

# 2024 RESOLUTIONS & PLATFORM COMMITTEE

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Brian Rhoades, 2024 Committee Chair ~ 03/08/2024

**Updated 03/20/24** - Sage highlight indicates resolutions that **passed without amendments**; yellow highlight indicates the resolution that **passed with an amendment**; light red highlight indicates **resolutions that failed**.

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## STATEMENT FROM RESOLUTIONS & PLATFORM COMMITTEE

The following resolutions are recommended for consideration at the 2024 Wake County Democratic Party County Convention by the 2024 Resolutions & Platform Committee (Committee).

Resolutions were evaluated as to whether they were necessary per the most vital and pressing issues of our party, distinct from other resolutions or the platform as written, and reasonable in the expectation that members of our party can support, advocate for, and achieve the policies and goals as stated.

The Committee's members made edits in collaboration with each other and with submission authors who were responsive to outreach efforts and/or attended our public listening session virtual meetings.

Resolutions not recommended for inclusion in the WCDP Consent Package were either redundant statements of values already found in other resolutions or the platform itself or were found to be out of scope of the platform's purpose.

All Committee members worked objectively, free from personal bias, prejudice, or preference. All actions taken were in compliance with the [NCDP Plan of Organization](#) §2.10 - *Methods for Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions at the County Level*.

## RECOMMENDED RESOLUTIONS

### COUNTY LEVEL

#### Mandate Insurance for Each Firearm

**Precinct:** 01-20, submitted by Amanda R. Carlson

**Author:** Amanda R. Carlson

**Platform Section:** Security And Law Enforcement > Gun Violence Prevention

Whereas, there are far too many firearm shootings in the area; and,

Whereas, these shootings often result in significant loss to property; and,

Whereas, these shootings also at times result in significant bodily harm and injuries; and,

Whereas, these shootings can often times also lead to mortality; and,

Whereas, all of these impacts result in significant expense to the victims of firearm shootings and their loved ones; and,

Whereas, shooters of these incidents currently have no monetary responsibility or repercussions for the harm that they perpetrate with their firearms; and,

Whereas, many of the expenses incurred are borne by innocent bystanders who have not budgeted for the loss of work, time, property, health, and or ongoing care for themselves and their loved ones; and,

Whereas, these extraordinary repercussions take a heavy toll on victims who must currently bear the financial burden alone; and,

Therefore be it resolved, that insurance be required for every firearm purchased in Wake County, and enforcement of current laws be prioritized, including adequate allocation of funds to ensure enforcement; and,

Be it further resolved, that if current laws prove inadequate to provide relief, new and stronger legislation be passed to rectify the harassment of Wake County citizens and visitors and others impacted by the current situation.

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## STATE LEVEL

### Resolution To Support Gender-Affirming Care For Transgender And Other Gender Non-Conforming Minors

**Precinct:** 17-13, submitted by Brandi Brown; 16-07, 10-02

**Author:** Brandi Brown

**Platform Section:** Civil & Human Rights > Civil Rights

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party platform already acknowledges that there are health disparities for LGBTQ+ youth; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services calls gender-affirming care “a supportive form of healthcare;” and,

WHEREAS, multiple sources, including a study from The Trevor Project, show that more than half of all LGBTQ+ youth consider suicide; and,

WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association and the American Medical Association support access to gender-affirming care; and,

WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that receiving gender-affirming care reduces depression and anxiety and lowers the rate of suicidality among transgender minors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party supports gender-affirming care for minors, including social transition and medical transition, which includes puberty blockers, testosterone, progesterone, and other treatments and in consultation with guardians and medical providers and without the interference of legislators.

## Shifting the Tax Burden from the Middle to the Top: Tax Relief through the Ultra-Millionaire & Real Corporate Profits Tax

**Precinct:** 16-07, submitted by Sarah Vrla

**Author:** Progressive Caucus

**Platform Section:** Paying For Progress

Whereas the richest top 0.1% has seen its share of American wealth nearly triple from 7% to 20% between the late 1970s and 2016, while the bottom 90% has seen its share of wealth decline from 35% to 25% in that same period<sup>1</sup>; and,

Whereas the richest 130,000 families in America now hold nearly as much wealth as the bottom 117 million families combined; and,

Whereas the families in the top 0.1% are projected to owe 3.2% of their wealth in federal, state, and local taxes this year, while the bottom 99% are projected to owe 7.2%<sup>2</sup>; and,

