

AFT 2121 Delegate Assembly Israel/Palestine Resolution

Whereas over 40 mostly unarmed and nonviolent Palestinians protestors were killed today by Israeli sniper fire at the Gaza border with Israel, and

Whereas May 14, 1948 commemorates both the birth of Israel as well as the forced exile of 700,000 Arab Palestinians from lands which are now part of Israel, and

Whereas the United States has moved its embassy to Jerusalem which Israel has declared to be its capital city, and

Whereas Jerusalem has historically been an Arab city, and hundreds of thousands of Palestinians continue to live there, and

Whereas declaring Jerusalem the capital of Israel and moving the US embassy to Jerusalem makes it harder to achieve a peaceful and just solution, and this most recent obstacle to peace and justice has been denounced worldwide by many countries, and

Whereas conditions in the Gaza Strip have for many years been intolerable for the Palestinians and are getting worse,

Therefore be it resolved the AFT 2121 Delegate Assembly condemns Israel's killing and harsh repression against mostly unarmed and nonviolent Palestinian protestors, and

Therefore be it further resolved that the AFT 2121 Delegate Assembly reaffirms its support for a just and lasting solution to this tragic conflict that will ensure the human rights of all the people in the region, and

Be it finally resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the San Francisco Labor Council, the California Federation of Teachers and the American Federations of Teachers for compliance and consideration.

Respectfully submitted by Allan Fisher, Ana Fisher, and Rodger Scott on May 15, 2018.