

The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on August 26, 2025.

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Resolution for Humanitarian Aid to Gaza and an End to the Israel-Hamas War

WHEREAS, the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a complex dispute between two peoples with historic claims to the land, and the Democratic Party recognizes the worth of every Israeli and every Palestinian and affirms that both peoples have the right to security, dignity, and self-determination, free from violence, extremism, and hatred in all forms; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched the worst terrorist attack on Israel in its history, and the deadliest single-day massacre of Jewish people since the Holocaust, resulting in the deaths of more than 1,200 people, the taking of more than 250 hostages, including Americans, and horrific acts of violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war, ongoing captivity, and starvation; and

WHEREAS, the war between Israel and Hamas has resulted in the documented loss of tens of thousands of lives, the displacement of countless others, and widespread destruction; and

WHEREAS, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the suffering of both Palestinians and Israelis has been prolonged by the politically-motivated objections by far-right ministers in the government of Israel and the militant intransigence of Hamas; and

WHEREAS, Palestinian civilians in Gaza face acute shortages of food, water, shelter, and medical care due to challenges with aid distribution that have been exacerbated by Israel's policies restricting aid and by Hamas' attacks on humanitarian aid convoys; and

WHEREAS, forty-four Senate Democrats recently signed a letter expressing alarm about the humanitarian crisis in Gaza given widespread hunger, malnutrition, and deaths due to starvation, and calling for a resumption of diplomatic efforts to secure a ceasefire agreement that includes the release of all hostages, and

WHEREAS, in their letter, the Senate Democrats call for “a large-scale expansion of humanitarian assistance and services throughout the Gaza Strip, including through the use of experienced multilateral bodies and NGOs that can get life-saving aid directly to those in need and prevent diversion;” and

WHEREAS, numerous governments (including Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Qatar) and organizations have called for the immediate and unrestricted delivery of humanitarian aid to Gazans, the implementation of a cease fire and a permanent end of the war with the disarmament of terrorist groups such as Hamas, and focus on a mutually negotiated agreement to allow Palestinians and Israelis to exercise self-determination so that they can live in two states side by side in peace, security and mutual recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party stands for peace, protecting innocent lives, upholding international law, and supporting efforts that lead to a durable peace based on a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party supports a two-state solution, achieved through direct bilateral negotiations, that upholds the right of Palestinians to live in freedom and security in a viable state of their own and ensures Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) calls for the secure and unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance — including food, water, medicine, and shelter — to civilians in Gaza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party reaffirms its support for an immediate ceasefire and the unconditional release of all hostages - living and deceased - held by Hamas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee supports a credible, negotiated pathway toward a two-state solution that ensures equal measures of dignity, freedom, and opportunity for Israelis and Palestinians alike, and opposes any unilateral steps by either side that undermine prospects for two states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee directs its leadership to communicate these positions clearly to all Democratic elected officials.