Whereas too many of our wealthiest companies seek to cash in on all the benefits of America while skipping out on the infrastructure and government investment bill; and,

Whereas The 1200 most profitable US firms report more than \$100 million in profits to their shareholders but pay little to no taxes due to a maze of tax breaks and deductions; and,

Whereas both North Carolina and the Federal government have been shifting more of the tax burden onto individuals and lightening or eliminating the burden on corporations; and,

Whereas more than half (53%<sup>3</sup>) of North Carolina and half<sup>4</sup> of Federal Tax revenue comes from individual income tax, with only 6.4% of NC and 6% of Federal revenue coming from corporations; and,

Whereas the misleadingly-named “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017” provided massive tax cuts to the wealthy and to corporations and minor tax cuts or even increases to lower-income individuals; and,

Whereas an Ultra-Millionaire Tax would tax the wealth of the richest Americans and apply only to households with a net worth of \$50 million or more—roughly the wealthiest 75,000 households, or the top 0.1%; and,

Whereas the Ultra-Millionaire tax on roughly 75,000 households would bring in \$3.75 trillion in revenue over a ten-year period; and,

Be it Resolved that Ultra-Millionaires would pay an annual 2% tax on every dollar of net worth above \$50 million and a 6% tax on every dollar of net worth above \$1 billion<sup>1</sup>; and,

Be it Resolved that there be:

- Zero additional tax on any household with a net worth of less than \$50 million (99.9% of American households)<sup>1</sup>
- 2% annual tax on household net worth between \$50 million and \$1 billion<sup>1</sup>
- 4% annual Billionaire Surtax (6% tax overall) on household net worth above \$1 billion<sup>1</sup>

Be it Further Resolved that under the Real Corporate Profits Tax of 2021, for every dollar of profit reported to shareholders above \$100 million, corporations will pay a 7% tax in addition to any other required tax.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://elizabethwarren.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/saez-zucman-wealthtax-warren-v5-web.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://gabriel-zucman.eu/usdina/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/facts-figures/revenue>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-tax/policy-basics-where-do-federal-tax-revenues-come-from>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2680/text>

## Keeping Home Ownership Affordable through supporting the End Hedge Fund Control of American Homes Act

**Precinct:** 16-07, submitted by Sarah Vrla; 10-02, submitted by Angela Bridgman

**Author:** Progressive Caucus

**Platform Section:** Affordable And Workforce Housing

Whereas, our nation currently faces a crisis of housing affordability as more American families struggle to become homeowners even as the job market strengthens; and,

Whereas, hedge funds own and control large parts of the American housing market; and,

Whereas, following the 2008 housing crisis, large private equity hedge funds bought large portfolios of foreclosed homes; and,

Whereas, in 2021, large hedge fund investors bought 42.8% of homes for sale in the Atlanta metro area and 38.8% of homes in the Phoenix area, the highest rate in 16 years; and,

Whereas, predatory hedge fund investors targeted homes in neighborhoods with significantly larger Black populations and approximately 30% more single mothers than the national average; and,

Whereas, ending the hedge fund control of housing will:

- ban hedge funds and all other investors from owning large numbers of homes by establishing a \$20,000 federal tax penalty per single family home owned in excess of 100. To help ensure affordability for families, revenues from this tax are reserved for down-payment assistance programs.
- allow for an orderly exit from the housing investment market, this legislation allows hedge funds and other investors to sell the homes they own over several years.—
  - Hedge funds and investors must sell at least 10% of the total number of single family homes to families (not companies or any other businesses) per year. And they are banned from selling any single family home to other corporations.

- The definition of an investor includes any taxpayer, whether they are a Hedge fund, and private equity investor, a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), an individual, or any other business entity.
- To ensure this tax penalty focuses on problematic actors, this legislation excludes nonprofit organizations, public housing agencies and other government entities as well as home builders.

