

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SUSTAINED PEACE AND SAFETY FOR ALL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, Foothill College Academic Senate is committed to creating inclusive and just conditions where all students, staff, faculty, and administration feel a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, Foothill College has a history of embracing social justice, striving for equity, and supporting all members of our college community; and

WHEREAS, we cherish our cultural richness on our campus as evidenced by our Heritage Months, and strive to ensure all communities feel respected and heard, including our Arab American, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Palestinian, and SWANA (Southwest Asian and North African) communities; and

WHEREAS, Foothill College Academic Senate recognizes that many groups within our community have had long and complex histories of trauma, displacement, and oppression, and we are committed to creating safe learning spaces for every student by committing to combat

WHEREAS, DeAnza Associated Student Body passed a resolution "In Support of Divestment

WHEREAS, nearly 100 journalists and their families have been killed since Oct 7th;¹³ and

WHEREAS, we recognize all liberation movements are often driven by inspired youth and student activism,¹⁴ including here at Foothill and DeAnza College;

WHEREAS, the Foothill College Academic Senate believes that peaceful diplomacy is the only way to achieve these goals; be it

RESOLVED, that the Foothill College Academic Senate call for support of the International Court of Justice's orders that Israel must do everything within its power to prevent genocidal acts against Gazans,¹⁵ including, among others, deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about Gazans' physical destruction, carried out with the intent to destroy the Gazan people; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Foothill College Academic Senate calls for an immediate and permanent humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all Israeli¹⁶ and Palestinian hostages,¹⁷ the immediate and safe passage of substantial humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, and the immediate restoration of basic services, water, electricity, and fuel access to protect the health and well being of children and their families.

RESOLVED, We demand that US taxpayer funds be used to prevent further loss of life and be invested in our nation's educational system.

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