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Peace & Justice Center in the Movement

by The PJC Board of Directors

The Peace & Justice Center has been buzzing with activism, both at the center and in the streets. We marched in the "No Kings Day" of action and tabled at the rally that followed. Many people came by. Some were unaware of us. They were excited by the prospects the Peace & Justice Center offers. Some signed up for the eblast, where they could learn about upcoming protests, lectures, films and more. Others turned to the Peace Press for more extensive articles. Many signed petitions and even more joined the Peace & Justice Center. Our presence is vital to the movement. We'll continue to be in the streets as long as necessary.

In Santa Rosa, the No Kings march and rally was organized by a coalition that included Indivisible. Indivisible is a strong, national organization that will not allow the United States to be run by fascists. They meet at the center at 6:00 pm. on the first, third and occasional fifth Thursday of the month. Come by and lend your strength to their efforts to stop fascism.

The Party for Socialism and Liberation offers alternatives to our current

economic system. They meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 4:30 pm.

Veterans for Peace, people who've seen war and want to stop it, meet at the PJC on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. You don't have to be a veteran to join them.

On the lighter side we have a Zen healing group that meets on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 pm. Breathe deeply and let your body heal through mindfulness and meditation.

Also, there is a chance to explore African wisdom on the first and fourth Saturday from 1:45 till 4:30 pm., through Griot Play. Come by and enjoy the experience.

Your Peace & Justice Center is waiting for you. Stop by between 1 to 4 pm. on Mondays through Fridays and visit with staff. Check out some of the organizations using the center to help create a world of peace through justice. Perhaps you are part of an organization which would like to be more visible by meeting publicly. Contact us and arrange for a meeting time. Reach out to your community through your Peace & Justice Center. 🌱



A **GREEN** NEW DEAL
& A NEW **PEACE** DEAL
SHOULD GO HAND IN HAND.
TOGETHER, WE CAN
SAVE THE PLANET AND
#DIVESTFROMWAR!
CODEPINK LINK: #divestfromwar!

Protect People and Planet: Divest Your City

We need to transform our priorities from hyper-militarism towards serving and healing our people at home and spreading peace and justice in the world. Now is the time Divest From The War Machine. Take action below. Join the Movement to Divest from War!

We can reduce global conflicts and slow the hyper-militarization of our world by asking individual investors and financial institutions to stop investing in companies that profit from U.S. military interventions, the global arms trade, and the militarization of our streets. Join us in asking investors, universities, religious organizations, retirement funds, mutual funds, and other financial institutions to stop making a killing on killing. Visit our coalition website to take the pledge to divest, and scroll down to take more action.

Talking points:

- Did you know the Pentagon is the single largest institutional consumer of fossil fuels in the world? #WarIsNOTGreen! we need to cut the Pentagon budget and invest in a Green New Deal NOW!

- Did you know if the Pentagon were a country, its fuel use alone would make it the 47th largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world? If we're going to address the climate crisis, we need to #DivestFromWar NOW! #WarIsNotGreen www.codepink.org/wing
- Instead of spending \$740 billion on the Pentagon budget every year, we should invest in a Green New Deal and cultivate our local peace economies #WarIsNotGreen www.codepink.org/wing
- US military emissions come mainly from fueling weapons and equipment. That means that asset managers like @blackrock are contributing greatly to climate change when they invest billions in weapons manufacturers like Raytheon and c#WarIsNotGreen

Write letter to Congress

We are writing as organizers, climate organizations, anti-war organizations, and allied communities deeply concerned for the continued existence of people and ecosystems throughout the world.

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Time to Think Outside the Box

Public Input Needed for a More Equitable Vision for the South Santa Rosa Specific Plan

by Fred Allebach

Santa Rosa is in the midst of a planning process for the Santa Rosa Avenue area called the [South Santa Rosa Specific Plan](#) (SSRSP). The webpage has a tab at the top where it can be changed to Spanish. The SSRSP is equivalent to a 1960s urban renewal project where low-income, mostly people of color, were displaced.

The whole SSRSP area qualifies as a disadvantaged community and this can be clearly seen by studying a series of [maps](#) I put together on my Substack.



When the public makes an investment to “revitalize” an area, land values and investment opportunities rise and this is what causes gentrification and concomitant displacement, especially of vulnerable populations who will not be able to afford inflated prices. The city has anticipated this displacement with a displacement [strategy document](#).

What is happening now in the SSRSP is an outreach process where the public is being asked to choose a Plan Alternative. You can read the Alternatives Report [here](#) and take the survey on it [here](#). The full Alternatives Report is only in English but an abbreviated Report in Spanish can be seen [here](#), and the survey can be taken in Spanish [here](#).

The Alternatives Report and survey give no indication of any plan downsides. The choices appear to be just about land use and transit, even as the whole process has predictable negative displacement and higher cost of living consequences for the 53 percent Latinos, and many mobile home park and lower-income residents, in the plan area.

Some alternative options do provide advantages for current low-income areas, for example a possible commercial center in Moorland and a pedestrian/ bike Highway 101 over-crossing at Robles and Bellevue Avenues. By studying the alternative maps and charts, you can be better informed to take the survey, draw your own conclusions, and also make your own hybrid plan where you say what you’d like to see in the SSRSP. You are not

limited by the options provided by the city.

The purpose of this article is to encourage people to think outside the box and, should you take the survey or get involved in the plan, to focus on the social justice aspects and ask the city to address these things up front and center.

The thing about many city plans, policies, and mitigations to protect low-income people, is that the language sounds good but is largely aspirational and doesn’t really obligate anything with teeth gets done. There are stronger steps that could be taken, rent

control, just cause eviction, a strengthened mobile home park Closure and Conversion Ordinance backed by Legal Aid, etc., but these sorts of things take political will and spine to resist lobbying by the investor and landlord classes.

As well, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) is mandated by state law (AB 686) to combat housing discrimination, overcome historic patterns of segregation, and eliminate racial/economic disparities in housing access. It requires public agencies to take meaningful actions to foster inclusive communities and increase access to opportunity. The city should be reminded in your survey answers that AFFH should be strongly pursued in the SSRSP.

What it all boils down to, is that business as usual growth and economic development operate in a manner that tends to create inequity. This is why we see Two Americas, and the haves and have-nots world-wide.

What we need in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County is more AOC and Zoran Mamdani-type municipal socialism, to temper the excesses of the market. Milton Friedman said that business’ job is to make a profit and the government’s job is to act as the backstop for business/ market excesses.

The SSRSP is the perfect stage for the public to ask our local government for a more progressive approach to planning, one that puts the interests of the little guys on an equal playing field. 🙏

Fred Allebach is Co-Chair of the Santa Rosa-SoCo NAACP Branch Housing Committee.

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We Must UnRig California!

by Woody Hastings

California must stop giving tax-payer money to fossil fuel and other multinational corporations.

The [UnRig California](#) was launched on March 11, with well over 200 union and environmental advocates in Sacramento, determined to make multinational corporations pay their fair share in taxes. It was also the launch of the related legislation, AB 1790, that will repeal the little-known “Water’s Edge” tax election. Believe me, the multinationals know all about it!

A broad coalition called UnRig California has coalesced to lead California’s latest push to close a longstanding corporate tax mega-loophole and a bill introduced in the Legislature to make it real. Assemblymember Damon Connolly’s [AB 1790](#) will repeal the so-called “Water’s Edge” election — a multibillion-dollar scheme that lets many multinational corporations shelter profits from California taxation. It would return the state to the system that worked for 50 years before Water’s Edge — worldwide combined reporting — beginning in 2028. This correction will both restore fairness to the tax code and free up funds for basic human needs, climate, health, and services Californians depend on.

If you are ready to send Assemblymember Connolly an email of support, or send a different Assemblymember an email encouraging their “Yes” vote, [TAP HERE!](#) And send an email to [this email address](#) that says: “I support AB 1790 and urge Committee members to vote YES.” If you want to learn more first, read on!

What is the Water’s Edge election – and why does it matter now?

In early 2025, the Sonoma County-based [Climate Center](#) published research entitled “[Water’s Edge Tax Haven and California’s Budget Shortfall: How Oil and Gas Majors Crafted a Tax Avoidance Policy Contributing to Ongoing Budget Woes](#).” The paper describes how the multinationals and their lobbyists browbeat the California legislature, over a 10-year period, into submission. The Water’s Edge election was enacted in 1986 and allows US-based multinational corporations to elect to compute their California taxable income by excluding many foreign affiliates, effectively drawing a “water’s edge” around domestic operations and leaving offshore profits untaxed by the state.

