

Resolution Condemning Congressman Ro Khanna's Detainment at Gunpoint by Israeli Settlers with IDF Involvement

WHEREAS Congressman Ro Khanna and his entourage were detained at gunpoint by Israeli settlers and soldiers carrying US-made rifles while visiting the West Bank, Occupied Palestine on July 8, 2026, and Congressman Khanna posted on social media saying “imagine how people feel every day, Palestinians under the occupation, if they could make an American congressperson feel powerless for 90 minutes”; and

WHEREAS *Haaretz*, an Israeli newspaper, published an editorial titled “Ro Khanna Got the VIP Version of What West Bank Palestinians Face Every Day,” which stated that “had he been a Palestinian, or even an Israeli human rights activist, the situation would have looked very different” and “his car might have been smashed to pieces, or blood might even have been shed”; and

WHEREAS Cameron Kasky, Khanna's aide, said the Israeli government, which claimed soldiers “quickly dispersed the Israeli civilians” detaining and harassing Khanna's group, was “obviously lying about the role the IDF played in Congressman Ro Khanna and my detainment by armed extremist settlers,” and Nadav Weiman, the Jewish Israeli executive director of the Israel-based NGO Breaking the Silence, who accompanied Khanna, said the “armed settlers were the first to arrive, and then, as has become the norm, Israeli soldiers joined them,” that “together they detained the delegation for over an hour,” that “the IDF is lying and not for the first time,” that “there is not even a pretense of separation between the settlers and the army” and instead “they are essentially one,” and that “the collaboration between the Israeli army and the most extreme and violent settlers is not a new phenomenon – we at Breaking the Silence have been documenting it for years”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party condemns the detainment of Congressman Ro Khanna by the Israeli military and the daily harassment and violence that Israeli Settlers and the IDF inflict on Palestinians.

Submitted by Democrats for Palestinian Rights - Bay Area

Presented as modified by the SCCDCC Executive Board

Co-Sponsors: Assyrian Democrats of the Bay Area, Sousan Manteghi Safakish, Muslim Democrats & Friends of Santa Clara County

Proposed Amendment submitted by the Proponents Subsequent to consideration of the above Resolution by the SCCDCC Executive Board:

Motion to amend the above resolution to add the following additional resolved clause:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports Congressman Khanna in calling for: the Hilltop Youth to be designated a terrorist group, the arrests of Yinon Levi who destroyed the Zanuta village and the extreme armed settlers who detained Khanna, the removal of Levi's illegal outpost on Meitarim Farm, investigation of IDF soldiers who supported these settlers, and a halt to all settlement construction in the West Bank.

The above language will be considered by the Central Committee at the August 6 Central Committee meeting, subject to the rules governing consideration and amendment of resolutions.