Be it Resolved, that we support the Act Ban Hedge Fund Investors from owning single family homes<sup>1</sup>, and

Be it Further Resolved, that we demand that our senators vote in favor of and pass the End Hedge Fund Control of American Homes Act.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>[https://www.merkley.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/imo/media/doc/end\\_hedge\\_fund\\_control\\_of\\_american\\_homes\\_act\\_bill\\_summary.pdf](https://www.merkley.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/imo/media/doc/end_hedge_fund_control_of_american_homes_act_bill_summary.pdf)

<sup>2</sup><https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/3402?s=1&r=7>

## Resolution on Masking by Healthcare Providers

**Precinct:** 18-02, submitted by Phyllis Gould

**Author:** Phyllis Gould

**Platform Section:** Health And Human Services

Whereas, the SARS-CoV-2 virus is an airborne BSL-3 pathogen, and can cause Covid-19 acute disease and Long Covid. Vaccines can help avoid severe acute disease and may not protect against the possibility of Long Covid, which can strike any of us. A layered risk reduction approach is critical. This should include the use of respirators such as N95 by health care providers when they provide health care; and,

Whereas, anyone can be at risk of a severe acute and/or long term outcome from contracting Covid-19 disease or other airborne pathogens, not just those of us who are aware of a specific vulnerability;

Therefore, be it resolved that safe health care should be considered a human right; and the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for safe health care without risk of contracting disease from dangerous airborne pathogens; and

Be it further resolved that the Wake County Democratic Party supports mandating well-fitting, non-vented respirators such as N95 to be worn by health care providers when they provide health care.

## Stop Persistent and Unwanted Solicitation of Residential Properties

**Precinct:** 01-20, submitted by ; 01-26

**Author:** Peri Jones, Robin Dickerson, Amy Blackwell

**Platform Section:** Consumer Protection

Whereas, The persistent and deliberate calls inquiring as to if home owners are interested in the sale of home(s): and,

Whereas, callers often as if we know of anyone selling their home(s): and,

Whereas, These calls are both harassing and a public nuisance; and,

Whereas, the percentage of the population who work from home has substantially increased and these calls are disruptive to daily work routine; and,

Whereas, There are currently laws in place that should protect the public from said calls; and,

Whereas, that enforcement of current laws is not prioritized and sufficient penalties are not in place to ensure enforcement; and,

Whereas, adequate funding for said laws is not in place to support current laws;

Therefore be it resolved, that enforcement of current laws be prioritized including adequate allocation of funds to ensure enforcement, and;

Be it further resolved, that if current laws prove inadequate to provide relief, new and stronger legislation be passed to rectify the harassment of home owners and others impacted by the current situation.

## Prohibiting Democratic Party Pre-primary Endorsements

**Precinct:** 13-10, submitted by David Bland, Nancy Hutchinson

**Author:** David Bland

**Platform Section:** Consumer Protection



Whereas, the choice of our Democratic Party candidates must be the choice of the people, not the Party nor party officials;

Therefore be it resolved, that whenever multiple Democratic candidates are seeking the same partisan office, none shall be endorsed by any Democratic Party organization nor a Council of State Democrat office holder until after the Primary.

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## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

### A Resolution condemning the Palestinian Authority for making 'pay-to-slay' stipend payments to terrorists and the families of terrorists who have killed Israelis and Americans

**Precinct:** 01-48, submitted by David Rubin

**Author:** David Rubin

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, the Palestinian "Martyrs' Fund," makes official payments to the families of 'martyrs' killed in attacks on Israelis and to injured Palestinian militants; and

WHEREAS, 661 terrorists who actively participated in October 7th are receiving "pay for slay" salaries<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the Taylor Force Act of 2018 prohibited the US from funding the Palestinian Authority so long as it maintains the pay-for-slay payments, currently paying \$3429/month for those incarcerated for 30 years or more, effectively incentivizing you to kill as many as possible, and providing an income of up to 10 x the monthly salary in Gaza and 5x the monthly salary in the West Bank; and,

WHEREAS, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has repeatedly rejected calls to halt the payments, which are enshrined in Palestinian law; and,

WHEREAS, The Palestinian Authority is very clear that they "do not discriminate" by the type of crime that occurred or by whether the prisoner was affiliated with Hamas/PIJ/some other group<sup>2</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, A bipartisan group of 50 members of Congress in July 2023 wrote to Secretary of

State Antony Blinken urging him to negotiate an end to the Palestinian Authority's so-called "pay for slay" program; and,

WHEREAS, The International Criminal Court noted in its Office of the Prosecutor Report "The Palestinian Authority have encouraged and provided financial incentives for the commission of violence through their provision of payments to the families of Palestinians who were involved, in particular, in carrying out attacks against Israeli citizens, and under the circumstances, the payment of such stipends may give rise to Rome Statute crimes."