Over decades that election became a route for profit-shifting to low or no-tax jurisdictions, reducing California corporate tax receipts substantially. Estimates put the current annual cost to the state at roughly \$3–4 billion; for 2024–25 the figure has been reported at \$4.1 billion. That shortfall represents funds many advocates say could otherwise shore up public services, climate programs, and social safety nets.

What AB 1790 would change...

AB 1790, authored by Assemblymember Damon Connolly (D-San Rafael), would repeal the Water’s Edge election and reinstate mandatory worldwide combined reporting (WWCR) for large multinationals doing business in California, beginning for tax years on or after January 1, 2028. Under WWCR, a multistate or multinational firm’s global earnings are combined for tax apportionment purposes, reducing the opportunity to hide profits offshore and more closely aligning state tax liability with actual economic activity in California. This will end a major corporate tax giveaway and generate meaningful recurring revenue for the



STOP THE CORPORATE FREeloadERS

THE RIGGED REALITY:
Trump gave them a huge federal tax cut.
California gives them tax loopholes.
You pick up the tab.

RECORD PROFITS:
Corporations made \$1,870,000,000,000 (\$1.87 TRILLION) last year.

OFFSHORE CHEATS:
They hide billions in tax havens to pay the California \$800 minimum.

WE LOSE:
California loses TENS OF BILLIONS for schools & safety nets.



<https://seluca.us/unrig>

The free ride ends now.

Join Unrig California and close the loopholes.

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state. Read Damon’s [news release about AB 1790 here!](#)

Who’s behind the campaign – and why UnRig California matters...

UnRig California is a statewide coalition led by Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the sponsor of the bill, along with a long list of other labor unions, climate, environmental, social justice, health, community organizations, faith leaders, and everyday Californians working to “unrig” rules that favor big corporations over workers and communities. Our coalition has prioritized ending corporate tax loopholes – including Water’s Edge – as part of a larger platform to make corporations pay their fair share and protect public investments threatened by federal cutbacks and rising cost pressures. AB 1790 is not only a revenue measure, but is also a tool to rebalance power and ensure corporations that benefit from California’s economy contribute to the services their employees and customers rely on.

Supporters and the political landscape...

When Connolly announced AB 1790 in February, he was joined by fellow assemblymembers, union leaders, environmental and education groups, SEIU, California Environmental Voters, teachers, and domestic worker unions. All of us assert that closing the mega-loophole will protect essential programs, from Medi-Cal and CalFresh services to climate investments and childcare and more.

We Must UnRig California...see page 8



What I Saw in Cuba Was Resilience

by Gerardo Delgado

I traveled to Cuba this month. As a Cuban American, that sentence carries the weight of longing born of an estrangement from my roots. For much of my life, Cuba existed as a distant story, a place I knew only through descriptions from my father.

I was there as part of an international solidarity convoy; over 500 representatives from more than 30 countries, united by a simple conviction: no country has the right to strangle another simply because it chose a different path. I cannot stand by while the island of my family's heritage is suffocated.

What I witnessed over those days was not the Cuba of Western propaganda. It was a country enduring a 66-year siege, and a people who, against all odds, continue to build, create, and care for one another.

A Public Health System Under Siege

One of the most profound visits was to a neighborhood polyclinic in Havana. These clinics are the backbone of Cuba's public health system. Doctors live on the second floor, above where they work. They know every patient in their community by name. They treat physical and psychological health alike, and they embody a model of care that prioritizes people over profit.

But the doctors I met face heartbreaking constraints. They are highly trained professionals who know exactly what their patients need, and they know those treatments exist. Due to the U.S. embargo, they cannot access them. Imagine living every day with the skill to heal and being blocked by a political and economic siege.

We brought what we could: 6,300 pounds of medical supplies delivered by our delegation, including neonatal equipment, analgesics, catheters, and other critical materials, valued at \$433,000 and more still in unquantifiable amounts stuffed into carry-on and personal bags, sacrificing space for our own clothing and toiletries. Cuban doctors told us about nights when the power goes out and medical students rush to respirators, manually pumping air for hours until electricity is restored. They save lives with their bare hands.

Community and Creativity in the Face of Scarcity

Everywhere we went, I saw people organizing to survive. In a central Havana neighborhood, we helped refurbish a crumbling



playground. We brought paint and new swings. A local man who maintains the park offered to take the swings down each night so they wouldn't be taken, then put them back up each morning for the children. That kind of mutual care was everywhere.

We met an artist named Lázaro, who collects garbage and old newspapers to create recycled art. He teaches neighborhood kids to do the same. His studio walls are covered in vibrant works that double as expressions of resistance and creativity.

On another day, we set up a table outside Lázaro's studio with construction paper, markers, and glue. Children from the neighborhood gathered to write letters to pen pals in Singapore. I translated letters from English to Spanish, helping each child respond in Spanish and illustrate their replies. Parents played drums and danced while the kids painted and wrote. It was a profound moment of cross-border connection—kids building relationships through art and translation, across continents, across the blockade.

For Cuban Americans, there is something like a spiritual cost that is paid for quietly going along with the status quo in the face of the many injustices we have grown up with for decades, which seem to us to have intensified in these recent years. But the children I saw in Havana had their spirit intact.

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What I Saw in Cuba Was Resilience... *from page 2*

The Human Cost of the Embargo

The blockade is not an abstraction. Poverty is real. I gave what I could, but as individuals, we cannot meet that scale of need brought upon by a systemic crisis created by U.S. policy.

Rolling blackouts on the island are the result of a strategy of siege warfare intensified in January. Cuba has gone months without fuel imports due to sanctions and naval pressure aimed at stopping oil shipments to the island. Power plants cannot run consistently. Hospitals cannot perform necessary surgeries. Water pumping infrastructure fails. This is not a natural disaster. It is man-made violence; it is a silent war.

And yet, the Cuban people do not wait for rescue. They organize. They adapt. They invent.

Solidarity and a Call to Action

As a Cuban American, I have heard all my life that Cuba is a country ruled by capricious autocrats. That the Cuban people are waiting to be liberated. That their strangulation is meant to help them. But standing on that island, talking to doctors and artists and children and families, I saw something else entirely. I saw a people who are already free—free to define their own destiny, even under the weight of a siege designed to break them.

Cuba is open to dialogue and investment with respect for its

sovereignty. But the U.S. continues to enforce a policy that even much of the world condemns. Year after year, the United Nations General Assembly votes overwhelmingly to end the embargo. Year after year, the U.S. ignores it.

I came back with a deeper sense of what solidarity looks like: showing up, listening, sharing what we can, and staying connected to the work. But solidarity cannot end after a single delegation. We need to break the siege. We need to end this decades-long economic warfare.

Cubans have a right to self-governance. They have a right to medicine, to electricity, to water, to dignity. My father chose to leave Cuba in the face of poverty brought on by a cruel sanctions regime. I chose to return for the same reason.

Let Cuba live!

Take action for Cuba now!

Gerardo Delgado is a Cuban-American educator in Miami, Florida. Working with the Miami Coalition to End the U.S. Blockade of Cuba. He recently was a delegate on CODEPINK's delegation to Cuba as part of the Nuestra América Convoy.

Read: [When Flotillas Fight for Life, Not Empire](#).

Video: [Chris Hedges interview Medea Benjamin](#), cofounder of Codepink. 🙌

Protect People and Planet: Divest Your City... *from page 1*

We recognize that:

The United States military is the #1 institutional polluter in the world. The Pentagon uses 4.6 billion gallons of fuel annually.

This accounts for approximately 77-80% of all US government energy consumption. If the U.S. military were its own country, it would rank as the 47th largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world.

U.S. military bases around the world have caused significant harm to drinking water and ecosystems crucial for planetary biodiversity, natural cycles, agricultural practices, and simply health and safety.

The US has around 800 military bases around the world. Over the last several decades, in increasing escalation with China, the US has continued to build up more and more presence and funding for military operations in the Asia Pacific. Many of these bases trample on Indigenous territory, the sovereignty of nations, and release harmful chemicals into the waters and soils such as Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

The conflicts, wars, and occupations that the U.S. has partaken in and funded have led to extreme degradation of the natural systems that our earth relies on. In its first two months alone, the genocide in Gaza released more emissions than 20 countries combined. The complete degradation of every aspect of Gaza's environment will make life extremely difficult to sustain for generations to come. The war in Ukraine has emitted more than 119 million tons of carbon dioxide and destroyed hundreds of thousands of acres of forest. Both the continued escalation in the Southwest Asia & North Africa (SWANA) region and the war in Ukraine risk the use of nuclear weapons, which would threaten complete planetary destruction – it is a terrifying sign that we are even having conversations about the possible use of these weapons.

