

PRESS STATEMENT

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CARECEN SF CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA!

We stand in solidarity with Palestinians terrorized by brutal and indiscriminate bombings from the state of Israel in response to attacks from Hamas. We stand with all families impacted by this military conflict. We call for humanitarian relief to the Gaza Strip.

CARECEN SF was founded by people fleeing the wars in El Salvador and Central America in the 1980's. Sadly, we know too well the sound of bombings, the cries of death, the pain of loss, of forced displacement and human suffering because of war.

U.S. taxpayer dollars should not be used to support the State of Israel's military interventions and indiscriminate bombings against innocent civilians. Our taxpayer dollars should not fund the sweeping use of military force as a means to resolve conflict.

We denounce any and all forms of violence, hate and discrimination against Palestinians and the Muslim community everywhere. We also denounce violence, hate and discrimination against the Jewish community everywhere. We understand that the actions of Hamas do not represent the Palestinian people, or Muslim community. We also understand that the actions of the State of Israel do not represent all Israeli people, or the greater Jewish community. We mourn all lives that have been lost. Our own history has taught us that in war, everyone loses. We know that Israel's continued war on Palestine will not make anyone - Israelis or Palestinians - safer.

We call for an immediate ceasefire, and an end to the occupation and forced displacement of Palestinians.



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CARECEN SF empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant, and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area — building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice. Rooted in its cultural strengths and inspired by the Central American justice struggles, CARECEN SF envisions our diverse immigrant community as thriving; where families prosper, build effective community institutions, and participate confidently in civic life. Learn more about our history and work at www.carecensf.org.