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on all its members, Auxiliary Organizations and Caucuses to condemn the practice by the Palestinian Authority for making 'pay-to-slay' stipend payments to terrorists and the families of terrorists who have killed Israelis and Americans, without qualification; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party support the President of the United States and the State Department in their efforts to end 'pay-to-slay' payments.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.jns.org/661-terrorists-tied-to-oct-7-to-get-pa-pay-for-slay-stipends/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://jcpa.org/paying-salaries-terrorists-contradicts-palestinian-vows-peacefulintentions/#chapter-1-payment-salaries-terrorists-dead-terrorists-families>

## Resolution in Support and Appreciation for Israeli Respect of Muslim Traditions at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem

**Precinct:** 01-48, submitted by David Rubin

**Author:** David Rubin

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, The Temple Mount has a long and complex history, with significant religious and historical importance for each of the Abrahamic faiths; and,

WHEREAS, For Jews, the Temple Mount is the holiest site in Judaism and is where the First and Second Holy Temples, which were destroyed in ancient times, once stood. The area served as the spiritual center of the Jewish people for centuries, and it remains a focal point of Jewish liturgy and collective identity; and,

WHEREAS, For Muslims, Al-Aqsa at the Haram Al-Sharif was the destination of the Prophet Muhammad on a miraculous Night Journey from Mecca, according to Islamic tradition.

From the stone housed in the Dome of the Rock, he is said to have ascended to heaven in a prophetic vision to meet the biblical prophets. It was also the first site toward which Muhammad and his followers directed prayers before they started facing the Ka'ba in Mecca. As a result, the sacred precinct of Al-Aqsa Mosque is considered one of the three holiest sites in Islam; and,

WHEREAS, When Israel took control of Jerusalem in 1967, then-Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said "We did not come to conquer the sacred sites of others or to restrict their religious rights, but rather to ensure the integrity of the city and to live in it with others in fraternity"; and,

WHEREAS, Jewish visitors are allowed to visit the Temple Mount during certain times, but are not permitted to pray there, in order to avoid provoking interreligious conflict. The "status quo" on the Temple Mount/Haram Al-Sharif is an informal understanding that involves Israel and the Islamic Waqf, the Muslim religious trust that administers the site. The status quo is intended to preserve the religious and cultural significance of the site, while also maintaining order and security; and,

WHEREAS, The Chief Rabbinate of Israel and many other rabbinic authorities prohibit Jews from visiting the Temple Mount for religious reasons pertaining to concerns about purity and desecration of the site's sanctity; and,

WHEREAS, There is ongoing debate and controversy within the Jewish community about whether Jews should be allowed to pray on the Temple Mount;

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party recognize the sacrifice made by religious Jews in Israel for respecting Muslim sensitivities and not conducting Jewish prayers at The Temple of the Mount.

## **Resolution To Protect Us Military And Government Officials From Charges Of Genocide**

**Precinct:** 16-07, submitted by Sarah Vrla

**Author:** Progressive Caucus

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice at the Hague has ruled in January 2024 that there is credible evidence that the state of Israel may be committing the crime of genocide in Gaza <sup>(1)</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, President Biden led the effort to pass the "Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987" which "amends the Federal criminal code to establish the criminal offense of genocide"<sup>(2)</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, the military resources that have been made available to Israel through annual and emergency military aid may be used to commit the crime of genocide in Gaza; and,

WHEREAS, this could make United States military and government officials at risk of prosecution under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide - Article III Section (e) "complicity to genocide" <sup>(3)</sup>;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls on President Joe Biden to immediately suspend all military aid, arms shipment and military logistical support to Israel to protect US military and government officials from prosecution for alleged "complicity to genocide."

<sup>1</sup><https://icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20240126-ord-01-00-en.pdf>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/100/s1851/summary>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-prevention-and-punishment-crime-genocide>

## Resolution To Block Nuclear Technology Transfer To Saudi Arabia

**Precinct:** 16-07, submitted by Sarah Vrla

**Author:** Progressive Caucus

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has been accused of committed war crimes in Yemen; and,

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia engaged in a belligerent blockade of Qatar for three years <sup>(2)</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is alleged to have supported ISIS in Syria <sup>(3)</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, the coup in Sudan is alleged to be a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states for hegemonic control over the region<sup>(4)</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia still has not been held accountable for the murder of *Washington Post* columnist Jamal Khashogi; and,

WHEREAS, these issues point to a state that has been the source of notable regional instability; and,

