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Tell the CWA Executive Board: No Ceasefire, No Votes

 CWA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD



The ongoing genocide of Palestinians has led to over 100,000 people killed, injured, or missing under the rubble. As CWA members, ***we are calling on CWA to withdraw its endorsement of President Biden and withhold all endorsements from candidates that do not support an immediate, permanent ceasefire.*** Furthermore, we will not participate in any union-sponsored Get Out the Vote activities for President Biden or any other candidate who supports the ongoing genocide of Palestinians unless they meet the demands below.

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Dear CWA Executive Board,

We are bearing witness to the genocide of the Palestinian people, and it is our elected officials supplying Israel with the funding and weapons necessary to continue the slaughter. As members of Communications Workers of America (CWA), one of the largest labor unions in the country, we have joined together to hold our elected leaders accountable and fight for humanity.

For the past four months, Israel has horrifically escalated its ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people, violating international law, killing at least 28,473 Palestinians, injuring 68,146 others, and destroying 80% of the infrastructure in Gaza. President Biden and his administration have been complicit, blocking numerous UN ceasefire measures, bypassing Congress to increase weapons sales to Israel, and suspending funding for UNRWA the day after the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Israel to

prevent “acts of genocide” and ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid.

Additionally, President Biden has expressed support for a new bill that would enact Trump-era immigration restrictions in exchange for a \$14 billion military aid package for Israel. These actions go against everything the labor movement and our union stands for.

Last month the CWA Executive Board released a statement in support of a ceasefire. While we are disappointed in the statement's Zionist rhetoric and hedging in the face of genocide, we recognize that it is the result of rank-and-file pressure and are proud to be members of a union standing up for justice. However, the release of this statement without any action on part of our union renders it meaningless.

Therefore, we as CWA members call on CWA National to withdraw its endorsement of President Biden until he meets the conditions outlined below. Furthermore, we pledge not to participate in any union-sponsored Get Out the Vote actions for President Biden or any other candidate who supports the ongoing genocide of Palestinians until they meet the following demands:

Call for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the genocide of Palestinians, and the provision of humanitarian aid to Palestinians.

Stop providing military funding and intelligence to Israel and end the U.S. siege of the Middle East.

Commit to ensuring Israel's compliance with international law and universal principles of human rights, including ending the occupation, dismantling

the illegal apartheid wall, guaranteeing equal rights for Palestinians, releasing prisoners (both Palestinians and Israelis), and recognizing the right of return for Palestinian refugees.

Commit to fair due process for asylum-seekers and refugees, including demilitarizing the border, stopping border wall construction, closing open-air detention centers, expanding shelters, granting work permits, and establishing legal pathways to citizenship (e.g., DACA).

In the face of the worst humanitarian crisis in modern times, it is our obligation as union members and workers to fight for the livelihood and freedom of the Palestinian people. Together, we can hold our elected officials accountable, and we can build a labor movement that truly fights for justice everywhere. We hope you will join us.

In solidarity,

The Undersigned CWA Rank-and-File Members

Sin Alto el Fuego, Sin Votos

Estamos siendo testigos del genocidio del pueblo Palestino, y son nuestros oficiales elejidos los que suministran a Israel la financiación y las armas necesarias para continuar la matanza. Como miembros de Communications Workers of America (CWA), uno de los sindicatos más grandes del país, nos hemos unido para responsabilizar a nuestros líderes electos y luchar por la humanidad.

En los últimos cuatro meses, Israel ha intensificado su genocidio contra el pueblo palestino: violando el derecho internacional, matando al menos a 28,473 Palestinos, hiriendo a otros 68,146, y destruyendo el 80% de la infraestructura en Gaza. El presidente Biden y su administración han sido cómplices de esto, bloqueando un número de medidas de alto el fuego de la ONU, sobrepasando al Congreso para aumentar las ventas de armas a Israel y suspendiendo la financiación de la UNRWA el día después de que la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) ordeno a Israel a impedir "actos de genocidio" y garantizar la entrega de ayuda humanitaria.

Además, el presidente Biden ha expresado su apoyo a un nuevo proyecto de ley que promulgaría restricciones de inmigración de la era de Trump a cambio de un paquete de ayuda militar de 14 billones de dólares para Israel. Estas acciones van en contra de todo lo que defiende el movimiento laboral y nuestro sindicato.

El mes pasado, la Junta Ejecutiva de la CWA emitió una declaración en apoyo de un alto el fuego. Sin embargo, la publicación de esta declaración sin ninguna acción por parte de nuestro sindicato la deja sin sentido.

Por lo tanto, nosotros, como miembros de CWA, pedimos a CWA National que retire su respaldo al presidente Biden hasta que cumpla con las condiciones que se describen aquí. Además, nos comprometemos a no participar en ninguna acción de Get Out the Vote patrocinada por sindicatos para el presidente Biden o cualquier otro candidato que apoye el genocidio en curso de los Palestinos hasta que cumplan con las siguientes demandas:

Pide un alto el fuego inmediato, el fin del genocidio de los Palestinos y la prestación de ayuda humanitaria a los Palestinos.

Dejar de proporcionar financiación militar e inteligencia a Israel y poner fin a la interferencia estadounidense en el Medio Oriente.

Comprometerse a garantizar el cumplimiento por parte de Israel del derecho internacional y los principios universales de derechos humanos, incluido el fin de la ocupación, el desmantelamiento del muro ilegal del apartheid, la garantía de la igualdad de derechos para los Palestinos, la liberación de prisioneros (tanto Palestinos como Israelíes) y el reconocimiento del derecho de regreso de los refugiados Palestinos.

Comprometerse a un debido proceso justo para los solicitantes de asilo y refugiados, incluyendo la desmilitarización de la frontera, la parada de la construcción del muro fronterizo, el cierre de los centros de detención al aire libre, la ampliación de los lugares de refugio, la otorgación de permisos de trabajo y establecimiento de vías legales hacia la ciudadanía (por ejemplo, DACA).

Ante la peor crisis humanitaria de los tiempos modernos, es nuestra obligación como miembros sindicales, como trabajadores, de luchar por el sustento y la libertad del pueblo Palestino. Juntos podemos exigir responsabilidad de nuestros funcionarios electos y podemos construir un movimiento laboral que realmente lucha por la justicia en todas partes. Esperamos que se una con nosotros.

En solidaridad,

Los Miembros Abajofirmantes de CWA

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