Many terrifying environmental crises from within the U.S. that we consistently address in climate spaces, from the January 2025 LA Fires to the devastating flooding in Appalachia caused by Hurricane Helene, are only exacerbated by decades of war-making from the world's largest institutional polluter. Every local catastrophe is a part of the global war economy.

The 29th annual UN Climate Conference, more commonly known as COP 29 (the most recent COP at the time of writing this letter), was broadly recognized as an utter failure when it comes to addressing reality. While the Global South faces the daily consequences of the climate catastrophe, at COP, the powerful from the Global North shirked their responsibility to fund climate reparations, despite being the main fuelers of climate change. The task of taking on the climate crisis requires environmental activists, organizations, and institutions to lift up the significance of one of the world's largest threats to our planet: war and militarism. When summits dedicated to addressing climate make no mention of it, the existential seriousness of the climate crisis is not being addressed.

We, the undersigned, amidst our diverse array of tactics, are united in bringing attention to the significance of militarism & war as one of the largest contributors to environmental degradation and the climate crisis. The war economy is simply catastrophic for the reciprocal relationships between people and our natural environment.

We therefore reject militarism, war, occupation, genocide, and degradation. Instead, we choose our continued global existence: we choose peace, sovereignty, diplomacy, and liberation!

Signed ... 🙌



Healthcare For All Equal Access is a Must!

*With the rise of a new US oligarchy,
our financial, social, physical and
mental health is forsaken*

by Terry Winter

In a break from the past, the Western world's wealthiest people no longer try to support the societies they live in.

As of 2022, the income of the top 5 percent of earners in CA made an average of \$613,602 a year – roughly a 37 percent increase from 2017. In the past year, the collective wealth of the 10 richest men grew by \$698 Billion.

The government provides ever more relief to big companies and the ultrarich, breeding even greater inequality.

Does CA have a progressive tax structure?

Some say that the wealthy in California are taxed at a higher rate than others, but a progressive tax is when the tax rate increases with income. While the state personal income tax is moderately progressive, sales, excise and property taxes in the state reverse any progressivity.

The following chart shows that our taxes are not progressive, but rather favor the wealthy and encourages greater inequality. It is urgent that our tax structure changes to provide adequate funding of essential services and social supports.

How does this relate to getting the healthcare we need?

In a single-payer healthcare system all residents are automatically covered with a rich array of medical, psychological and dental coverage. Financial barriers to care are removed by eliminating all premiums, deductibles, and most other out of pocket costs.

When the wealthy and large corporations pay their fair share, we can easily afford to provide that level of care to everyone without our current financial stresses. In fact, if we do so, we can provide a wealth of services that have languished for so long – affordable childcare, housing, higher education and long term care – to name a few. Pipe dream? Many other wealthy countries have been able to do so.

How do we get there?

In recent months, faced with attacks on democracy, civil rights, a global climate crisis, genocide and world-wide instability, many of us have been actively playing defense. But there is something desperately missing that is equally important – an offense.

Offense is finding a gap, being responsive to the needs on the ground, and figuring out a solution.

- Be clear – and loud – about what makes you angry, too. The status quo failed many people. It was never perfect. Say it out loud.
- Everyone feels paralyzed right now. But movement, even small steps, creates momentum.
- Make it visible. The time for quiet heroes is over. Share what you're doing. Let people feel your passion and purpose.

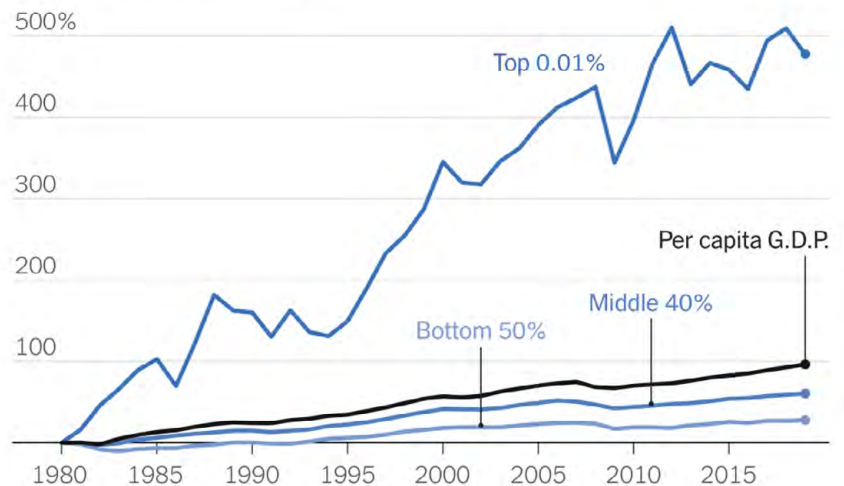
We desperately need alternative pathways forward, not just critiques.

We will not be going back to 2024. Or 2019. We need to build something better, while preserving what we can. Doing both – defending and building – is exhausting. Honestly, this moment feels 10 times harder than during the Covid-19 pandemic, and that's saying something. But it's what's needed.

Join with us or others to articulate and fight for a future that truly meets the needs of the people and builds a stronger multi-cultural democracy than we ever had before.

Cumulative Change in Income Since 1980

For selected income brackets



By The New York Times | Sources: Gabriel Zucman; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

If we coordinate and work together, we can do more than survive this moment. We can build something better.

Healthcare for All Working Group is the main group in Sonoma County organizing for single-payer healthcare in California.

To receive the monthly e-newsletter and/or join our monthly zoom meetings (second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm), send email to healthcareforallsonoma@gmail.com Nothing says democracy like universal healthcare. 🌱

Terry Winter is a retired nurse and Chair of the Healthcare for All Working Group, So.Co.

Winning Universal Healthcare

It Will Require Breaking From the Democratic Party



Kshama Sawant in a discussion about socialism at the Arlene Francis Center in Santa Rosa. A revolutionary socialist, Sawant is founding member of [Workers Strike Back](#), and a former Seattle City Councilmember who led the movement to win the nation's highest minimum wage and the Amazon Tax on wealthy corporations to fund affordable housing.

by Kshama Sawant

There has rarely been a [bigger opening](#) to fight for universal public healthcare than now, with support for it at historic highs. The real barrier is the stranglehold by the two parties of the billionaires – the Democratic and Republican parties.

The Democratic Party is a Dead End

For over two decades, the efforts to win universal healthcare have entirely been dominated by labor and NGO leaders, cordially working with the Democratic Party in trying to get a single-payer (publicly-funded and administered system without for-profit insurance) bill either in Congress or in various states. Every single one of these efforts has completely failed.

Democrat Bill Clinton not only didn't deliver on healthcare access, he carried out the first egregious bipartisan attack on Medicare and Medicaid, cutting nearly \$150 billion.

In 2007, Barack Obama [promised](#) universal healthcare on the campaign trail, but as soon as he stepped into the White House, he promptly took single-payer [off the table](#). His "Affordable Care Act" was instead largely written by the health insurance billionaires in their interests.

In California, the Democratic Party has publicly sabotaged the effort for single-payer three times in the last decade. Each time, the California Nurses Association (CNA) introduced the CalCare universal public healthcare bill jointly with the Democrats, who held the governor's mansion and a supermajority or near-supermajority in both state houses. Each time, Democrats crushed the effort.

In both 2017 and 2022, leading Democrat sblocked CalCare and refused to bring it to a vote, Democratic state Assembly Speaker [Anthony Rendon](#) in 2017 and Assemblymember Ash Kalra in 2022. In the third attempt in 2024, the Appropriations Committee of the

[Democratic-super-majority](#) State Assembly pulled the plug.

Two of these betrayals took place after Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom [pledged](#) to create single-payer, declaring, "I'm tired of politicians saying they support single-payer but that it's too soon, too expensive or someone else's problem." After taking office in 2019, he immediately [backed away](#) from it, and twice presided over stamping out the bill.

"Progressives" Exist to Whitewash the Democratic Party

Progressive Democrats like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) and Bernie Sanders, who have made "Medicare for All" a signature slogan, have led us all into a dead end despite huge support and energy for that demand. Their failure to win any healthcare gains flows directly from their determination to curry favor with the party leadership.

In January 2021, Democrats had a majority in the US House and Nancy Pelosi was up for a vote as House Speaker. Myself and many figures on the left publicly called for AOC and her fellow "Squad" members to use their numerical balance of power to [force the vote](#) on Medicare for All by withholding support for Pelosi. AOC publicly refused to do this, saying that it was not the right time and not a smart strategy.

