

A RESOLUTION of the Cañada College Academic Senate to support campus advocacy for Palestinian Rights, an end to US military aid to Israel and for an Immediate Ceasefire.

1. Whereas, the US government is funding and arming the Israeli military.[1][2]
2. Whereas, the current Israeli military campaign in Gaza has destroyed all 12 Universities and killed at least 95 of our Palestinian faculty colleagues. [3]
3. Whereas, the death toll was estimated at 33,482 as of April 10th, 2024 and these estimates have been confirmed by scholars including several studies published in the Lancet. [4][5][6]
4. Whereas, the Israeli military campaign in Gaza has killed Palestinians at a faster rate than any other military conflict in recent decades. [7]
5. Whereas, among the casualties of Israel's assault since Oct. 7th in Gaza, at least 12,300 are children. [8]
6. Whereas, the Israeli military strategies in Gaza have been documented to include the intentional starvation of the population, destruction of civilian infrastructure, targeting of entire families for elimination, intentional targeting of healthcare, aid workers and journalists. [9][10][11][12][13]
7. Whereas, Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant announced: 'there will be no more electricity, no more food, no more fuel. We are fighting against human animals and will behave accordingly.'[14]
8. Whereas, the use of starvation as a weapon of war was outlawed by the UN Security Council in Resolution 2417. [15]
9. Whereas, the military occupation of the Palestinian Territories and associated settlements have been recognized as apartheid by the UN Special Rapporteur as well as Palestinian, Israeli and international human rights organisations. [16]
10. Whereas the International Court of Justice has ruled the Israeli operation as a 'Plausible Genocide' and ordered Israel to prevent war crimes in response to South Africa's case charging them with genocide; [17]
11. Whereas, our own Students at Canada College have expressed a desire for support from faculty to support their efforts;[18];
12. Whereas, our colleagues at the Skyline College Academic Senate passed a resolution in support of Palestinian rights and calling for an end to genocide and ethnic cleansing in Gaza;[19]
13. Whereas, criticizing the policies of governments and their militaries are fundamental democratic rights;[20][21]
14. Whereas, in 2020 a large group of scholars with specializations in antisemitism studies, as well as Jewish, Holocaust, Israel, Palestine, and Middle Eastern Studies, came together to formulate the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism

(JDA) which states that “Antisemitism is discrimination, prejudice, hostility or violence against Jews as Jews (or Jewish institutions as Jewish).”:[22]

15. Whereas, many organizations and individuals from the Jewish community in the US and around the world have expressed their opposition to Israeli policy toward Palestinians and rejected the political ideology of Zionism;[23][24][25][26]

16. Whereas, in response to the killing of aid workers from the World Central Kitchen in Gaza, many US politicians including Nancy Pelosi have called for a Ceasefire and a halt to US arms shipments to Israel; [27]

Therefore, be it

1. Resolved, that Cañada College Academic Senate work with the College to develop and offer culturally responsive mental health support services for students, faculty and staff who are impacted by the genocide, prioritizing Palestinians and Palestinian-Americans;
2. Resolved, that Cañada College Academic Senate work with AFT to protect academic freedom, intellectual freedom, and the rights of faculty to discuss the illegal occupation of Palestine in the classroom and at on-campus activities without being subjected to intimidation, censorship, or threat of termination of employment or assignment;
3. Resolved, that Cañada College Academic Senate supports the campus community in the development of educational programming about Palestinian history, culture, and resistance via speaker series, film screenings, and cultural events;
4. Resolved, that Cañada College Academic Senate rejects attempts to equate criticism of the Israeli government and US support of that government with anti-Semitism;
5. Resolved, that Cañada College Academic Senate calls for a ceasefire, release of all Israeli and Palestinian captives and an end to all US military aid to Israel;

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