

City of Somerville

Socially Responsible Investment Resolution

**Whereas**, Israel is currently militarily occupying land seized in the Six Day War of 1967, including the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242; and

**Whereas**, during this occupation, Israel has, and continues to, violate the Fourth Geneva Convention on Rules of War of 1949, of which it is a signatory, by engaging in acts against Palestinians including

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blocking humanitarian aid  | <input type="checkbox"/> Repopulating land in the                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging in collective punishment such as demolishing homes, destroying olive groves and curfews | occupied territories (settlements)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using excessive force on demonstrators   | <input type="checkbox"/> Using Palestinian homes as army military stations  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquiring land illegally across the Green Line   | <input type="checkbox"/> Blocking ambulances                                |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Detaining individuals without charge               |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of torture and ill-treatment of prisoners, and |

**Whereas**, the City of Somerville abhors and unequivocally opposes **all** attacks, by either Israelis or Palestinians, where civilian casualties are likely, whether the attacks are aggressive or retaliatory; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Alderman of the City of Somerville, in order to remain consistent with its commitment to human rights, is against contributing to and profiting from the above violations of human rights by investment in companies that sell equipment used directly in these violations, and by investment in Israeli Bonds, which are part of the funds from which Israel finances these violations;

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Somerville urges all investors in the city to divest from companies involved with Israel's human rights violations and from Israel Bonds.
2. The Board of Alderman of the City of Somerville specifically recommends the divestment of funds currently invested in the following:

- a) Israel Bonds, which help fund Israel's violations of human rights,
  - b) Caterpillar Inc., which profits from bulldozers that are used by Israel to illegally demolish homes
  - c) United Technologies, which makes the Blackhawk helicopter that is used for illegal attacks involving civilian populations
  - d) General Electric, which produces parts used in Apache helicopters that are used in illegal attacks involving civilian populations,
  - e) Boeing, which sells AH64 Apache helicopters used in illegal attacks involving civilians,
  - f) General Dynamics Corporation, which produces weaponry used on F16 fighter jets used in illegal Israeli attacks in civilian areas,
  - g) Northrop Grumman Corporation, which produces high energy lasers used by Israel in its military occupation
  - h) Lockheed Martin, which produces missile systems used by Israel
- and all companies that manufacture military equipment used in Israel's illegal military occupation.