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ILWU Northern California District Council Statement on Palestine Attacks

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Northern California District Council, being a strong organization that continually fights against any forms of Social, Racial, and Economic injustices, condemns the Israeli government’s military campaign against Palestinian civilians in Jerusalem and Gaza, and the forced removal of Palestinian residents of Sheikh Jarrah in Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) from their homes.

Over the past few weeks, the world has witnessed the forced removal of Palestinian families from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of Jerusalem as well as attacks on the Al-Aqsa Mosque, one of holiest sites in Islam, during the sacred month of Ramadan. The Israeli military continues its attacks and airstrikes on civilians in Gaza, while racist mobs attack Palestinian homes and businesses in many Israeli cities like Bat Yam, and Haifa.

The recent Israeli-state sanctioned violence follows decades of systemic discrimination and violation of human rights of all Palestinians, including militarily enforced restrictions of movement for over 4.7 million Palestinians; a brutal blockade on Gaza; confiscation of land; economic exploitation; and suspension of basic civil liberties. These actions and more are deplorable and are flagrant and inhumane and a violation of all basic human rights.

The ILWU Northern California District Council stands in solidarity with the Palestine and Palestinian communities across the world who are fighting for justice. We proudly stand against the racism and injustices and again condemn the violence perpetrated by Israel against Palestine.

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