

Walk for Gaza CT: May 23-May 25, 2024

On the days leading up to Memorial Day weekend, a diverse coalition of concerned individuals and groups is walking a total of 25 miles (the length of the Gaza strip) in three different locations to express our outrage and sorrow at continued U.S. support for Israel's collective punishment against the people of Gaza in the wake of the horrific, brutal attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023. We demand that:

1. The United States government must immediately cease all financial and military aid to the Israeli government for the prosecution of its genocide against the people of Gaza.
2. The United States government must cooperate with international agencies to negotiate an immediate, permanent ceasefire and to facilitate the unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, with safe passage for aid workers. The U.S. government must restore funding to UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.
3. The United States must cooperate with international agencies to ensure that both sides protect the safety of all hostages and agree to their negotiated release.
4. The Biden administration and members of Congress must act immediately to achieve these long overdue outcomes, beginning with the cessation of all military aid to the Israeli government.

We have written to, met with, and demonstrated outside the offices of our elected officials for more than seven months calling on them to stop funding and arming this slaughter, which has by now resulted in at least 35,000 dead (70% of them women and children), displaced more than a million people, led to famine, and caused the collapse of Gaza's entire health care system. Instead of positive action, the U.S. government has continued to provide billions more dollars in aid packages to enable this carnage. In addition, citizen protests have been criminalized, slandered and/or repressed in many places.

We hope that this walk will serve as a reminder of the enormity of the crime committed daily in our names as U.S. citizens, with our tax

dollars. And we hope the reminder will inspire both individual and long-delayed institutional action.

In Bridgeport on May 24, our stops include the following locations:

- The office of Rep. Jim Himes: to once again demand that he use his power as Ranking Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and on the House Financial Services Committee to stop military aid to Israel.
- Bridgeport Hospital: to highlight the fact that the war-makers have targeted and destroyed all hospitals in Gaza, burying patients and health providers under rubble.

We will begin at the Bridgeport Islamic Community Center and conclude at Seaside Park.

To donate to UNRWA's humanitarian aid for Gaza, please go to:



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Endorsed by: Connecticut Palestine Alliance; New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice; First Congregational Church of Old Lyme; Tree of Life Educational Fund; Shalom UCC, New Haven; Jewish Voice for Peace New Haven; Mt Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport; Amistad Catholic Worker, New Haven; Promoting Enduring Peace; Middle East Crisis Committee; Mending Minyan, New Haven; Rosette Neighborhood Village; UConn Muslim Student Association; Social Justice Council of the Unitarian Society of New Haven; We Will Return; YALE Muslim Student Association