

Apply Economic Sanctions on Israel

WHEREAS It is considered unethical, and often illegal, for anyone in authority to give friends benefits not given to others over which the person in authority has power;

WHEREAS The United States should treat all countries, whether friendly or adversarial, the same or in a similar manner for the same or similar behaviors by those countries;

WHEREAS The Fourth Geneva Convention signed by 196 countries including Israel, makes it illegal for nations to move populations and establish settlements in territories acquired in a war, and a vast majority of countries consider the Israeli settlements to be illegal on that basis;

WHEREAS In 1967 Israel invaded and has since de-facto annexed portions of the West Bank and East Jerusalem by building settlements occupied by Israeli Jewish citizens in those territories recognized as Palestinian;

WHEREAS The United Nations Security Council passed without opposition resolution 242, 338, 446, 465, 1515, and 2334 on 11/22/1967, 10/22/1973, 03/22/1979, 03/01/1980, 11/19/2003, and 12/23/2016 respectively, calling for Israel to return to their 1967 borders, to remove Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and/or freeze settlement expansion; and

WHEREAS The United States Government has applied economic sanctions on Russia for its invasion and annexation of the Ukrainian region of Crimea, in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Jefferson County Democrats (JCD), call on the Washington State Democratic Party to urge Washington's congressional delegation to introduce and support legislation that would apply economic sanctions on Israel; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the JCD urge U.S. Senators Cantwell and Murray and Congressman Kilmer to introduce and support legislation that would apply economic sanctions on Israel.

Submitted by the Jefferson County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

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