

Contacting Burlington City Councilors (Contact list [here](#) ) - explain why you support the Resolution, and why the City Council should adopt it.

Some points to emphasize when you phone or email:

- *The Resolution calls on Burlington City Council to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people, their fight for human rights, and it calls on legislators and policy makers to uphold international law. In solidarity with the Palestinian people it condemns anti-boycott legislation, and endorses the Palestinian-led non-violent Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (Full Resolution text [here](#))*

- *Burlington and Vermont have a history of leading the way nationally (as e.g. in marriage equality). Then other States follow. So Burlington should lead the way to show that we can counter the support of Israel by the US, which is a major reason why Palestinian people are denied their human rights. Justice delayed makes peace impossible. Please support the powerful messages for human rights and justice in the Resolution.*

- *Burlington should openly support the international, nonviolent Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign (BDS) to achieve a just peace, just as many Vermonters did to help end apartheid in South Africa.*

- *A vote for this resolution is a vote for a just peace and human rights for all people between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River, and it calls for honoring international law. Israel's Jewish-only settlements on occupied territory in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and its cruel siege of Gaza are flagrant violations of international law, including the 4th Geneva Convention.*

- *American's tax dollars (\$3.8 billion in military aid annually) should not be used to finance Israel's regime of settler-colonialism and apartheid and sustain Israel's occupation. Human Rights Watch has determined that Israel is guilty of the crimes of apartheid and persecution against the Palestinian people.*

- *Boycott of Israel is a constitutional right and a necessary and legitimate form of nonviolent protest to end the occupation. Boycotts have a long history as engines of social progress in America.*