

Reso Calling for the Immediate Withdrawal of American Financial and Military support of Israel in Its Gaza Bombardment

Whereas, The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has handed down a ruling in a case brought by the Republic of South Africa accusing Israel of genocide; and

Whereas, The ICJ has ordered that Israel must “ensure with immediate effect that its military does not commit any acts described” in the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide”; and

Whereas, between late December 2023 and January 21st of this year, the Israeli Defense force (IDF), Israel’s armed force, has killed approximately 25,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip; predominantly non-combatants; and

Whereas, Israel has blocked shipments of crucial food and fuel to the 25-mile-long Gaza Strip, resulting in the starvation of 70% of its population; the highest number the United Nations Secretary says that has ever been recorded; and

Whereas, the IDF has repeatedly killed or injured civilians fleeing to, or taking shelter in areas they have advertised as “Safe Zones”; and

Whereas, the IDF has razed the homes, offices, schools, temples and hospitals of Gaza; and

Whereas, Due to the destruction of hospitals, noncombatants--mainly woman and children - -injured in the Israeli attacks, who need medical attention have had to endure surgery, such as amputation without anesthesia; and

Whereas, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) has been receiving satellite intelligence and software from the American Defense Department to help it find and hit targets in Gaza; and

Whereas, the American government has provided Israel with 230 cargo planes and 20 ships full with military goods to Israel, including 2,000-pound bombs, 5,400 MK84 and 5,000 MK82 bombs, 1,000 GBU-39, 3,000 JDAM bomb guidance kits and 200 Kamikaze drone; and

Whereas, Congress is considering an additional funding of \$14 billion dollars to Israel; and

Whereas, Levels of homelessness, mental illness, drug addiction, food insecurity, childhood poverty, infrastructure decay, in the United States are at record highs; so

Therefore, be it Resolved, that Community Board 9 joins with many community boards around the country in demanding that the United States cease immediately its financial and military support of Israel in its seven-month onslaught against Gaza; and

Let it be Further Resolved, that Community Board 9 joins with Americans across the country demanding a Cease Fire by Israel Now!