

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

5/9/2019 – Curtis Hall, Sacramento

RESOLUTION 2019-14

Affirming CDP's Commitment to Supporting Human Rights, Equality, & Justice in Israel-Palestine

WHEREAS, Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Golan Heights are illegal under international law, as affirmed in numerous UN Security Council resolutions, including the most recent, 2234, which passed 14-0 in December 2016, was not opposed by the Obama Administration, and declares the settlements' establishment as having "no legal validity" and constituting "a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-state solution and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace;" and

WHEREAS, Over 60 laws (dealing with immigration, religion, education, land ownership, residency rights, and much more) in Israel discriminate against non-Jewish citizens, including the recently enacted "Basic Law: Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People," a constitutional level statute that among other things defines Israel as the nation-state of only the Jewish people, declares Jewish settlement as a national value and relegates Arabic language to inferior status, thus formalizing second-class citizenship status for the 25 percent of Israelis who are not Jewish; and

WHEREAS, Palestinian refugees displaced in 1948 and their descendants, now numbering in the millions, are prevented from returning to their homes and homeland in what became Israel, in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Section 13, which is unequivocal in guaranteeing civilians a right to return to their homes, and numerous U.N. resolutions, first and foremost General Assembly Resolution 194 of 1948 (supported by the U.S.A.), which specifically endorses the rights of Palestinian refugees;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County supports ending Israel's occupation of the Palestinian West Bank (including East Jerusalem), opposes Israeli settlements in them, demands equal rights for Palestinians and other non-Jewish residents in Israel, and supports Palestinian & Jewish refugees' right to return to their respective homelands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County rejects, in accordance with international law, any acquisition of territory by use of force, and therefore in addition to opposing Israel's occupation of the West Bank and of Gaza, also calls for withdrawal from Syria's Golan Heights, and condemns the Trump administration's recognition of Israel's sovereignty in that territory.

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