WHEREAS, in such a context, Saudi Arabia's ambitions to push for nuclear enrichment technology raises serious concerns for the future of regional and global stability <sup>(5)</sup>;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports restricting the transfer of nuclear technology to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that can be used in a future nuclear weapons program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports denuclearization of the region including the eradication of existing nuclear weapons programs in states such as Israel and Iran.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/interactive/2022/saudi-war-crimes-yemen/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/qatar-blockade-saudi-arabia-lift-cause-end>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/iraq-crisis-how-saudi-arabia-helped-isis-take-over-the-north-of-the-country-9602312.html>

<sup>4</sup><https://foreignpolicy.com/2023/07/12/sudan-conflict-saudi-arabia-uae-gulf-burhan-hemeti-rsf/>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2023-11/news/saudi-push-enrichment-raises-concerns>

## Resolution Calling For Citizenship And Voting Rights For Palestinians

**Precinct:** 16-07, submitted by Sarah Vrla

**Author:** Progressive Caucus

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, leading human rights organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and B'Tselem have documented that Palestinians living between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean in what is considered Israel and the Occupied Territories of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza are subjected to Israeli government control <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent Israeli leaders have vowed not to allow the establishment of a fully sovereign Palestinian state <sup>(4,5,6)</sup>;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party supports exploring alternative resolutions to the occupation by granting Israeli citizenship and the right to vote to all Palestinians residing under Israeli government control.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2022/02/israels-system-of-apartheid/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/07/19/israeli-apartheid-threshold-crossed>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.btselem.org/apartheid>

<sup>4</sup><https://newrepublic.com/post/178243/benjamin-netanyahu-literally-says-from-the-river-to-the-sea>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.jta.org/2021/08/24/united-states/prime-minister-naftali-bennett-israel-will-neither-annex-territory-nor-establish-a-palestinian-state-on-my-watch>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.timesofisrael.com/gallants-post-war-gaza-plan-palestinians-to-run-civil-affairs-with-global-task-force/>

## Resolution on Ceasefire in Palestine

**Precinct:** 04-03, submitted by Kathleen Owen

**Author:** Kathleen Owen

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

Whereas, the democratic party is opposed to genocide and to group punishment of innocents and believes in protecting all children; and

Whereas, we oppose the killing of innocents wherever it happens including in the Hamas attack on October 7th and any other times it occurs; and

Whereas, the US is providing arms and funding to support the on-going genocide in Gaza;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Democratic Party must oppose the killing of all innocents including Palestinians; and

Be it further resolved, that we call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and cessation of abuses of Palestinians in the West Bank.

## Resolution on Rebuilding Gaza

**Precinct:** 04-03, submitted by Kathleen Owen

**Author:** Kathleen Owen

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

Whereas, the US has funded portions of the destruction of Gaza and the West Bank;

Therefore be it resolved, that the US participate in providing funding for the rebuilding of Gaza to provide hospitals, housing, water, schools, and other needs for the Palestinians.

## A Resolution in Support of Children, Civilians, and Human Rights Groups

**Precinct:** 18-08, submitted by Damien Gu; 18-01

**Author:** Damien Gu

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party, as an organization devoted to justice and human rights, must be involved in fighting antisemitism without simultaneously suppressing the rights of individuals and organizations who engage in nonviolent protest, activism in support of Palestinian rights, or criticism of the Israeli government and its actions; and,

WHEREAS, The ongoing conflict between Hamas and Israel, along with the longer-term illegal occupation of Palestine by Israel, have resulted in the deaths of thousands of Israeli and Palestinian civilians, many of which are children, and the destruction of homes, schools, religious centers, and shelters across the Gaza Strip; and,

WHEREAS, Israel's ongoing blockade of the Gaza Strip has only served to magnify the crisis, leading to millions of Gazans without access to food, water, electricity, medicine, or any means of escaping the conflict; and,

WHEREAS, Muslims across the United States are currently facing discrimination, anti-Muslim hate, and targeted harassment; now,

Therefore be it RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party call for an immediate surge of resources to the Gaza strip and the creation of humanitarian corridors to facilitate the transfer of resources and the protection of Palestinian civilians; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls for an immediate ceasefire by all parties in and around Gaza in order to preserve the lives of civilians and facilitate the distribution of that aid; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls for all future arms sales and security assistance to both Israel and Palestine to be conditioned on concrete and verifiable steps towards ending human rights violations; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party restate our opposition to anti-Muslim bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism, and all attempts to silence or punish individuals and organizations who speak out for human rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party urges public officials to learn about the issues facing Palestinians firsthand through travel, meetings with advocates for long-term peace, and all other methods.

