

Resolution Regarding US Senator Votes on Arming Israel in Conflict with Palestinians

WHEREAS many experts, including Israeli human rights organizations, academics, and politicians, have concluded that Israel is committing genocide and/or war crimes against the Palestinian people and practicing apartheid;^{1, 2}

WHEREAS Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is wanted by the International Criminal Court to answer to charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including the use of starvation as a method of warfare;³

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Platform states “Palestinians, like all other peoples, have the right to self-determination, to life, liberty, security; freedom from torture, cruelty, degrading treatment, arbitrary arrest, detention, or exile; and every other right established by the 1948 UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR),”;

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2024, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, representing Democrats statewide, passed a resolution with strong support condemning Israel's siege on Gaza and calling for the re-funding of UNRWA;⁴ in March 2024, the membership of the 46th Legislative District Democrats overwhelmingly passed a resolution supporting an immediate ceasefire, release of all hostages, both Israeli and Palestinian, and pivot to a political peace process,⁵ and on June 23, 2024, Washington Democrats overwhelmingly passed resolutions at our convention to halt military support for Israel and restore humanitarian aid to Gaza;⁶

¹ See, e.g., [Our Genocide](#), B’Tselem, July 2025; Omer Bartov, [I’m a Genocide Scholar. I know It When I See It.](#), New York Times, 15 July 2025; Ehud Olmert, [Enough is Enough. Israel is Committing War Crimes](#), Haaretz, 27 May 2025.

² See, e.g., [World Court Finds Israel Responsible for Apartheid](#), Human Rights Watch, 19 July 2024; [Israel’s apartheid against Palestinians](#), Amnesty International, 1 February 2022; [The Israeli Occupation of the West Bank and the Crime of Apartheid: Legal Opinion](#), Yesh Din, June 2020.

³ [Arrest Warrant](#), International Criminal Court, 21 November 2024.

⁴ Ceasefire Democrats, [Washington State Democratic Party’s CEASEFIRE resolution passed on January 28, 2024](#).

⁵ LD 46 Ceasefire , March 21, 2024

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/46dems/pages/1427/attachments/original/1712554136/2024.03.21_46th_Ceasefire_Resolution.pdf?1712554136

⁶ Jerry Cornfield, [Washington Democratic Party backs ending U.S. aid to Israel until ceasefire with Hamas](#), Washington State Standard, 24 June 2024.

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2025, Sen. Cantwell voted to continue arming Israel with weapons, breaking with a majority of Democrats in the US Senate (27-17 and 24-20), while Senator Murray sided with the majority of Senate Democrats by voting against continuing to arm Israel with weapons;⁷

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Central Committee condemns the vote of Senator Maria Cantwell to continue sending weapons to Israel while it is carrying out a genocide against the Palestinian people, despite the overwhelming support for a ceasefire and arms embargo throughout the Democratic Party statewide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Central Committee appreciates Senator Patty Murray's vote to stop sending weapons to Israel while it is carrying out a genocide against the Palestinian people; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Washington State Democratic Central Committee urges Senators Cantwell and Murray to take concrete actions against the ongoing Israeli genocide and come out in full support of the liberation of the Palestinian people, an end to the apartheid regime, and the recognition of a Palestinian state.

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⁷ Roll Call Vote 119th Congress - 1st Session, [S.J.Res. 41](#) and [S.J.Res. 34](#).