

## **Resolution: No Endorsements for Imperialist War!**

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**WHEREAS** the Oakland Education Association has [passed a resolution](#) calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and demanding that the US halt military aid to Israel

**WHEREAS** OEA is a member of the coalition Bay Area Labor for Palestine

**WHEREAS** the National Education Association has taken a [pro-ceasefire position](#) and calls on the public to support an immediate ceasefire

**WHEREAS** the Israeli military has killed 29,000 civilians (including 12,000 children) in Gaza since October 7, destroying 300,000 homes and displacing 1.9 million people (more than 80% of the population of Gaza)

**WHEREAS** The International Court of Justice has found it is "plausible" that Israel has committed acts that violate the Genocide Convention.

**WHEREAS** Many local government bodies have passed ceasefire resolutions, including the Alameda Labor Council and Oakland City Council

**WHEREAS** as a union of educators and members of the nation's largest union, we are committed to supporting candidates who share our values of "[building respect for the worth, dignity, and equality of every individual in our diverse society](#)"

**WHEREAS** We are categorically opposed to genocide, and will fight tirelessly against the violation of human rights, particularly the rights of children

**WHEREAS** the US has vetoed the UN Security Council's cease-fire resolution three times since October 7

**WHEREAS** the Biden administration has pushed a bill to send \$14 billion USD in military aid to Israel while the humanitarian aid being let into the border is less than 20% of what is needed to sustain the basic needs of Gaza's population.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Oakland Education Association calls on NEA, the national affiliate, to revoke its endorsement of Joe Biden for President of the United States until his administration:

- Calls for a permanent ceasefire
- Stops providing military aid to Israel
- Calls on Israel to end its siege of Gaza and withdraw its illegal settlements from the West Bank.

- Demands that Israel complies with international law and universal principles of human rights

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** OEA shall add the following to its list of endorsement criteria for local and state elections

- Pledge to defend the academic freedom and freedom of speech of all educators, including those who express support for Palestinian liberation
- Pledge to support local legislation that in favor of Palestinian liberation such as ceasefire resolutions
- Pledge to oppose any legislation that equates criticism of Israelis policies and/or legal system to anti-semitism and that would penalize individuals, including teachers and school workers, who oppose Israeli policies
- Refrain from any and all affiliation with the Israeli government or Zionist lobbying groups
- Publicly support the [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\) movement](#);