

Sacramento Regional Coalition for Palestinian Rights

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Dear City of Sacramento Mayor and City Council, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, Police Chief Daniel Hahn, Sheriff Scott Jones, and District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert:

The Sacramento Regional Coalition for Palestinian rights stands in solidarity with the millions of people across the United States and around the world who are protesting the murder/lynching of George Floyd.

We demand that Sacramento City and County take all steps necessary to admit to, rectify and ensure the prevention of their own abuses that have resulted in killings of our community members by police and sheriff personnel.

As human rights advocates, we observe that racist police brutality here looks very similar to what is happening in other countries. And focused as we are on occupation and apartheid in Palestine, we see parallels with what the Israeli military and police have been doing to the Palestinian people for decades. Extrajudicial killings/lynchings/murders of Palestinian men, women and children shamefully continue with the knowledge, monetary aid, and complicity of the U.S. government.

Israel and the United States share a history and continuing culture of violent racism and indigenous displacement. Just recently, an Israeli Border Police unit killed Iyad Hallak, an autistic man, claiming they "thought he had a gun", which he did not, of course. The shoot-to-aim-for-life or kill tactics and weapons that the Israelis use against the Palestinians – tear gas, sound grenades, rubber-coated steel bullets – are the same as that U.S. police use.

As we stand with the Palestinian people to fight injustice, so we join as allies all communities of color to fight the systemic injustice in our own neighborhoods. This change must no longer be denied, delayed, or deferred. It must happen now.

We demand an end to U.S. militaristic foreign policy and racist, militarized, domestic policies that are killing our brothers and sisters of color. We stand in solidarity with their fight for justice and with all people in the world who suffer similarly.

Sacramento City and County must acknowledge their mistakes, hold themselves accountable, and implement the changes necessary to end police brutality and racism.

Sincerely,

Steering Committee

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cc Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Assemblymember Jim Cooper, Senator Richard Pan