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As we continue to witness the horrific and ongoing genocide of Palestinians in Gaza and parts of the West Bank, Queer Crescent is urging LGBTQI+ organizations and leaders to join us in calling for a **ceasefire now**, and furthermore, to demand an end to the illegal blockade of the Gaza Strip.

As U.S.-based organizations and leaders, we have a moral obligation to use our collective power to interrupt the flow of resources and support of Israel's ongoing war on Palestine.

The United States is the Israeli military's greatest funder and enabler. Every year, the U.S. government writes Israel a blank check for at least \$3.8 billion to fund Israel's violence against the Palestinian people. Rather than using those funds to provide for communities in need here, our government uses taxpayer dollars to enable the Israeli military to kill Palestinians, destroy their homes, and steal their native land. [US Campaign for Palestinian Rights](#)

[The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\) Movement](#) works to end international support for Israel's oppression of Palestinians and pressure Israel to comply with international law by calling for a boycott of Israeli products from illegal settlements, divesting from ongoing aid and support of Israel, and creating accountability measures through sanctions.

As trans, queer and non-binary people we understand too well what is at stake when our self-determination and sovereignty are removed. Palestine is a queer issue, and it is our duty to listen and learn from queer Palestinians who are living under Israeli occupation, and in the imposed Diaspora. **We are urgently calling upon queer organizations and leaders to [speak up](#), [take action](#), and [demand a ceasefire](#).**

A ceasefire is an urgent measure to stop the active massacre in Gaza. But we know that this is only a first step, and it is essential that we move together to name and resist the violence of settler colonialism and Israel's racist apartheid regime. From the outset, the Zionist colonial project of creating Israel was built on the erasure, violence, and ethnic cleansing of Palestine and the Palestinian people.

Gendered violence has always been used as a tool of settler colonization. Israel has directly targeted our queer communities through "Pinkwashing".

A strategy of neo-fascism and colonization that directly targets our queer communities, pinkwashing is propaganda used by Israel and Zionists globally in their ongoing campaign to dehumanize the Palestinian people. They propel a narrative that Israel is "pro-queer," and reinforce orientalist and racist tropes about Arabs, Muslims, and Middle Eastern (SWANA) people being "backwards" and inherently homophobic. This propaganda serves to justify Israel's continued murder, displacement, and occupation of the Palestinian people, including queer Palestinians, by appealing to liberal sensibilities and individualism.

Through pinkwashing strategies, Israel intentionally distracts the public from their racist and violent actions by projecting an image of freedom and safety for queer people. Pinkwashing erases the existence of queer Palestinians who have been entrapped by the IDF, who are living under occupation, who are dying at the hands of Israel. **A country can not be a safe refuge for LGBTQI+ communities and simultaneously commit genocide, mass displacement and ongoing dispossession of the Palestinian people.**

Pinkwashing is one of many violent strategies that attacks the sovereignty of Palestine. Our struggles and our humanity are bound together. Queer and trans liberation can never come at the expense of the Palestinian people.

We, the undersigned queer organizations and leaders, are in solidarity with Palestinians resisting occupation and fighting for their right to self-determination. We commit to using our platforms to call for ceasefire now, and take up learning about and challenging Pinkwashing in particular and Zionism generally, and all forms of anti-Palestinian, anti-Muslim and anti-Arab racism. We dedicate ourselves to being in solidarity with the Palestinian people, and we understand that our role as allies witnessing genocide is to commit to solidarity with Palestine today, and until liberation.

Ceasefire Now! Free Palestine!

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Signed,

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Alliance of South Asians
Taking Action (ASATA)
Alyssa Rodriguez Center
for Gender Justice
Antonieta
Gimeno/IMAGINArte
API Equality-LA
Atlanta Unity Mosque
Autistic Nature
Basically Wonderful
Black LGBTQIA+ Migrant
Project (BLMP)
Boundary Span, LLC
Boundless Awareness
Brown Boi Project
Center for Embodied
Pedagogy and Action
EI/La Para TransLatinas
Endeavoring Wellness
LLC
Evolve Ames
Familia: Trans Queer
Liberation Movement
Fat Rose
Folsom Street
Freedom Oklahoma
GALAS LGBTQ+
Armenian Society
GSA Network
Hate Free Outagamie
HEART
Heartmind Teaching
Hussain Collective
Inclusive Muslims of
Central Virginia
Indigenous Idaho Alliance
Indigenous Justice
Intransitive
Jumma 4 All
Kaleidoscope Youth
Center
Lavender Phoenix

Lead to Life / bakiné
Lyon-Martin Community
Health Services
Marigold Seeds Collective
Mew
Mirror Memoirs
Muruna Healing LLC
Muslim Alliance for Sexual
and Gender Diversity
(MASGD)
National Asian Pacific
American Families Against
Substance Abuse
(NAPAFASA)
National Queer and Trans
Therapists of Color
Network
National Queer Asian
Pacific Islander Alliance
Neem Institute
Nikkei4Palestine (N4P)
Collective
NQTTCC
OPAWL-Building AAPI
Feminist Leadership
Our Family Coalition
Pacifica Social Justice
Peacock Rebellion
PFLAG
Pyaar To The People
Queer Art Night Austin
Queer Film Theory 101
Queer Mango Collective
Queer Rebels Production
Queer Shia Collective
Queer the Land
Queers for Palestine –
Winnipeg
Queers' Gambit
QueerTrans.Events
QUIT! Queers
Undermining Israeli
Terrorism
Radically Fit

Rainbow Chrysalis
Coaching
Rooted Respite
Rosen Creative House
Sabian Arte
Sad Francisco
Sadhana Support
Collective + Yoga with
Avery
Savage Daughters
SeritaYoga
South Asian SOAR
South Bay Youth
Changemakers
StaceyFest
TACT (Trans Advocacy &
Care Team)
Teaching Palestine:
Pedagogical Praxis and
the Indivisibility of Justicer
Scholar, Arab and Muslim
Ethnicities and Diasporas
Studies, San Francisco
State University &
Feminists for Justice in
and for Palestine
Texas Trans Futures
Thank God for Abortion
The City School
The Feminist Front
The Queer Choir
(Oakland)
The Queer Palestinian
Empowerment Network
The Worm Farm Project
Transgender Law Center
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Viet Rainbow of Orange
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Vocal AF
We Rise Production

Zapatista Assembly of
Transnational Liberation
(EZLTN)

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