After eight years, and over three decades, in Congress respectively, AOC and Bernie Sanders have still failed to adopt any strategy to bring any concrete pressure on Medicare for All.

Progressive Democrats have formally brought forward Congressional Medicare for All bills 13 times! But not once have they so much as brought it to a vote.

Fight for Free Healthcare for All – Tax the Rich!

Another common ploy Democrats use is to weaponize the question of who will pay for public healthcare.

This was the [stated reason](#) used by the California Democratic Party when they crushed Calcare in 2024. In Vermont in 2014, Democrats rescinded a 2011 statewide single-payer healthcare bill with the [perennially false claim](#) that the only way to fund it was to tax working people.

Since 2017, the wealth of America's 900 billionaires has surged by [120 percent](#) and they now own [nearly \\$8 trillion](#). That is on top of the over 10,800 centi-millionaires (those who own at least \$100 million) in the nation. We need free healthcare for all, covering every aspect of health needs, and we all know who can afford to pay for it – tax the rich!

Workers Need to Defy Movement Leaders Tied to the Democratic Party

Far from learning their lesson and forging an independent fighting movement to win CalCare, the [CNA](#) leadership has scandalously endorsed fossil fuel billionaire Tom Steyer for Governor and again endorsed Kalra for 2026.

Unquestioned support for the Democrats is part and parcel of the business unionism that dominates the labor leadership today. Business unionism means trying to make peace with the capitalist bosses rather than fighting them, which leads to making peace with the bosses' parties.

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Winning Universal Healthcare... *from page 6*

Rank-and-file workers and union members need to reject this dead-end strategy and build militant independent campaigns.

Our Movements Need Militant, Fighting Leadership

I was the lone socialist on the otherwise all-Democrat Seattle City Council between 2014 and 2023. During that decade, my office won countless historic victories, such as the nation's highest minimum wage, the Amazon Tax, free abortion, and a long list of unprecedented renters' rights.

Every single one of these victories was opposed by a large majority of the Democratic city councilmembers. Working people won because I used my office to build independent movements and go to war against the Democratic establishment. We built mass popular support and made it clear it would be political suicide for Democrats to vote against our movement's demands. This is how we can win.

We need mass rallies, strike actions, civil disobedience, and independent working-class candidates. We need to launch ballot initiatives, starting perhaps even in just one city, as credible threats to force the political establishment to pass free healthcare. All of this constitutes a class struggle strategy, which my fellow revolutionary socialists and I used to win our victories in Seattle.

The Democratic Party is a graveyard for our movements, whether for the single-payer movement, the antiwar movement, or in the fight against Trump and the right wing. As my decade as a socialist on the Seattle City Council showed, if we build militant, independent movements and fight for what working people need, we can win. 🙌

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These services are vulnerable to budget pressures.

How much revenue – and where would it go?

Estimates vary by methodology, but the commonly cited range is \$3 to \$4 billion per year in revenue lost to Water's Edge. Advocates say recapturing even a portion of that amount would allow California to expand human services, climate resilience and clean energy projects, protect frontline community health, and shore up affordability and services for low- and middle-income families. The Climate Center highlights the bill's potential to redirect funds toward climate solutions, and notes that eliminating the fossil fuel tax breaks and subsidies would further align policy with California's emissions goals.

Why this matters for climate and equity

AB 1790 is more than a tax reform, it's a social equity and climate tool. The largest corporate tax break in the state has historically benefited industries, including oil and gas – whose activities contribute disproportionately to climate harms. Reclaiming revenues could provide a dependable funding stream for decarbonization, public health protections in frontline communities, and investments that create good jobs in the clean energy economy. For labor and community organizations, the bill is a step toward reversing decades of tax policy that favors large corporations over working families.

Expected arguments against repeal...

Opponents, including fossil fuel, tech, and other multinational

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corporations, their front groups, etc., are likely to argue that eliminating Water's Edge could raise costs for businesses, reduce California's competitiveness or create tax complexity for firms operating in multiple jurisdictions. They will also say that if California moves alone to repeal Water's Edge, it could create interstate competitive questions for multistate corporations.

What comes next? "What Can I Do?"

The bill will be heard in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee in late April, where both fiscal and policy trade-offs will be weighed. We need you to send an email to the Revenue and Taxation Committee. Write an email in the following link that says: "I support AB 1790 and urge Committee members to vote YES." [CLICK HERE](#) to do that. If you represent an organization, and would like to join the coalition, [CLICK HERE!](#)

AB 1790 represents a rare alignment of labor, climate, justice, and community advocates around a technical but consequential tax reform: ending an offshore profit-shifting mechanism that has cost California billions. UnRig California offers the public face and organizing muscle to press the case that the state can, and should, require multinational corporations, that have been recording profits year-over-year, in the tens and even hundreds of billions, to contribute to the safety net and investments that sustain communities and the climate. 🙌

For more info, contact [Woody Hastings](#). Woody is Phase Out Polluting Fuels Program Director for The Climate Center.

Move Over, (Big) Brother Project 2025 – Add Sister Project Esther

by Barry Barnett

Project Esther is another Heritage Foundation blueprint for US policy, one that focuses more specifically on combating supposed antisemitism inherent in America's pro-Palestinian movement, which it characterizes as "anti-Israel, anti-Zionist, and anti-American." It claims that its activists are dedicated to destroying capitalism and democracy, and that its activities contribute to a global Hamas Support Network (HSN) – and therefore, a terrorist support network.

Project 2025, the 2025 Presidential Transition Project, the ninth in the Heritage Foundation's Mandate for Leadership series, is 920 pages long. About the only thing positive that can be said about Project Esther is that it is only 30 pages long. But this document contains 40 proposals.

Project Esther brings it all out in the open, anticipating objections and turning them on their heads, from the Heritage Foundation website, Project Esther, A National Strategy to Combat Antisemitism, "Hamas is not a freedom movement. It is a hateful death cult bent on exterminating Jews and destroying their historic homeland [actually Palestine]."

This is another example of: the best defense is a good offense – accuse the opposition of exactly what the opposition is accusing you of (and doing – hypocrisy). With decades-old Israeli and American censorship of the true situation in Palestine, an ignorant populace may not see through this perverse definition of antisemitism – the all-too-common accusation that anyone anywhere opposing Israeli policies is antisemitic.

Of course, I would argue that the Israeli government is one of the most antisemitic forces in the world today. Examples of censorship of pro-Palestinian content in the US press, even if it does not mention genocide, includes one of the mostly progressive local papers in Northern California which has published countless articles of mine over the years. When I finally wrote two pro-Palestine pieces in the past year for the North Bay Bohemian, they never saw print. It was not my editor who censored it. The big money CEO from on high, Dan Pulcrano, interfered, also canceling one by a fellow writer, my friend, and most notably, another such article by two longtime staff writers who inspired my articles – and who subsequently quit over the affair.

As President Trump flounders after a six-month barrage of mostly illegal, unconstitutional executive orders, We the People need to continue networking, organizing, and taking individual and group actions to counter the apparently intentional destruction of our rights, economy, and ecology.

The Heritage website incorrectly places the Book of Esther in the Torah (Law), the first five books of the Old Testament (It's in the Ketuvim (Writings), the third section of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)). The story is about Queen Esther, who, with the help of her cousin Mordechai, saves the Jews of ancient Persia from extermination. It's a great story, and very entertaining. Project Esther ("Hadassah" in Hebrew) purports, in the same vein, to combat the worldwide scourge of "anti-

semitism," starting with the United States.

But the scope of proposed right-wing changes is broad. The document asserts that the HSN supports and trains "America's overseas enemies." As we continue to read the document, or commentary by critics, the all-encompassing reach of the Project becomes apparent. Allegedly, the subversive worldwide movement of Hamas operatives, purported to be violent, takes advantage, "corrupting our educational system, leveraging the American media, co-opting the federal government, and relying on the American Jewish community's complacency."

However, since October 2023, only one actual Jewish organization has been enticed into joining Project Esther. But many Christian White and far-right groups, including rich and influential religious Republicans (and no doubt actual opportunistic antisemites), hopped on the bandwagon. National security rhetoric – naturally – combines with Biblical appeal to manufacture consensus for a noble cause.

Both Project 2025 and Project Esther, an outgrowth (a tu-

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mor? a sister cyst?) of the former, are blueprints for a Christian national(ist) agenda. It only pretends to care about Jews. Those two are mutually reinforcing plans to remake government, control the educational system and the media, continue militarism and the fabulous profits of the death merchants, and ostracize critics of Israel, using slander, libel, defunding, and canceling of students' status and the visas of nationals, even if they are (supposedly) protected permanent residents.

