

## **RESOLUTION – FOR A MORE BALANCED ISRAEL/PALESTINE NATIONAL DNC PLATFORM**

WHEREAS both Israelis and Palestinians deserve to live in peace, dignity and security;

WHEREAS the Trump administration has abandoned decades-long U.S. policy giving the green light to Israeli annexation of illegal Israeli settlements and vast portions of the West Bank<sup>1</sup> all the while slashing humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people;

WHEREAS an October 2019 poll conducted by the Center for American Progress found a vast majority of Democrats (78%) want our government to be an honest peace broker in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are for conditioning financial and military assistance to Israel (71%) if it annexes portions of the West Bank or continues to expand settlements<sup>2</sup>, and are for resumption of economic aid to the Palestinians;

WHEREAS the 2016 Democratic National Committee (DNC) Party Platform on Israel and Palestine<sup>3</sup> is out of step with the vast majority of Democrats; while it justifiably supports a secure Israel and opposes terrorism it omits the equally important security needs of Palestinians who face state sanctioned dispossession of their lands and violations of their civil rights;

THEREFORE be it resolved the Arizona Democratic Party directs its Chairperson to transmit this resolution to the Platform Committee Delegates to the Democratic National Convention and calls upon the DNC's platform to support American's role as a fair and honest broker to achieve a lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis that:

- 1) Promotes equally the right of Israelis and Palestinians to live free of violence in all forms, an end to Israeli settlement, occupation and annexation of Palestinian Occupied Territories and calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state along side Israel.
- 2) Re-establishes economic and humanitarian aid to the Palestinians.
- 3) Urges the use of all U.S. diplomatic means including conditioning financial or military assistance against either party to promote these values.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Kushner Peace Plan.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp/content/uploads/2020/01/Peace-to-Prosperity-0120.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Center for American Progress. October 25, 2019 “America Adrift: Listening to What Americans Want from US Foreign Policy”. Brian Katulis, et al.

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/security/news/2019/10/25/476433/america-adrift-listening-americans-want-u-s-foreign-policy>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://democrats.org/where-we-stand/party-platform>

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