

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION 2019-17

Directing Officials to Learn About All Sides when they Travel to Israel-Palestine

WHEREAS, The government of Israel and U.S. organizations that support it frequently invite members of Congress, state legislators, and other public officials to tour Israel on subsidized trips that are clearly—and often admittedly—meant to cultivate sympathy for its policies, imparting only a partial view of the situation in Israel-Palestine; and

WHEREAS, A full, balanced understanding of the situation is crucial for officials responsible for shaping U.S. policy in the region or who might have such responsibilities in the future; and

WHEREAS, The California Democratic Party has already committed, in CDP Resolution 17-05.05 passed in 2017 by the State Central Committee, to supporting Palestinian rights and opposing Israel’s ongoing 52 year occupation of Palestinian lands, as well as to supporting human rights, equality, and free speech for all;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County directs any public or Party officials considering such an invitation to visit Israel-Palestine to accept it only if they undertake to devote an equal amount of time to visiting towns, villages, and refugee camps in both Israel and in the occupied Palestinian territories—and to meet with advocates, non-governmental organization leaders, and government officials from both sides of the issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That public or Party officials considering such visits to Israel should contact the CDP’s Progressive or Arab-American caucuses, who will be available to make appropriate connections for them to also visit Palestine, as such trips traditionally never cover visiting Palestine.

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