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Critics say the plan not only does not address antisemitism, but instead promotes it. They write that the main goal is to crush pro-Palestinian protests in the US through false propaganda. The blueprint recommends increased monitoring of campus activism, social media content, and student groups, treating them as potential extremist behavior or as providing material support for terrorism "within two years."

The methods infringe on the 1st, 5th, and 14th Amendments – just like Trump's actions all year. With the growing awareness of and expressed outrage at the genocide that is finally catch-

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Di, vi, si, ons – and RADICAL UNITY

by Luigi Petrich-Dove

There's an expression in Arabic:

"Me and my sibling fight against my cousin – me and my cousin fight against the stranger."

Which I would like to reframe as:

"Me and my sibling reach out for my cousin – me and my cousin reach out for the stranger."

HOW DEVIATIONS TAKE SHAPE:

Comrade was lamenting that "the Left is the largest circular firing squad." She was expressing the fact that under most circumstances a member of any one socialist group CANNOT support or condone the position of a member of another, contrasting socialist group. They just cannot express unity with a person of a slightly different belief system. It seems to be a case of viewpoints being "too close for comfort", or, so much alike and yet uncomfortably different.

It's a true occurrence, it's a feeling that happens and that I can relate to: someone calls themselves a socialist-cool – they talk the talk and they speak in the same terms and etcetera and etcetera

The moral: as long as we believe that our kinship to our cousin can be used to draw us closer to a stranger, we become more willing to unite with our cousin, and more capable of uniting with a stranger – even in a limited sense, not for fulfilling our fancy but to help meet our needs.

until – WHAT? – they don't have the exact same viewpoint as me when they analyze a certain social-economic situation. With a snapping sound, a crack develops that seems to grow longer and deeper with every subtle difference in interpretation about the application of Marxist thought to this or that. The distance is still small between one side and the other, but the fissure seems like it can't be reversed – like waking up from a dream.

The same holds, for example, for people of a nation who are not of the same subculture: they would rather ally with a total stranger who they can idealize, than ally with a neighbor whose differences – and flaws – they can see.

In Lebanon, where I was born and mostly raised, a Christian Lebanese will find a strong affinity for Western culture and the perception of a shared Christianity – and it will prove an irresistible lure, an illusory kinship which they prefer to commonality with a Shi'ite or Sunni Muslim. The Christian Lebanese has no clue of the racism that a US or European Christian sees them through, or the foreign feeling they will get if they emigrate into American or European culture.

"Me and my sibling fight against my cousin" or so the adage goes, however the Christian Lebanese sees the Muslim sibling

as the enemy – so much alike yet uncomfortably different. They speak with the same accent, they both say "Allah", yet the Allah spoken by the Christian is surrounded by a different selection of angels and saints than the Allah exclaimed by the Shi'ite or the Allah uttered by the Sunni (let alone the one mentioned by the Druze).

"Me and my cousin fight against the stranger" is supposed to mean that the person in the larger tribe is still more trustworthy than the person off the street – the unknown person that one is supposed to be suspicious of. However, the Iran-Iraq war fomented by the US government and Russia left the Arab person wary of the Persian cousin.

The Lebanese government, long in the throes of financial corruption, impacted the nation's economy in the form of currency devaluation and hyperinflation around the time of COVID-19. The IMF and the World Bank refused to intervene in order to paralyze the Lebanese resistance to Israeli colonialism. STILL, and in spite of the proverb spelled out in bold above, each sect and political denomination clung to their leaders, plunging the economy further towards ruin. The pro-Israeli Christian leaders in the government

were elected/selected late last year, after a temporary power vacuum, partly for the simple fact that they might, probably, thwart the cruelty of world Zionism towards the Lebanese economy – and partly because many Christian Lebanese have chosen to trust Israel more than they trust Hezbollah.

So, the aforementioned elected/selected few commanded the Lebanese Army to engage in the disarmament of Hezbollah, the only successful resistance to Zionist occupation of Southern Lebanon (1982-2000). Weakened by the pager attacks which blinded countless Hezbollah fighters in the previous year, the armed resistance to Israeli expansion was made – almost – harmless.

So, after 1,000 aerial bombing attacks by the Zionist forces since the "ceasefire" agreement was signed between Lebanon and Israel, Hezbollah launched three or four rockets. For some reason this was more than the Israeli government would tolerate, and Israel has unleashed hellfire on Lebanon and its capital Beirut since that time. (All of this in parallel with attacks against Iran.)

HOW THINGS STAND

And so, even as US Fascist forces train up in record numbers (and prepare to abduct record numbers of the population), and while the Fascist kleptocrats steal more and more of the hard-earned money of workers, one prominent socialist leader will denounce another prominent socialist leader for the fact that they promote one tactic over the tactic they prefer.

And even as the Zionist-colonialist IDF (which, I believe, stands for the Invasion and Death Forces) tramples the Lebanese South, the mostly Shi'ite Southern suburbs of Beirut, and edges into bombing Christian neighborhoods (where Shi'ites have taken shelter, because where else can they go), the typical Christian Lebanese inhabitant stands, puzzled, wondering to themselves "I thought the IDF was going to draw the line over there", all the while blaming aloud, "the Shi'ites shouldn't have started this!" –

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Susan Chunco *présenté* – *A Lifetime of Selfless Service*



PHOTO: SUSAN LAMONT

by Susan Lamont

One of the pleasures of aging is that one has time to make many dear friends and, if one is an activist, comrades. One of the sorrows of aging is losing them one by one.

Three-and-a-half years ago, we lost Kathleen Finigan. Less than a year ago, our activist community lost Alice Waco. And this year, in February, we lost Susan Chunco. They were all extraordinary activists, but they were also close friends who gathered at my home often. Nothing is the same without them.

Susan could not remember a time when she did not care about people (though they could annoy her, she still cared) and animals (she loved them all and they loved her). Growing up on a farm and seeing friends on her plate turned her into a vegetarian. She was also a lifelong adopter of homeless cats and dogs.

When she was in junior high school, her rural county in upstate New York began a daycare program for migrant workers' children, who, until then, had spent their time working in the fields with their parents. She volunteered to care for them for a couple of summers. She was not yet fully conscious of the justice issues around migrant workers, but it was a start.

After high school, she worked as a nurse's aide in the local hospital, caring for women and children. Thus began a lifetime of helping individuals directly.

And, of course, the Sixties, particularly after attending Woodstock (a highlight!), had a strong influence on her. The anti-war, feminist, civil rights and other movements became part of her life, as they did for so many of us.

I met Susan about 20 years ago while tabling for the Peace & Justice Center at Santa Rosa's Wednesday Night Market. She was tabling for the Green Party of Sonoma County. I was already registered Green, but had not become active in the party. I swear, it would be impossible to find a more enthusiastic booster of the Green Party. Needless to say, following her example, I'm active at the local, state and national level. Thanks, Susan!

But in her later years, Susan was most known for her work with the unhoused – a continuation of her life-

long devotion to caring for others. Ten years ago, Carolyn Eppler and Mikeal O'Toole asked for help in creating an encampment at the vacant Sonoma County Water Agency in Santa Rosa, in response to the growing crisis of homelessness in Sonoma County. It was named Camp Michela, after Michela Wooldridge, who was murdered while living on the streets.

Helping there, watching how the county and city used law enforcement to shuttle people around, seeing how they didn't help, but hindered, listening to the lies, quickly turned her into an advocate. As Camp Michela was being created, the county's Community Development Commission declared it a failure. To them, only shelters were acceptable – so they did what they could to make it fail.

Working at Camp Michela, which was forced to move to a spot behind the Dollar Tree in Roseland, taught Susan many things. Number one: Every unhoused person needs a psychiatric evaluation to find out what is needed to help them get off the streets. There is no one answer. Most people have landed on the streets for multiple reasons. It was her conclusion that all these groups should not be housed together. For instance, those who don't want to end their addictions may hinder the progress of those who do.

At Camp Michela, some people cooked, others washed the

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denying to themselves, and to history, the truth that they aren't able to "love their neighbor", and that it is no substitute to 'love' the stranger who has a stronger economy, and exports a convincing film culture to serve as propaganda.

The moral: so long as there is a cousin one is willing to fight against, one can and will find a real or imagined sibling to ally with.

THE WAY FORWARD

If the Christian in Lebanon is going to find commonality with the Christian in Europe and the US over their religion, they first have to find commonality with the Muslim next door or across town – in spite of their flaws and differences. Then the Lebanese Christian can extend their hand in similarity with foreign Christians, while the Lebanese Muslim can reach out, despite the contrasting religions, with an appreciation for the similarity of the US and European with their own Christian neighbor.

