

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2590,
THE PALESTINIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT**

WHEREAS, The Israeli government continues to pursue the forced expulsion of Palestinian families from their homes in East Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood; the Israeli police responded with disproportionate force to demonstrations at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, during the month of Ramadan; subsequently, there has been violent unrest by extremist groups terrorizing Arab-Jewish towns and cities; attacking innocent people, Arab homes and businesses, churches and mosques; burning synagogues, theaters and cars; and other violent acts; and

WHEREAS, Since Monday May 10th, over 270 people, mostly civilians and including 68 children, have been killed by Israeli airstrikes in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem; Hamas and others have fired rockets and mortars from Gaza toward Israeli cities and towns, killing 12 people and wounding civilians and sending hundreds of thousands of Israelis, Arabs and Jews into bomb shelters; additionally, on Saturday, May 15, 2021, the Israel military targeted and bombed a 12-story building that houses major news organizations, including The Associated Press and Al-Jazeera; and

WHEREAS, The recent violence follows decades of systemic discrimination and the violation of the human rights of Christian and Muslim Palestinians, including militarily enforced restrictions of movement for over 4.7 million Palestinians; a brutal blockade on Gaza; confiscation of land; economic exploitation; and suspension of basic civil liberties. These actions and more, are a breach of international law, the Geneva convention, and basic human rights. As a community that proudly stands against the racism and injustices facing BIPOC communities and stands for and advances human and civil rights, equity, free speech, and free press, we cannot ignore the rise of the Israeli government's flagrant and inhumane attacks on Palestinians, religious institutions, and press organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee acknowledges the dignity and the human rights of Palestinians under international law, and asks the Federal Government to urge Israel to: (1) comply with U.S. Leahy Law; (2) respect the 4th Geneva Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (3) end its practice of tagging and demolishing Palestinian homes and attacking places of worship and news organizations; (4) end its siege and blockade on Gaza and deadly attacks on high-density residential neighborhoods and Palestinian families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports the ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, calls on all parties to refrain from any provocative acts that will undermine the ceasefire, and urges congress to pass H.R. 2590, The Palestinian Children and Families Act, introduced by Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN), which states that the U.S. will not fund the Israeli government's imprisonment and torture of Palestinian children; theft and destruction of Palestinian homes and property; or any further annexation of Palestinian land.

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