



CAMBA Legal Services Workers United UAW 2325 (AFL-CIO)



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CAMBA Legal Services Workers United Resolution in Response to the October 16, 2023 Palestine Trade Unions' Call

WHEREAS, Palestinian trade unions have [issued a statement](#) calling for unionists worldwide to pressure governments to stop all military funding for Israel, to take action against companies involved in Israel's brutal and illegal siege, especially those that have contracts with our own institution, and to pass motions in our unions to this effect;

WHEREAS, we are legal workers, including attorneys, serving the marginalized, underrepresented, and the forgotten, and we stand for human rights and against apartheid;

WHEREAS, Israel has since the violent tragedy of October 7, 2023, increasingly espoused genocidal rhetoric against all Palestinians, including the Israeli Defense Minister [calling all Gazans "human animals,"](#) and the President of Israel [denying the existence of innocent civilians](#) in the Gaza Strip, and taken actions to collectively punish civilians in Gaza, such as cutting off food, water, aid, and electricity, and conducting a widespread bombing campaign;

WHEREAS, the United States has encouraged Israel's escalation of violence against Palestinians, and seeks [further increases](#) to US military aid beyond the nearly [\\$4 billion a year](#) it provides to Israel annually, and has otherwise failed to express solidarity with the people of Palestine or taken actions to end the current violence;

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2023, Israel gave 1.1 million Palestinians living in northern Gaza only [24 hours to evacuate their homes](#);

WHEREAS, Israel has bombed [hospitals, schools, and places of worship](#), resulting in numerous deaths of civilians who are already displaced from their homes and are seeking refuge at internationally recognized safe areas;

WHEREAS, [nearly 50 percent](#) of the population of Gaza are children, and, since October 7, 2023, [more than 1,200](#) have already been killed—at least one child every 15 minutes—by Israeli air raids;

WHEREAS, the recent Israeli siege on Gaza deepens the [ongoing ethnic cleansing and dispossession](#) of the Palestinian people since the beginning of the Nakba in 1948;

WHEREAS, in the face of these ongoing horrors, CAMBA Legal Services Workers United recognizes our own connection to the Palestinian liberation struggle;

WHEREAS, Palestinians will now need assistance with issues that touch at the core of our practice, including [homelessness](#), refugee [displacement](#), access to [food, health, medical services, schools](#), and to essential utilities such as water, [gas](#) and electricity.

WHEREAS, many of our members, and the majority of our clients, have ancestors who endured life under [European colonization](#), [apartheid](#), or [genocide](#);

WHEREAS, we are nonprofit workers at CAMBA, and CAMBA's mission is to ["connect people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life"](#);

WHEREAS, [Bronx Defenders Union](#), [Make the Road NY Union](#), [UAW 2865](#), [UAW 2710](#), [UE](#), [National Writers Union](#), [Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union](#), and others have spoken out in solidarity with the Palestinian people in recent days;

THEREFORE, be it further resolved, that CAMBA Legal Services Workers United, Local 2325 of the United Auto Workers ("UAW"), calls on elected officials and our employer, CAMBA, Inc., to use all available resources to:

- Oppose all existing and any future military aid to Israel;
- Call for an end to Israeli apartheid and the occupation and blockade of Palestinian land by Israeli military forces;
- Support the [Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions](#) movement, including conducting a review of CAMBA, Inc's purchases and investments, with the assistance of CAMBA Legal Services Workers United;
- Endorse [Not On Our Dime](#) legislation, which prohibits not-for-profit corporations in New York from aiding or abetting activity in support of illegal Israeli settlements in violation of the Geneva Conventions of 1949;
- Call on Israel to cease military attacks, retract the evacuation order for northern Gaza, restore water, electricity, gas, and Internet, and permit international humanitarian aid to enter.

THEREFORE, be it further resolved, that CAMBA Legal Services Workers United encourages our UAW local, UAW International, any labor councils of which we are members, and all other unions, to join our calls.

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