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## San Francisco Labor Council Statement on Israel & Gaza

The San Francisco Labor Council joins with trade unionists the world over in supporting workers and their families on both sides of the Gaza border and also in expressing our strong opposition to the bombings and attacks in Gaza in which more than 2,050 Palestinians have been killed and more than 9,500 have been severely wounded, and 67 Israelis, including 3 civilians, have been killed. Three-quarters of the Palestinian casualties have been civilians. Almost half are women and children. More than 460,000 people in Gaza have been left homeless.

We recognize the mobilizations against the bombings of Gaza organized by the trade union movement internationally, and salute the statement issued July 31, 2014, by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) -- the international labor body to which is the AFL-CIO is affiliated -- when it calls for "an immediate negotiated cease-fire and an end to the blockade imprisoning 1.9 million people."

We applaud the effort of the International Transport Federation to deliver medical supplies and other humanitarian relief to Gaza. Together with the ITUC, we call for lifting the blockade of Gaza, if for no other reason than humanitarian concerns.

We call upon our local community to ensure that the tension and passions around the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are not used to divide us at home, and are not used as a pretext for Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia or other hateful statements and judgments against a whole group of people.

This statement was adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on August 25, 2014.

Respectfully,

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