The card-carrying Socialist in the US, whether or not they voted for Bernie Sanders or listen to Professor Richard Wolfe, could convince the disillusioned MAGA voter that socialism might work well for them. They could point out that MAGA voted for Trump for the same reasons Bernie bro's voted for Senator Sanders: for jobs, and good schools, and stop making foreign policy a priority. In order to get there, they had better learn to show MAGA that, in spite of their differences with Socialists who carry a different card, that a

human being is a human being, and a human being has needs which are much the same across continents (and so they are even more alike across States and between counties).

Those needs are: clean air, clean water, healthy food, safety, belonging; and that enabling and prioritizing those needs can be called socialism, or it can be called anything you want, but beyond agreeing on those needs, all differences are differences in views, which are welcomed because when you stand in different shoes you enjoy different views, and that's what enriches our perspectives, and you can see that if you have eyes you can use, and you have used them to see things, for yourself, from different angles.

The moral: as long as we believe that our kinship to our cousin can be used to draw us closer to a stranger, we become more willing to unite with our cousin, and more capable of uniting with a stranger – even in a limited sense, not for fulfilling our fancy but to help meet our needs. We don't have the all-seeing eye, and we might as well rely on our cousin to help us appeal to the stranger from a different angle. And that stranger can help us see things that we couldn't see for ourselves.

It's not Left vs. Right, you see, it's rich vs. everybody else. And seeing that can motivate radical unity. 🙏

Luigi Petrigh-Dove is an essayist and conceptual artist who draws on his life experiences, and a philosophy of inner struggle in a world so focused on outer conflict.

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dishes or cleaned the camp or were part of a loose government. They were treated like adults who had a role to play in improving their own lives. It didn't work perfectly, but it was better than the camps in which people are given everything and never required to give anything back.

The second thing she learned was, "Services. Services. Services." We all hear that there aren't enough. In fact, they hardly exist and are decreasing. Case workers are rarely seen. Psychiatric help hardly exists. Drug rehab programs keep losing beds. Everything has been too little, too late. A country that can perpetually prepare for and wage war can pay for services, but the unhoused are considered expendable. Your elected representatives may not say that, but actions speak louder than words.

The third thing she learned was that we must listen to the homeless. They are the real experts. Most of us have not been homeless and are viewing this crisis from the outside. Susan and her daughter were homeless for two weeks many years ago and were rescued by a kind woman. They were lucky, but she did believe it was long enough to make her an expert on the subject. Camp Michela was a model – homeless advocates working together with the unhoused themselves, making decisions together. Not perfect, but better.

And a final thing she believed with all her heart was that no elderly, sick or disabled person should be living on the streets. Whenever she saw an old woman with a walker, pulling her belongings behind her, she deemed it a sin that our government allows this.

Some of the people she met at Camp Michela have died. Several stayed at her apartment for varying lengths of time. That was enough to learn that just housing is not enough. Some of them

continued to stop by. Some are housed. Some are employed. Many are still struggling, mostly with addiction. Some became lifelong friends. Her very good friend, Ka'Lane Reposa is a success story. She met him at Camp Michela and he is now well-housed and continues to work uplifting others.

Many people have turned their eyes away from the unhoused, not because they don't care, but because the pressing issues of our time continue to mount. It's hard to focus. But Susan would ask a few things of you.

First, don't be a NIMBY. You are closer to being on the streets than you think. Our inhumane economic system can end your comfort at any time.

Second, empower the homeless, don't infantilize them. Learned helplessness is real.

Third, let your representatives know how you feel. Speak up for, not against, the unhoused.

Fourth, understand that homelessness is a human-created condition; not created by the people who are unhoused, but by those who place profit over people. We need solidarity. We need to prevent homelessness in the first place.

If you could do this, it would be a true memorial to Susan's life, that and placing the lives of animals on a level with your own.

And what wouldn't I give for one more Happy Hour at Spinster Sisters with Susan, Alice and Kathleen, sipping a California Pinot Noir (Pellegrino for Kathleen) and enjoying roasted brussels sprouts, or under the big tree in my backyard with asparagus and Oliver's red bell pepper aioli.

There will be a Celebration of Life of Susan Chunco, Sat. June 13, 2:30 to 4:30 pm, at Andy's Unity Park, Moorland & West Robles. 🙏



PALESTINE: in a world that has lost its mercy

by Dianne Monroe

"In a world that has lost its mercy... under bombs that don't stop, hunger that is forced, and a reality that no human should ever endure... my family in Gaza is still choosing life."

These are the words of my friend Rolla Alaydi, a US citizen whose family of 20 people (including 13 children) is trapped in Gaza. She is the aunt of Salem, the talented photographer whose photos and writings have been published here previously – and my long-time friend.

One of the many ways I help Rolla support her family in Gaza, is by updating her GoFundMe. Below I share my March 21 update, with a story about the traditional cookies her family baked for the end of Ramadan, along with Rolla's powerful and poetic words.

Link to [Alaydi Family GoFundMe](#). And please share this GoFundMe and the Alaydi family story.

Also, ask others to donate. If possible, please give monthly. Regular contributions make a huge difference. Funds are used to support the family – food, medicine, e-sims and whatever is needed to help them survive.

Your gifts offer both physical sustenance, providing for food and other life necessities – and also emotional sustenance, letting the family know that people see and care about them and what is happening in Gaza. Please continue to donate, as you are able.

The US and Israel continue, and expand, their war on Iran and in Lebanon, using what some are calling "The Gaza Playbook" – bombing schools, hospitals, residential neighborhoods and tent encampments of the displaced.

Yet, Rolla's family, along with much of Gaza, are celebrating Ramadan, finding and creating moments of joy and meaning with family and community – even as they continue to live amid rubble and scarcity.

Rolla writes in an Instagram post on 3-19. Her family is baking these cookies symbolizing joy and love to share with others in their tent community for the end of Ramadan, even through all this they continue to endure.

Below is Rolla's full, poetic and powerful [Instagram post](#).

"In a world that has lost its mercy...

Under bombs that don't stop, hunger that is forced,
And a reality that no human should ever endure...
My family in Gaza is still choosing life.

"Today, in the middle of destruction, they are baking Eid cakes.
Not just cookies filled with dates...
but memories filled with love.

A tradition that was taken from them for two long years.
A tradition that carries the scent of home,
Of safety, of days when life made sense.

"Gaza today feels like a ghost city...
streets emptied of laughter, homes turned to dust,
memories erased before they can even settle.
And yet... in the middle of all of this, they gather.
They share. They create.

"Little Alma, with her tiny hands, is holding on
To something bigger than all of this pain...
She is making memories... in a place where memories
Are being taken away every single day.



Salem bakes traditional cookies – made for special occasions with recipes passed down for generations – a symbol of joy and celebration in Palestinian culture. See [Instagram post](#)

"They are not just baking.
They are reclaiming life.
They are refusing erasure.
They are holding on to each other
When everything else is falling apart.

"Sharing is life.
Love is life.
Community is life.

"This is sumud.
This is resistance.
This is what it means to be human.

"We cannot rebuild alone. We cannot carry this weight by ourselves.
We need hands that reach back, hearts that refuse to look away..." writes
Photographer/Videographer Salem Aaydi on his [Instagram page](#).

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Salem's post is so eloquent and inspiring I am sharing it in its entirety below. Please give yourself the gift of reading it all.

The power and poetry of his words express, far better than I can, the importance of the *lifesaving* work we are doing by helping to support the Alaydi family.

Together, we are helping to keep *hopes and dreams* alive, along with physical lives – letting people know we *see* them and *care* about them.

Salem's Poetic and Powerful Instagram Words

"I am only 19, and yet I have learned to hold a camera like it is a lifeline.

"Through my phone, through any lens I can find, I search for something that still breathes...something that still feels alive. A child's smile in the middle of rubble. A piece of sky untouched by smoke. A small moment where life insists on existing. Photography is not just a hobby for me. It is how I survive. It is how I remind myself that hope has not completely left us.

"But the truth... the truth follows me everywhere.

"Gaza has become a place where every street carries the weight of loss. Where homes are no longer homes, but broken walls and scattered memories. Where the air itself feels heavy...with dust, with grief, with the smell of death. It is not something you can escape. It is not something you can pause. The ugly reality is always there, surrounding us, chasing us, reminding us of everything we have lost.

"Sometimes it feels like the whole place has turned into one vast graveyard.

"And yet...we are still here.