### **A Resolution in Support of Condemning Hamas, Hezbollah, and Palestine Islamic Jihad as Purveyors of Terror**

**Precinct:** 05-05, submitted by Cindy Fox

**Author:** Cindy Fox

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, Hamas, Hezbollah and the Palestine Islamic Jihad (PIJ) have been designated Terrorist organizations by both the United States and the European Union; and,

WHEREAS, National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) Director Christine Abizaid warned in January, 2023 that the most direct threat to the U.S. homeland was from individuals inspired by jihadi groups; and,

WHEREAS, Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Palestine Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and similar Jihadist organizations in the Middle East and Arabian Peninsula attack and threaten the United States and its allies;

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party encourages all its members to condemn these terrorist organizations.

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party support the President of the United States, State Department and Department of Defense in their efforts to censure and sanction these terrorist organizations.



## Resolution on NCDP Party Unity

**Precinct:** 07-12, submitted by Rebecca Levine

**Author:** Rebecca Levine

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

Whereas, the North Carolina Democratic Party's (NCDP) mission is to "ensure all North Carolinians have a fair shot at a good life, regardless of their background, where they came from, what they're worth, or who they love"; and,

Whereas, current infighting within the Democratic Party over Israel, Gaza, and Palestinians is creating rifts that are fracturing party unity and diverting the focus away from the NCDP's stated goals and vital issues affecting North Carolinians; and,

Whereas, there is no appreciable benefit to the lives of North Carolinians from taking a political stance on this divisive global issue over which the North Carolina Democratic Party has no control; and,

Whereas, multiple political experts have cautioned that growing divisions within the Democratic Party over the Middle East conflict <sup>1</sup> are imperiling both the presidential election and congressional races locally, regionally, and nationally <sup>2</sup> ;

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the North Carolina Democratic Party refrain from taking any stance whatsoever with regard to the Middle East, with the recognition that taking a stance could ultimately fracture party unity during a critical presidential election year, alienate moderate Democrats and undecided voters, shift the focus away from dangerous Republican candidates whose ideology poses a threat to democracy, and divert the Democratic Party's focus from electing Democrats.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/07/magazine/israel-october-7-democrats.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/divisions-among-democrats-are-imperiling>

## A Resolution in Support of Condemning Those Who Conducted the October 7th Terrorist Attack on Israeli Civilians

**Precinct:** 05-05, submitted by Cindy Fox

**Author:** Cindy Fox

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorists broke the truce with Israel and waged the deadliest attack on Jews since the Holocaust – slaughtering babies, raping women, burning whole families alive, and taking hundreds of innocent civilian hostage; and,

WHEREAS, On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Hamas, the Iran-backed terror group controlling Gaza, launched an unprovoked and vicious surprise attack on Israel. Using rockets, paragliders, boats, motorcycles, other vehicles, and whatever other means they could, terrorists infiltrated Israel with one goal – to murder and kidnap Israelis;

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party call on all its members to condemn those who conducted the October 7<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack on Israel.

### Resolution on Palestine

**Precinct:** 04-03, submitted by Kathleen Owen

**Author:** Kathleen Owen

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

Whereas, the only solution to bring Peace in Palestine and Israel is to allow both peoples safety and self-determination;

Therefore be it resolved, that the US support a two-state solution to be negotiated by parties including the Israelis and the Palestinians and to be implemented beginning no later than 2025.

### Resolution in Support of 2020 Democratic Platform on the Middle East

**Precinct:** 05-05, submitted by Cindy Fox

**Author:** Cindy Fox

**Platform Section:** Foreign Affairs

WHEREAS, Democrats recognize the worth of every Israeli and Palestinian. That's why we will work to help bring to an end a conflict that has brought so much pain to so many. We support a negotiated two-state solution that ensures Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders and upholds the rights of Palestinians to live in freedom and security in a viable state of their own; and,

WHEREAS, Democrats oppose any unilateral steps by either side – including annexation – that undermine prospects for two states. Democrats will continue to stand against incitement and terror; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the strategic interests of the United States and all countries in the Middle East for there to be a sustainable peace that respects the rights, freedoms and security of Palestinians and Israelis;

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the national Democratic Party platform and policy of the United States government on the Middle East and a two-state solution.