

1 **Resolution in Support of the Palestinian People**
2 Submitted by the Executive Council to the Delegates
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4 Whereas, as an academic labor union committed to anti-racism, academic freedom, and
5 international solidarity among workers, the PSC-CUNY cannot be silent about the continued
6 subjection of Palestinians to the state-supported displacement, occupation, and use of lethal force
7 by Israel;

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9 Whereas, beginning on May 15, 2021, the escalating violence against Palestinians in East
10 Jerusalem and Gaza killed hundreds of Palestinians, injured thousands more, and destroyed
11 entire neighborhoods, including hospitals, schools, and residences;

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13 Whereas, on May 18, 2021, Palestinian workers across the region staged a general “strike for
14 dignity” as a demonstration of unity and support for the residents of targeted communities;

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16 Whereas, the PSC-CUNY condemns racism in all forms, including anti-Semitism, and
17 recognizes that criticisms of Israel, a diverse nation-state, are not inherently anti-Semitic;

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19 Whereas, state-sponsored policies of settler colonialism link the Palestinian struggle for self-
20 determination to the struggles of Indigenous people and people of color in the United States;

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22 Whereas, since World War II, Israel has been the largest overall recipient of U.S. foreign aid,
23 including \$3.8 billion in 2020, the vast majority of which was military assistance;

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25 Whereas, by failing to challenge the U.S. government’s support for Israeli expansionism and
26 violent incursions in the occupied territories, U.S. labor organizations have largely given
27 approval to these policies;

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29 Whereas, in 2016, the PSC-CUNY “Resolution on the Freedom of Speech and Assembly for All
30 Faculty, Staff and Students at the City University of New York” affirmed the right of faculty,
31 staff, and students to advocate for campaigns of boycott, divestment, and sanctions without
32 penalty, as protected freedom of speech; therefore, be it

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34 Resolved, that the PSC-CUNY condemns the massacre of Palestinians by the Israeli state; and be
35 it further

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37 Resolved, that the PSC-CUNY urge discussion in chapter meetings of the means by which the
38 union should engage its labor affiliates and the university in order to influence U.S. policy
39 toward Israel.