"We wake up every day choosing to live, even when life feels unbearable. We hold on to whatever fragments of hope we can find. We create moments of color in a world that has been stripped of it. We try, in the smallest ways, to bring joy back into spaces that have only known destruction.

"But surviving is not the same as healing.

"We cannot rebuild alone. We cannot carry this weight by ourselves. We need hands that reach back, hearts that refuse to look away, people who understand that rebuilding Gaza is not just about concrete and walls...it is about restoring life, dignity, and the right to dream again.

"We are still alive.

And we will continue to live.

"But we need you to see us.

We need you to stand with us.

We need you to help us rebuild...so that one day, the pictures I take will no longer be about survival... but about life in its fullest, brightest form." –Salem

GoFundMe cut us off! New socially-conscious Site

I send heartfelt appreciation to all for your support of my friend Rolla's family in Gaza – whether by donating, sharing the fundraiser link and family's story, or in other ways. It has been a source of strength and hope to them, an assurance that they are not forgotten.

Sadly, GoFundMe shut down our fundraiser without any warning, explanation or chance to address concerns.

They froze and erased this *lifeline* Rolla's family in Gaza depended on

to survive. They did not permit us to withdraw the money in the account, and shut down our communication with the 4.5k donors who had contributed over the past 2-plus years.

Overnight, Rolla's family was cut off from their main source of financial support, and are left not knowing how they will provide food and other life necessities for their children and themselves.

We have opened up a new fundraiser, on Chuffed.org, a crowdfunding platform for socially-conscious projects. (They even have an entire Palestine section.)

Please help in the following ways:

- If you have donated recently, please check your credit card for the return of funds. GoFundMe says they are returning all funds that were in the account. Please let me know when you see funds returned.
- We would all be so grateful if you would re-donate the returned funds to the new Chuffed fundraiser.
- We hope you will continue to follow Rolla's family on the new fundraiser, continue to donate as you are able, and share this new link with others.
- We also invite you to consider becoming a monthly donor on our new Chuffed fundraiser. Monthly donations give the family a sense of stability and security amid so much devastation.

We only personally know a small number of the donors from our GoFundMe and have been cut off from all the 4.5 K donors we don't personally know. So, your help with this is even more valuable in recouping as much as possible of what we have lost.

Thank you again, for your support of my friend Rolla and her family trapped in Gaza. I feel honored to stand with and support the Alaydi family, and to have each and all of you standing alongside me.

With gratitude and determined hope, Dianne and the whole Alaydi Family Support Team. 🙏

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ing on, the wealthy apocalyptic Christians are polarized into an even greater fanaticism. They are used to having the upper hand, lavished and feted by the billionaire Israel lobbies – and never forget a grudge, just like the Deep State and its pit bull grip on the memory of losing the rich resources of Iran.

As a Jewish anti-Zionist, I am appalled at the horrors of an ultra-reactionary, demographically-crazed Eurocentric-dominating state, murdering its Semitic brethren in close quarters. The Jewish state, becoming more fascistic every year, is now joining the declining US Empire as twin pariah states. They are both in lockstep with Project Esther, as they both chant, "Never again!"

Sources: Project Esther: A National Strategy to Combat Antisemitism, The Heritage Foundation 10/7/24; The Group Behind Project 2025 Has a Plan to Crush the Pro-Palestinian Movement, Katie JM Baker, New York Times 5/18/25; Project Esther: Silencing Anyone Who Speaks Out, Jewish Voice For Peace (undated). 🙏

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Bridging the Language Gap for Skilled Primary Care in Gaza

by Phil Josselyn

A physician assistant and an engineer have created a tool that will help medical workers provide care for people who speak a different language.

Medics working in remote areas and refugee clinics know the value of having core medical terms at hand to communicate with patients in their own language. Under the best circumstances, an interpreter may be available. But often none are so medic and patient must find a way to convey key facts about illness and injuries to one another – especially when under siege, where internet and electricity are not available.

Creating a tool to address these circumstances – and to enhance quality of health care for thousands of displaced patients in Gaza – is the idea that sparked a remarkably simple but useful initiative by Diana Reiss, PA-C, a northern California physician assistant, and Yousef Nasser, a Palestinian chemical engineer.

They first began “Reference for Essential Clinical Terms for Primary Care,” in Arabic and English, in October 2023, at the onset of the ongoing catastrophe in Gaza. During anguished conversations in those weeks about imminent humanitarian disaster, they brainstormed what action they could take to better conditions for civilians displaced by the conflict, and support restoration of Gaza’s public healthcare system.

“From past precedent, we believed that outside medical workers would soon arrive in Gaza, physicians and staff who knew little Arabic,” explained Nasser, who worked with the Red Cross inspecting and supplying food and medical supplies to refugee camps in the Middle East, including Gaza.

“The Reference’s first aim is to make an immediate, tangible impact on quality of care for Gazan patients,”

Both he and PA Reiss had seen the language gap hinder skilled medics from fully assessing patients. They wanted to design a tool to bridge this. Working with an initial base of primary medical terms, the two contacted an organic network of friends and associates – refugee health workers from around the globe – and began to assemble a concise reference to help outside medics to better support massively overburdened Gazan colleagues.

“Which 30 words are most indispensable to your medical practice there?”

This was what Nasser and Reiss asked medics experienced in refugee clinics. Colleagues from the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia, UK, US, France and Mozambique responded. The process produced a collection of 1200 “high yield” terms and phrases that convey key symptoms, context, and medical history – the building blocks of diagnosis and treatment.

The Reference is a practical tool for clinical use, not an academic work or medical teaching manual, said Reiss, a migrant healthcare

provider who served in north Aegean refugee camps, and clinics in Peru and the West Bank. It is also designed to be used in reverse – Arabic to English – by patients who need to convey information to their providers. For patient use, copies will be set out in clinics. Its Arabic terms (edited and translated by Monterey university lecturer Rana Issa, and translator Rania Abu Taima from Khan Younis, Gaza) are in Levantine dialect, using the everyday Gazan variant spoken in the Strip. English, current lingua franca among international humanitarian workers, was chosen for providers.

To field test – with Gaza under bombardment – the Reference team turned to members of the Modesto’s Syrian refugee community, Reiss’s former patients, to partner with them on the project. Uber drivers, mechanics, and high school students joined the effort. Syrian homemakers weighed in, along with female health workers from Gaza and Yemen. Together they reached consensus that explicit reproductive health illustrations must be included, while confirming they should appear on separate inserts, based on cultural mores.

Meanwhile, from the West Bank, friend Noha Khaled joined the project – researching traditional medicine with Palestinian elders’ groups. The creators of the Reference also turned to colleagues who had worked in Gaza under siege.

Healthcare in Gaza today

According to current 2026 World Health Organization (WHO) briefings, the vast majority of Gaza’s 2.1 million people have experienced multiple displacements. Most are now concentrated in less than 50 percent of the Strip. Two and a half years of non-stop conflict have ravaged the healthcare system. And though the nominal October 2025 ceasefire has reduced the number of traumatic injuries and allowed for limited recovery, bureaucratic blocks and border closings hinder all humanitarian efforts.

Beyond the officially recognized – and surely undercounted – tens-of-thousands dead, at least 170,000 individuals are officially classified as severely injured, a quarter with life-altering wounds. Epidemic risk remains high due to degraded water and sanitation. In addition, WHO reports, the conflict’s psychological impact means a million Gazans now require mental health and psychosocial support.

Monica Taranko, a Portland nurse practitioner and burn specialist, traveled to Rafah with a medical NGO in 2024. She was assigned to Al Shifa Hospital, coinciding with the Israeli invasion of that city. Upon her arrival, half of her hospital colleagues had left, preparing to flee with their families. Gazan staff who remained were overwhelmed with double shifts and triple patient loads.

“We had also had no anesthesia or medication for severe pain – just paracetamol [Tylenol],” for patients with severe crush injuries, missing limbs, and full-body burns,” the nurse recalled.

She was often on her own, with no staff free to translate.

“This project is amazing,” she commented, after reviewing the clinical Reference manuscript this year. “I would have loved to have it available when I was in Rafah.”

What is appropriate technology in the context of an obliterated

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BDS—Entertainers Joining the Boycott

by Rebel Fagin

Israel uses culture as a form of pro-Israeli propaganda. This is why the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions movement has called on artists, performers, writers and cultural institutions to boycott, or work towards canceling, events, projects and other attempts to distract from the ongoing genocide. BDS is asking organizers of events, and performers themselves, to reject artists from Israel, or cancel events that whitewash the occupation.

