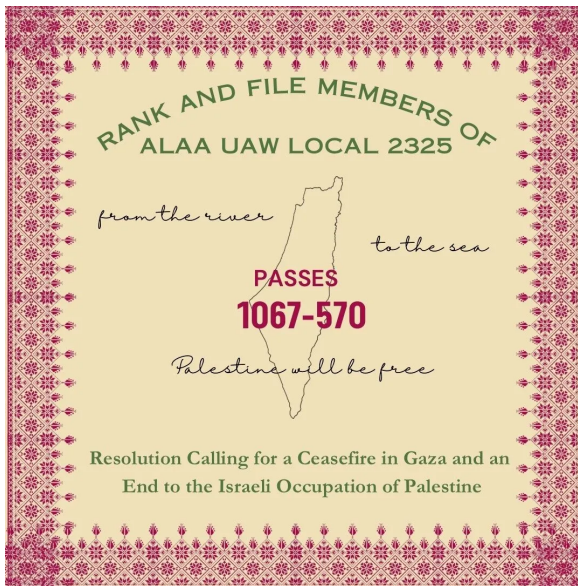


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### **EVEN IN THE FACE OF MANAGEMENT INTERFERENCE AND AN ILLEGAL RESTRAINING ORDER, ALAA-UAW 2325 MEMBERSHIP HAS OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED A PRO-CEASEFIRE, ANTI-OCCUPATION RESOLUTION.**

On December 19, 2023, ALAA-UAW 2325 membership passed the “[Resolution Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza, an End to the Israeli Occupation of Palestine, and Support for Workers’ Political Speech](#)” by a landslide vote of 1067-570 (65%-35%).

The resolution responds to an urgent call from [Palestinian trade unions](#) for workers worldwide to end all complicity and stop arming Israel. By passing this resolution, ALAA-UAW 2325—including many Jewish anti-Zionists—is heeding their urgent call.

This resolution was first put to a membership vote on November 17, 2023. However, in a desperate, last-minute attempt to silence our right to free speech, a Nassau County judge issued a blatantly [unconstitutional restraining order](#) halting the vote.

The onslaught of attacks on our union continued from there. From smears of antisemitism by the [media](#), [employer intimidation](#), doxing, and unidentified (but often alluded to) law firm donors, these attacks were aimed at silencing collective support for Palestinians, at interfering in our union activities, and at defunding essential legal services for indigent New Yorkers. The Bronx Defenders Union, a chapter of ALAA-UAW 2325, has been specifically threatened with defunding and attacked by [billionaire Netanyahu/Likud donors](#) responsible for [environmental destruction](#) in the [Golan Heights](#) who nonetheless dare to still consider themselves [the victim](#).

After a month of filings, hearings, and member actions, ALAA [beat back the order](#) and voting was finally able to conclude on December 19, 2023.

“The NY political establishment’s attempts to squash union support for Palestinians only exposes the hollowness and depravity of their cause and the real potential of our union power. Our ability to stand together in the face of such intimidation and fear-mongering by overwhelmingly voting yes on this resolution only strengthens our resolve,” said Naomi Schachter, member of ALAA-UAW 2325. “Palestinian liberation is inherently intertwined with our own, and Palestinian resilience and [steadfastness](#) are virtues which we should aim to embody individually and collectively to build a better world for us all. To that end, our resolution is an act of resilience and steadfastness.”

“This U.S. backed genocide and the conditions that have fostered such violence must end,” said Joanne Choi, member of ALAA-UAW 2325. “We will never be silenced in [demanding](#) a permanent ceasefire, an end to Israeli occupation and its brutal siege on Gaza, an immediate end to all U.S. weapons for Israel, [land back](#), [the right of return](#), and a Free Palestine, from the river to the sea, with equal rights for all.”