

April 8, 2025.

To Evergreen Resistance and Olympia Indivisible,

We would like to respond to the divisive April 7th letter by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whose objective is to silence positions that support justice and peace for the Palestinian people and that oppose U.S. support for the Israeli war on Gaza.

We are appreciative that the Evergreen Resistance had Cindy Corrie as a speaker. In her powerful and well received speech, Cindy gave a brief and accurate history of the continual displacement of Palestinians from their land and the ongoing slaughter of Palestinians in Gaza that has officially exceeded 50,000 people and is continuing. She included her personal experience based on many trips to Gaza and the West Bank and Israel. Cindy explained that Israel broke the ceasefire by renewing mass bombing and on the ground killing as well blocking all food and humanitarian goods since March 18th, 2025.

Although [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] claim this is a foreign policy issue and should not have been part of the Hands-Off Rally, Israel could not conduct this war without continuing U.S. support military aid, such as the additional military aid that Congress just passed by an 83 to 15 vote. This unconditional support for Israel including the ethnic cleansing of Gaza and the West Bank is an integral part of Trump's agenda.

As the Evergreen Resistance has stressed, the Trump administration is a threat to the democratic rights that we have. A major aspect of this threat as Cindy Corrie pointed out, is the repression of pro-Palestinian voices on campuses including the detention with the intent to deport a student leader at Columbia University, Mahmoud Khalil, who had a green card meaning permanent residence.

Including support for justice and peace in Palestine needs to be part of the movement against Trumpism. It is a major issue globally, one that should not be avoided. Are we going to be on the side of justice or are we going to ignore a genocide that would not be possible without direct support from the US? Moreover, the failure of the Democratic Party and the Harris-Walz campaign to support the end of Israeli aggression and war caused millions to skip the polls, resulting in Trump's victory. For moral and strategic reasons, let us incorporate the end of the Israeli war against Palestine and the end of the Israeli occupation as part of the 50501 Demands.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] criticize Cindy Corrie for supporting Hamas and not calling for the release of the Israeli hostages. Nowhere in her talk or other talks does she mention support for Hamas. She spoke as a representative of Palestine Action of South Sound (PASS) which was founded in October 2023 after the Hamas attack on Israel and the total war began by Israel. In our principles we call for the release of Israeli hostages and the 10,000 or more Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, most of whom have been beaten or tortured.

Antisemitism is real and should always be strongly opposed but let us reject the false claim that calling for a “Free Palestine” is antisemitic. This claim is made by the Trump administration, [REDACTED] and far-right pro-Israel organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) to silence opposition to Israeli and to U.S. policy. Moreover, feeling unsafe as they claim does not mean that there is any objective reason to feel that way.

Palestine is a defining issue in the world today. We urge the Evergreen Resistance to continue to incorporate justice for Palestine and opposition to the U.S. military support for Israel as part of its program and to urge the Washington State and national 50501 movement to do the same.

Signed:

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