

## **Resolution on Human Rights in Gaza**

WHEREAS, the horrific humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza caused by the conflict between Israel and Hamas has resulted in the documented loss of over 60,000 lives and the displacement of 1,700,000 Palestinians, and widespread destruction, prompting calls for immediate action for a cease-fire, humanitarian aid, and relief; and Hamas and allied fighters killed approximately 1,200 people in Israel, and kidnaped roughly 251 hostages during the horrific October 7 terror attacks; roughly 50 hostages remain living under dire conditions in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, many food security experts have confirmed famine conditions in Gaza with significant risk of starvation and with more than 50,000 people facing devastating conditions and millions more in emergency or crisis food insecurity; and

WHEREAS international humanitarian law prohibits removal of ethnic groups from their homelands, collective punishment, the use of civilians as human shields, and indiscriminate attacks that kill civilians, and United Nations bodies and the International Committee of the Red Cross have repeatedly reminded all parties including both the Israeli government and Hamas of these obligations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party (SCCDP) calls for an end to the conflict between Israel and Hamas; and calls for immediate steps to end the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, including famine conditions, civilian casualties and injuries, destruction of homes and infrastructure, and the collapse of health and education systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCCDP demands that Hamas and other terror groups in Gaza holding hostages immediately release those hostages, including those who are dead for families to bury and have closure; and that the SCCDP calls on all parties, including Hamas and Israel, to comply with international humanitarian and human rights law; and encourages renewed diplomatic engagement, supported by international mediators, to lay the groundwork for a just and lasting peace that recognizes the dignity, rights, and security of both Palestinians and Israelis; and that the SCCDP reaffirms solidarity with all Santa Clara county resident impacted by rising antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Arab and anti-Palestinian hate stemming from the conflict.

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