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Resolution on the Need for a Just Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Whereas the San Francisco Labor Council has long advocated for a peaceful resolution of the longstanding conflict between Israel and Palestine, and;

Whereas May 14 commemorates both the birth of Israel as well as the forced exile of 700,000 Arab Palestinians from lands which are now part of Israel, and;

Whereas violence along the border between Israel and Gaza continues — with over 40 mostly unarmed Palestinian protesters killed and hundreds injured in the Gaza border clash on May 14 — making it one of the most deadly border conflicts in the world, and;

Whereas the United States has moved its embassy to Jerusalem, and;

Whereas Jerusalem has historically been a holy site to Jews, Muslims and Christians, and hundreds of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians continue to live there, and;

Whereas the US recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and its resultant move of the US embassy to Jerusalem makes it harder to achieve a peaceful and just solution, including a two-state solution.

Therefore, be it Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council reaffirms its position, adopted in recent Council resolutions, that violence against civilians, whether intended to harm or kill, whether in Palestine or Israel, does not and will not serve the interest of peace and greater humanity in the region, and;

Therefore, be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council condemns the Trump administration's decision to move the US embassy to Jerusalem, considering it an additional obstacle to achieving a just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and;

Therefore, be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council affirms its support for a just and lasting solution to this tragic conflict that will ensure the labor and human rights and social and economic justice of all the people in the region, and;

Therefore, be it Finally Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council calls 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.

Submitted by Allan Fisher, AFT 2121; Alice Rogoff, CLUW; Rodger Scott, AFT 2121; Dennis Kelly, UESF-R 61; Conny Ford, OPEIU 29; Linda Plack, UESF 61; Alisa Messer, AFT 2121; and Maureen Dugan, CNA.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rudy Gonzalez', written in a cursive style.

Rudy Gonzalez
Interim Executive Director

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