

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION 2019-16

Stopping Trump from Destroying All Possibility for Peace in the Middle East

WHEREAS, The fragile peace process in Israel-Palestine has stalled due to the policies of Benjamin Netanyahu’s extremist, right-wing administration, which has relentlessly undermined any chance of agreement through expansion and establishment of new Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights, and has now come out for outright annexation of those territories—all in flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which states that an “occupier may not forcibly deport protected persons, or deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into occupied territory,” and U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which affirms the “inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war,” and has refused to honor agreements that previous Israeli governments had reached with the Palestinian Authority; and

WHEREAS, President Trump significantly hinders any return to peace talks by taking biased, unilateral steps on final status issues that were up for negotiation between the Israelis and the Palestinians, such as moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, closing the U.S. Consulate in East Jerusalem, which the Palestinians seek as their future capital, halting funding of the U.N. Relief & Works Agency, which provides healthcare, nutrition, and education for Palestinians who became refugees as a result of Israel’s establishment and subsequent wars, and ending U.S. support for health and social institutions of the Palestinian Authority—actions that explicitly demonstrate U.S. unfitness as a mediator—are condemned by the international community and further anti-American sentiment worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The U.S.’s own legacy of displacing indigenous peoples left a devastating impact, obliging us to support freedom and justice for oppressed people everywhere and work for a just peace in Israel-Palestine;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County reaffirms our opposition to Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territory, and our support for peace in Israel-Palestine based on equality and human rights for all, and directs Democratic Party officials to confront Trump’s Israel policy by combating all measures that aim to further dispossess the Palestinian people, as well as promote those that will nullify the destructive policies Trump has enacted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Sacramento County declares its unequivocal support for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that will lead to the achievement of self-determination for the Palestinian people in a framework to be negotiated that ensures equal rights, democracy, justice, and peace for Israeli Jews and Palestinians alike.

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