



Resolution Condemning Islamophobia & Palestinian Hate



CAIR-CA Position: SPONSOR

Summary

The Resolution Condemning Islamophobia and Palestinian hate is a proposed resolution pending authorship.

The resolution denounces the surge in Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian discrimination in California, acknowledging the state's commitment to religious freedom and cultural diversity. It cites international and national resolutions condemning such bias, underscores the sizable Palestinian diaspora in the U.S., and notes the alarming escalation in hate incidents against Muslims and Palestinians, particularly since the October 7 attacks. Tragic events like the stabbing of Wadea Alfayoumi and the shooting of Palestinian college students in Vermont underscore the urgent need to address these issues. The resolution reaffirms California's dedication to tolerance and collaboration with organizations like CAIR California (CAIR-CA).

Background & Problem

Despite California's commitment to religious freedom and diversity, recent data from CAIR-CA reveals a distressing rise in hate incidents against Muslims and Palestinians. In the last quarter of 2023 alone, CAIR recorded a 178% increase in reports of anti-Muslim and anti-Palestinian bias nationwide. This surge includes incidents of harassment, workplace discrimination, and K-12 bullying targeting these

communities. In California, CAIR-CA received 756 civil rights complaints in the past year, documenting hate crimes, mosque vandalism, school bullying, workplace and housing discrimination, and hate speech against Muslims. Misinformation and disinformation exacerbate these sentiments, fueling violence against ethnic and religious minorities.

Solution

The resolution unequivocally condemns all forms of Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian discrimination, rejecting any attempts to justify hatred or violence based on political events. By passing this resolution, the California State Legislature reaffirms its dedication to promoting religious freedom, tolerance, and inclusivity. Collaboration with organizations like CAIR-CA is crucial in combating hate and providing support to affected communities. Through collective condemnation and proactive measures, California aims to foster a culture of respect and understanding for people of all faiths, ethnicities, and backgrounds, countering the alarming trend of bias and discrimination.

Support

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Opposition

None.