

G-R23.10.4: For an Anti-Zionist Electoral Policy in Greater Baltimore in both Principle and Practice

Be it resolved, Greater Baltimore DSA once again reaffirms our organizations commitments to Palestinian liberation and the broad, international BDS movement by conveying our expectation that all of Greater Baltimore DSA's endorsed candidates hold true to the following basic commitments:

1. Publicly support the [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions \(BDS\) movement](#);
2. Refrain from any and all affiliation with the Israeli government or Zionist lobby groups, such as, but not limited to, AIPAC, J Street, or Democratic Majority for Israel (DMFI), including participating in political junkets or any event sponsored by these entities;
3. Pledge to oppose legislation that harms Palestinians, such as...
 - Any official adoption of a redefinition of antisemitism to include opposition to Israel's policies or legal system, or support for BDS (e.g., IHRA definition of antisemitism);
 - Legislative and executive efforts to penalize individuals, universities and entities that boycott Israel;
 - Legislative and executive efforts to send any military or economic resources to the Israeli government, organizations promoting settlement in the West bank, or to settlers in the West Bank
4. Pledge to support legislation that supports Palestinian liberation, such as...
 - Legislative and executive efforts to end Israeli apartheid and ethnic cleansing against Palestinians and promote Palestinians' rights to return to and live freely on the land (e.g., [H.R. 2590](#));
 - Condemnation of Israeli apartheid and colonial practices (e.g., [H.Res. 751](#));
 - Attempts to end the spending of U.S. tax dollars on Israel and/or sanction Israel until it ceases its practices of apartheid and colonialism;

Be it further resolved, our local chapter's candidate questionnaires will include a question that inquires about the candidate's position on BDS;

Be it further resolved, potential candidates who cannot commit to the aforementioned basic expectations will be disqualified from endorsement by the Greater Baltimore DSA at every level;

Be it further resolved, Greater Baltimore DSA demands Executive Order 01.01.2017.25 be overturned, which prohibits executive agencies from entering into procurement contracts with companies that boycotted Israel;

Be it further resolved, the Greater Baltimore DSA, in collaboration with trusted Palestine Solidarity movement partners in the grassroots (e.g., Palestinian Youth Movement) and with the National BDS and Palestinian Solidarity Working Group or the National BDS and Palestinian Solidarity subcommittee of the International Committee, will provide all endorsed candidates with anti-Zionist educational materials, 1-to-1 training opportunities and ongoing, open-door counsel as needed;

Be it further resolved, upon receiving fair and ample opportunity for education about the Palestinian struggle for liberation, endorsed candidates who do not commit to the aforementioned basic expectations will have their Greater Baltimore DSA endorsements swiftly revoked;

Be it finally resolved, upon passage of this resolution, the resolution will be posted on chapter social media.