

RESOLUTION FOR A MORE BALANCED ISRAEL/PALESTINE POLICY

Whereas both the Israeli people and Palestinian people deserve to live in dignity, peace and security;

Whereas the Trump administration has supported the most extreme right wing and expansionist Israeli policies that violate international law and has abandoned decades-long U.S. policy in opposition to occupation, illegal annexation and settlement-building and expansion in the West Bank, while at the same time seeking to punish or limit free speech on the issue in the United States;

Whereas the Trump administration has imposed unprecedented punitive measures against Palestinians in an effort to coerce their surrender to an untenable vision, through moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, shuttering the Palestinian diplomatic mission in Washington, and slashing economic and humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people;

Whereas the siege on Gaza has caused immense suffering to the civilian population;

Whereas an October 2019 poll conducted by the Center for American Progress (John Podesta – Founder) found

71% of Democratic party voters and 56% of all voters are in favor of reducing military aid to Israel if it annexes the West Bank or expands settlements;

Therefore be it resolved that the Arizona Democratic Party calls upon its congressional delegation and the national Democratic Party to:

1) Oppose the Trump administration's extremist policies that have violated Palestinian rights, call for a more evenhanded policy that treats Israelis and Palestinians with the equality and dignity they deserve that complies with international law and United Nations' resolutions, and to protect the right to free speech on these important issues.

2) Call for the restoration of humanitarian aid to Palestinians, including living up to our commitment to fund UNRWA, the U.N. agency supporting Palestinian refugees;

3) Call for lifting the siege of Gaza to ease the suffering of civilians living in the area.

4) Support legislation prohibiting the use of U.S. foreign assistance to Israel inconsistent with the above principles, including, but not limited to, prohibiting the use of those funds for annexation of portions of the West

Bank or for further Israeli settlement building or expansion.

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