In order for cultural institutions to end collusion in Israel's apartheid they must publicly recognize the human rights of the Palestinian people as enshrined in international law, and end all complicity in violating Palestinian rights. When artists perform in Israeli venues or festivals, they help create the false impression that apartheid in Israel is somehow "normal."

As awareness of Israel's oppression of the Palestinian people grows, more artists are joining the boycott. Seven-thousand writers and book industry figures have pledged to not work with any publishers, festivals or publications that are complicit in violating Palestinian rights. Those supporting the boycott include Sally Rooney, Rachel Kushner and Arundhati Roy.

Performers who support apartheid Israel include Eden Ben Zakirel, Itay Levey and Aviv Geffen, who was joined on stage last May by Art Garfunkel. In recent years, Madonna, Cold Play, Justin Bieber, Justin Timberlake, Metallica, Lady Gaga and Paul McCartney have preformed in Tel Aviv. It's not just the pop world. Plamen Mangova, Julia Adabda and Madeleine Carruygo are among the classical musicians who support Israeli apartheid through their performances. Meanwhile there are other performers organizing cultural boycotts.

No Music for Genocide, an organization of entertainers, is asking artists, labels and distributors to boycott Israel as "just one step toward honoring Palestinian demands to isolate and delegitimize Israel."

Blues poet Aja Monet said, "Boycott is one of the most effective and enduring efforts that one can take to fight a militarized,

overtly violent, three-headed monster of a system. We're in a place where capitalism rules everything. The most effective thing we can do is to be strategic about where we put our resources."

Over 1,000 musicians are boycotting Israel through No Music for Apartheid. No normalization of apartheid in Israel.

Here's what we can do to support them. Organize with others to convince local art venues, or complicit institutions, to not accept partnership, or sponsor performers from the Israeli government, its lobbies or complicit institutions. Create a statement of support for the boycott. Picket venues or artists who support Israel's apartheid through their art. PACBI, the Palestine Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel and BDS urges artists, cultural workers and cultural organizations to boycott and work towards the cancellation of activities that involve Israel and its lobbies in whitewashing Israel's violations of basic human rights.

Here are the guidelines:

A cultural product can be boycotted if it is commissioned by an official Israeli body or a non-institution that serves Brand Israel. Normalized projects are the most sinister, as they allow the oppression to continue. For artists to be removed from the boycott list they must first publicly recognize the rights of the Palestinian people and then end all forms of complicity in violating Palestinian rights, whitewashing or justifying Israel's violations of international law and Palestinian human rights.

Eden Ben-Zaken, Idan Raichel, Noga Erez, Paul Wilbur and the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra, all supporters of apartheid Israel, plan on touring the US in 2026. The people at BDS suggest boycotting them and, if you can, leafletting the venues they are appearing at as to why you are boycotting them. Israeli cultural institutions generally support the occupation as they work towards diverting attention away from Israel's violations of international law and human rights. Let's turn the attention back towards the people suffering under an illegal occupation. 🕊

Sources: bdsmovement.net, npr.org, yahoo.com

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land? Some suggest artificial intelligence as a panacea for all medical challenges, regardless of setting. And while globally, in more affluent areas, AI is a part of the clinical workplace (recognized for labor-saving and research functions), in real-world application, its limits are also familiar to physicians – translation inaccuracies, data that must be checked and device malfunction rendering service inaccessible.

These are reasons why sole reliance on AI in remote, low resource clinics can be risky, Nasser pointed out. And why low-tech tools can affect actual health care delivery.

"AI can be very useful, but can't substitute for the clinician's role – trust and rapport built via direct provider-patient interaction are key, especially in understanding psychosocial contexts of illness and injury," Nasser said.

The Gaza Reference – originally a simple laminated pamphlet – has expanded to a concise illustrated book designed to fit in a physician's backpack. A website with voice-recordings to practice Arabic terms is in development.

Set to print in California and Amman, the Reference will be brought to the Gaza Strip by NGO teams – for now, the main option for transport. There are plans for a pilot study. The first limited edition will go to clinics and healthcare workers who have agreed to use the Reference for six months. It will be revised again with their recommendations. For widespread use, a full-scale edition of 4,000 books will follow. A Creative Commons license will allow open use.

"The Reference's first aim is to make an immediate, tangible impact on quality of care for Gazan patients," Nasser said. "It can also be used at remote and refugee clinics elsewhere in the Middle East." The reference of essential clinical terms will likely also foster patient-provider understanding at community clinics in countries where patients, such as Modesto's Syrian refugees who tested it, have settled.

Your contribution will directly place this reference into the hands of clinicians and patients, making a tangible impact on health outcomes. Donations are greatly appreciated through our GoFundMe campaign. If you are able to make a substantial (501c3) scale contribution please write to: refproduction26@gmail.com. 🕊

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of violence in the world:
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I cannot be Silent.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

ON THE COVER...



*Paul Nicholson's fine art has appeared on previous covers
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Link to: [Art by Paul Stuart Nicholson](#)

Unhinged

And the door of destiny swings wide
 Hanging on by a rusty hinge,
 This time is definitely cringe worthy,
 But is our language deserving
 Of such cheap shots at description?
 Since its inception
 Words have been spelled,
 Infused with magical intent,
 Sent up from the soil
 Of her body,
 Not some shoddy
 Popular, for a minute, catchy phrase,
 It's a blood moon tonight
 And this Virgo moon is demanding
 More precision in the artful making
 Of beautiful conceptions,
 Bloody births of bounty brined
 In the sea of her belly.
 The time for tripping the light fantastic
 Is now,
 even as the ogres lurk under every bridge
 over troubled waters,
 I wade fearlessly and fitfully out of the murky
 Depths to find a footing on the new Earth!
 Its rebirth time and we've forgotten we are in the birth
 canal and that's why it's so dark.
 Park every crappy outdated vehicle at the edge of time-
 And get out and dance to the rhythms of her heart!

Do we even remember what great art is?
 Answering in illogical expressions what cannot even be grasped
 By the rational mind.
 circumventing the propaganda version of life
 And taking every woman as my wife,
 no woman will stand alone.
 No woman will ever need a man,
 Though she may love some if they are worthy.
 Because it all comes down to this, when you rape woman, and
 murder children in the name of just causes of
 abominable wars of domination, the wet dreams of dictators,
 You are already dead.
 I have no time for these men and how we thank them for their
 service, to what god?
 So come with me and find embedded in the roots of every word
 the greatest evolutionary knowledge of life that exists,
 Go deeper, past the adjectives and analogies, the similes and
 syntax and find in the center of Gaia's bloody beating heart,
 that nasty four-letter word, love.
 Love, unqualified, unquantified, defined, or refined,
 Infinite, potent with possibilities beyond~

by Magick, March 3, 2026

Who listens?

Who listens to the night anymore?
 Who looks up at the stars?
 Who dresses little children
 In uniforms with guns?

Flocks that used to darken skies
 Are reduced to a few wavy lines
 Forests cut down or set ablaze,
 Glaciers and ice caps melt away
 Wild herds thin and predators lack prey
 Nature loses balance making room for us.

Who knows anything first hand?
 We take the word of agencies
 Whose very existence rest
 On our belief in their description
 Of "the truth."
 A people groomed for generations
 Not to question authority.

As we try to still the mental chatter
 By the stepping out of line
 The breaking of the rules
 To see the lack of honor
 Peeking through the blinds
 Of grief and guilt.

Who am I to speak such things?
 And where am I to go now?
 This twisted drama is my karma
 To make into a brand new form of art!

by Paul Nicholson, 2022 (2025)

The world looks away...

...as the grieving mother
 holds her lifeless
 baby in her arms.

...walks by while broken,
 shelterless people
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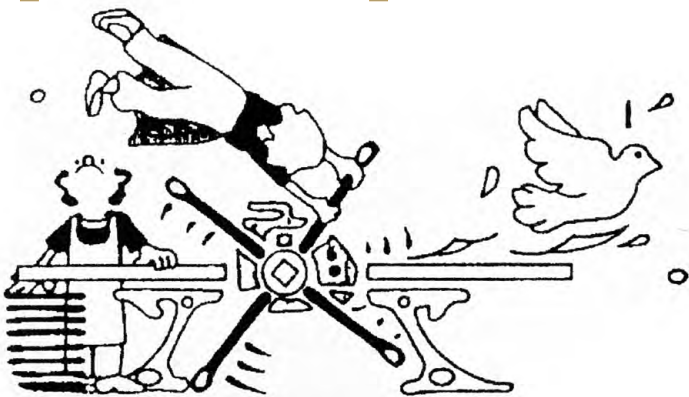
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