



## **SFU Black Caucus Motion Passed in Solidarity with Anti-Apartheid and Pro-Peace Communities in Palestine and Israel**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BURNABY, BC., (February 21, 2024) —**

We, the SFU Black Caucus, announce the successful passage of a democratic motion by the SFU Black Caucus Membership in solidarity with the Anti-Apartheid and Pro-Peace communities in Palestine and Israel. This motion, supported by a majority vote at the general membership meeting, stands as a testament to our commitment to dismantling all forms of colonialism and eliminating systemic racism.

Outlined in this motion are several key points:

- Acknowledgment and affirmation of the historical solidarity between Black and Palestinian communities globally.
- Support for immediate ceasefire calls in the region to address the ongoing siege on Occupied Palestinian Territories
- Advocacy for an end to the occupation and illegal settlements in Occupied Palestine, in accordance with international law.
- Endorsement of circulating open letters and initiatives, including those by faculty at SFU, student groups like Students for Justice in Palestine, and Black for Palestine, and others that clearly align and express the solidarity declared in the motion.

Moreover, the SFU Black Caucus pledges ongoing support for further statements, campaigns, events or initiatives made by or done by Palestinian and Anti-Apartheid Jewish community groups/organizers and other Pro-Peace community groups/organizers, especially Black community groups tying specific Black solidarity and Black community connections to the cause, that align with this motion. Additionally, we aim to facilitate a unified Pan-Black community effort to stand in solidarity with Palestinians, including

sharing their campaigns, workshops, and events in support of a ceasefire in Palestine, and an end to the occupation.

Our commitment to promoting solidarity across our community—faculty, staff, students, alumni, and beyond—is rooted in our pursuit of equity and racial justice. We stand united with Black student groups advocating for the Palestinian struggle for justice.

In solidarity,

SFU Black Caucus Membership

**References:**

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- SFU Faculty Open Letter:  
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- Black for Palestine letter: <https://www.blackforpalestine.com/2023statement.html>