



**Gaza - 25 miles north to south
3 Days at 3 Locations = 25 miles**

May 23 - New Haven, 8 miles

May 24 - Bridgeport - 8 miles

May 25 - Shoreline, 9 miles

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 a civilian population.
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.

Our walk **along the shoreline** on begins at First Congregational Church, Guilford taking route 146 for a short distance to route 1 which we follow to the Hammonasset State Park. In Madison we stop at the First Congregational Church for water and a short rest. A celebration awaits us at West Beach honor the Palestinian people, fly kites and peace for all.

If you would like to donate to UNRWA's humanitarian aid for Gaza, please go to:

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