

**RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
TO MEET OUR OBLIGATIONS TO THE ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE**

WHEREAS, America's security, Like Israel's, is tied to whether Israel resolves differences with Palestinians whose lands Israel occupies, and

WHEREAS, Israel's settlement building policy and unwillingness to negotiate with Palestinians now united in seeking statehood assures that Israel will continue to earn enemies in the region unless this approach changes, and

WHEREAS, the West Bank under the leadership of appointed Prime Minister Salam Fayyad has blossomed economically and gained improved security, and

WHEREAS, the World Bank has confirmed that Palestine has the maturity to become a viable state, and

WHEREAS, several nations have already recognized Palestine as a state, and

WHEREAS, millions of Palestinian refugees from the 1948 and 1967 wars still live in refugee camps and deserve the option of liberty and the pursuit of a productive life:

THEREFORE, we, the **Democratic Party of Washington County** call on President Obama, our Oregon Senators and Congressional Representatives, and the Democratic Party of Oregon:

To call on Israel to stop settlement building in East Jerusalem and the West Bank and to negotiate with a unified Palestinian state toward resolution of all issues between them including:

- **Mutual recognition of statehood by Israel and the Palestinians as a goal of negotiations, not a pre-condition,**
- Honoring the desire of both Israel and Palestine to have their capitals in Jerusalem and
- Cooperation in international management of historic sites claimed by both,
- Dedicating aid to Israel and Palestine to help with costs of establishing a permanent border, of relocating Israeli settlers, of restoring Palestinian orchards, farms and homes destroyed or damaged by Israeli settler or military activity, and of permanently relocating Palestinian refugees.

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