

Statement from NCDP Chair, Dr. Bobbie J. Richardson

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The North Carolina Democratic Party operates and upholds the State Party Platform as well as the National Democratic Party Platform. The State and National Party platforms are the statements of our core values, a set of principles, goals, and strategies for addressing the pressing issues of our time as voted on by our democratic body..

See below for more information:

The North Carolina Democratic Party Platform of 2022 states regarding the State of Israel and the Palestinian people states:

We support a vigorous diplomatic engagement for Middle East peace, with the United States acting as a neutral mediator between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, with the goal of guaranteeing security for Israel, establishing peace in the region and restoring full human rights to the Palestinian populations including the right to self-determination.

The National Democratic Party Platform regarding the State of Israel and the Palestinian people states:

Democrats believe a strong, secure, and democratic Israel is vital to the interests of the United States. Our commitment to Israel's security, its qualitative military edge, its right to defend itself, and the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding is ironclad.

Democrats recognize the worth of every Israeli and every Palestinian. That's why we will work to help bring to an end a conflict that has brought so much pain to so many. We support a negotiated two-state solution that ensures Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state with recognized borders and upholds the right of Palestinians to live in freedom and security in a viable state of their own.

Democrats oppose any unilateral steps by either side—including annexation—that undermine prospects for two states. Democrats will continue to stand against incitement and terror. We oppose settlement expansion. We believe that while Jerusalem is a matter for final status negotiations, it should remain the capital of Israel, an undivided city accessible to people of all faiths. Democrats will restore U.S.-Palestinian diplomatic ties and critical assistance to the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza, consistent with U.S. law. We oppose any effort to unfairly single out and delegitimize Israel, including at the United Nations or through the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement, while protecting the Constitutional right of our citizens to free speech.