



**Statement of Solidarity from Long Beach Forward  
November 1, 2023**

Long Beach Forward stands in solidarity with the people of Palestine, and with peoples' liberation movements across the world calling for an immediate ceasefire and an end to the genocide and settler colonialism carried out by the Israeli apartheid state and funded by the United States government. We call on our U.S. Representative Robert Garcia to sign on to the Ceasefire Now Resolution (HR786) to demand an end to violence in Israel and occupied Palestine immediately!

We believe in a world free from oppression based on othering and exclusion, that is conversely full of abundance, humanity, and love. This extends to a vision of a healthy Long Beach, where we must intentionally and meaningfully build multicultural solidarity across our different communities, regardless of our race and ethnicity, age, faith, gender, sexuality, citizenship status, physical/mental ability, and language. Our liberated and just future must include a free Palestine because we recognize that the liberation of the Palestinian people is directly intertwined with the liberation of all our communities and our collective humanity.

As Black Women Radicals have written: "We do not condone the killing of innocent lives at home and abroad—whether Palestinian or Israeli. However, while many media outlets have disseminated misinformation and portrayed a one-sided narrative about the attack, they do not discuss the political, historical, and present-day siege of Gaza by the Israeli military and the systematic violence, expulsion, poverty, displacement, Zionist settler colonialism, sexual and racialized terror, surveillance, Apartheid, and more that Palestinians have endured for decades since the Nakba."

We proudly stand alongside local Palestinian families and community leaders, our Long Beach-based organizations, Jewish Voice for Peace and countless Jewish allies, and many others who are demanding that the U.S. government call for a cease fire, increase humanitarian aid, and end funding and support for Israel's apartheid and war crimes.

**Calls to Action:**

- Visit [bit.ly/garciasupportceasefire](https://bit.ly/garciasupportceasefire) and demand Rep. Robert Garcia call for #CeaseFireNow
- Check out the additional actions you can take at [therisingmajority.com/gaza](https://therisingmajority.com/gaza)
- Join our in-person community conversation and video screening of the recent Radical Black Feminists conversation on "Black Feminist Writers and Palestine" on Sunday, November 5th at 4:00pm at Long Beach Forward. RSVP at: [bit.ly/rsvpfornov5](https://bit.ly/rsvpfornov5)

**OUR VISION**

Race and income do not determine one's future in Long Beach—  
it's a community where everyone is safe, connected, and healthy.

