of bloodshed. I urge you to oppose the transfer of more weapons of war, which would only intensify this already terrible conflict. Instead, please publicly call for a ceasefire, de-escalation, restraint, and respect for international law to prevent further civilian harm. We must act to protect lives—those of the Israeli hostages and the roughly one million children who live in Gaza—and seek to address the underlying drivers of this conflict,**

**including decades of institutionalized oppression and collective punishment of Palestinians through brutal military occupation and a 16-year Gaza blockade.**

**Thank you for your attention to this important matter.**