RESOLUTION 2019-13

Commending the House for Resolving to Fight All Racism & Bigotry, & for Resisting the False Conflation of Support for Palestinian Rights with Antisemitism

WHEREAS, We are witnessing an alarming re-emergence of virulent antisemitism that is a core element of historical and currently resurgent white supremacism in the U.S. and around the world, whose toxic verbal and violent hate also targets Muslims, refugees, Latinos, indigenous people, immigrants, Blacks, Arabs, women, and LGBTQ people, among others, and the left in general—all in an effort to promote, here and abroad, nationalism, racism, and sexism to suppress democracy, worker rights, and movements to save our planet; and

WHEREAS, The Israeli government, along with some of its U.S. backers, have welcomed support from Christian fundamentalists and alt-right groups in the United States and abroad, dangerously ignoring their deeply rooted antisemitism while aligning with their virulent Islamophobia; and

WHEREAS, Leading advocates for Palestinian rights in Congress and elsewhere have been falsely accused of antisemitism, with such false accusations weaponized to fuel legislative and other initiatives to redefine antisemitism as including criticism of Israeli policies and unconstitutional attempts—which were opposed by the ACLU and leading Democrats such as Dianne Feinstein and Bernie Sanders—to suppress and even criminalize boycotts aimed at promoting Palestinian rights;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County commends the Democratic majority in Congress for resisting these efforts and for passing a resolution calling on “all public officials to confront the reality of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism, and other forms of bigotry, as well as historical struggles against them, to ensure that the United States will live up to the transcendent principles of tolerance, religious freedom, and equal protection as embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the 1st and 14th amendments to the Constitution.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County opposes all efforts to stigmatize and suppress support for Palestinian human rights by falsely conflating it with antisemitism, whether in the unfounded attacks and even death threats against Democratic members of Congress or in the widespread efforts to shut down discussion and intimidate students on campuses around the country.

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