

REPORT ON DEMOCRATIC TRANSPARENCY SURVEY OF GREEN PARTY OF CANADA CANDIDATES ON THE ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

SUMMARY: All 251 candidates for the Green Party of Canada, who had an e-mail address listed on the [GPC website](#) were sent the following three questions about Palestinian human rights. Please note that twenty e-mails came back with “address not found” and forty candidates chose not to list an e-mail address on the GPC website. Of the remaining 191 candidates, 48 have responded and 143 have not. Those who have responded include the three candidates in ridings where the GPC, according to the latest polls have a chance of winning, i.e. Elizabeth May (25th respondent), Paul Manly (44th) and Mike Morrice (41st). GPC President Lorraine Rekmans (17th) also responded.

Questions Asked of GPC Candidates

- 1) Do you support Palestinians rights, including their right to a state of their own based on the 1967 borders, the return of Palestinian refugee to their homes inside what is now Israel, and an end to eviction of Palestinians from their lands and homes, particularly East Jerusalem and the West Bank?
- 2) As an elected member of parliament, would you support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of the rights above?
- 3) Would you consider supporting economic sanctions against Israel if it does not respect these UN resolutions?

Responses from Candidates in Chronological Order of Receiving their Response

1) Craig Lavriere – GPC Candidate – Mississauga Centre

Dear Ian,

Thank you for consulting me. I have heard Annamie Paul say that Israel and Palestine need to talk. I thought that response was reasonable.

For my own part, a few years back when I was in Israel for a conference, I took an opportunity to visit Palestine so that I could better understand the Palestinian situation. I wrote an article of my experience, which unfortunately the Mississauga News did not pick up. However, I have video footage, and I plan to make a short video on the subject for my blog. My guide explained to me that Palestine simply wants the 1967 borders respected. That makes complete sense to me. The Jewish settlements in the West Bank, if I recall correctly, are illegal under UN law. My guide showed me many of those. I am not familiar with the eviction problems you mention, but it sounds illegal.

In the recent conflict, from my perspective, Israel's response to Palestine was disproportionate; however, I have not studied the matter in detail. It is not part of the Green Party platform, and it is not my area of expertise. So I do not know what sanctions Israel should face because of their disproportionate actions. The Kabbalists say that the untimely death of even a single person is the loss of a world-to-come.

I don't have much more to say than that. In Canada we have our own history on how we have dealt with First Nations. Do we have the moral authority to comment on the Israel-Palestine conflict? We can't ignore it, but the focus of the Green Party is righting the ongoing wrongs here in Canada. Listen to what Annamie Paul has to say about that.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you want to discuss this further.
Craig

2) **Jean-Michel Lavarenne - Candidat PVC - Laurier Ste-Marie**

Bonjour M. Shaw,

Je soutiens les droits des Palestiniens tels que vous les décrivez et en tant que membre du parlement je soutiendrai les efforts internationaux visant à influencer le gouvernement d'Israël pour qu'il respecte les résolutions des Nations Unies en faveur des droits ci-dessus. Je serai prêt à soutenir des sanctions économiques contre Israël s'il ne respecte pas ces résolutions de l'ONU.

Sachant que cette question me serait posée j'ai décidé qu'il serait hypocrite d'y répondre en affirmant mon support envers les Palestiniens sans dénoncer la situation coloniale au Canada du même souffle à chaque fois, tandis que les droits des peuples autochtones sont bafoués et que la GRC envahit leur territoire, prête à utiliser les armes à feu contre eux, pour imposer le passage d'un pipeline sur leurs terres ancestrales.

Cordialement,

Jean-Michel Lavarenne

Candidat du Parti Vert du Canada pour Laurier-Sainte-Marie

3) **Anthony Martin - GPC Candidate Tobique—Mactaquac**

Merci de m'avoir contacté,

Je m'excuse si ma grammaire n'est pas correcte, j'apprends toujours à parler et à écrire en français. Prévenez-moi si vous avez besoin de précisions.

Soutenez-vous les droits des Palestiniens, notamment leur droit à un État propre basé sur les frontières de 1967, le retour des réfugiés palestiniens dans leurs foyers à l'intérieur de ce qui est maintenant Israël, et la fin de l'expulsion des Palestiniens de leurs terres et de leurs foyers, en particulier à Jérusalem-Est et en Cisjordanie ?

Le droit au retour doit être reconnu par le Canada; l'acte de réinstallation n'est qu'une nouvelle étape dans l'oppression des Palestiniens. La terre a été prise du peuple palestinien pour former Israël, et beaucoup plus de terres ont été empiétées depuis. Les Palestiniens méritent une pleine égalité, c'est un droit fondamental; Parler est juste ce que- parler. Il faut prendre des mesures réelles et le gouvernement israélien doit être tenu responsable de leurs engagements. Cela est particulièrement important pour les frontières de 1967.

Je respecte effectivement les droits des réfugiés palestiniens de retourner dans leurs foyers et leurs biens, comme le stipule la résolution 194 de l'ONU. Ils ont droit à leurs biens et devraient être indemnisés pour des terres qui leur ont été enlevées. Les Palestiniens ont été enlevés de force de leur propre maison afin qu'Israël puisse construire davantage de colonies. Ça ne peut pas rester. Le Canada affirme publiquement que l'appui à un État palestinien est opposé à l'idée de l'Assemblée générale des Nations unies. Cette hypocrisie doit être rectifiée.

En tant que membre élu du Parlement, soutiendriez-vous les efforts internationaux visant à influencer le gouvernement d'Israël pour qu'il respecte les résolutions des Nations Unies en faveur des droits ci-dessus?

Je soutiens et promouvoir les efforts internationaux et les sanctions contre Israël afin de protéger les droits palestiniens. Le Canada refuse tous deux de sanctionner Israël ou d'admettre qu'Israël est un État

d'apartheid. Le Canada sanctionnant injustement d'autres pays, il est inacceptable que le gouvernement ne s'engage pas à se lever pour les violations des droits de l'homme d'Israël.

Il est largement affirmé que toute critique d'Israël ou du gouvernement israélien est antisémite. Ce n'est pas le cas de la tenue d'un gouvernement responsable des atrocités commises n'est pas pertinente pour la religion ou le contexte du pays en question. La critique n'est pas antisémite. Toutefois, toute sanction prise devrait nuire au gouvernement et non au peuple. Les gens ne sont pas en faute pour des actions gouvernementales et ne doivent pas être punis en tant que tels. En vertu de la Loi sur les mesures économiques spéciales, le droit canadien exige des sanctions à l'encontre des pays qui commettent des «violations flagrantes et systématiques des droits de la personne».

Le Canada devrait promouvoir et participer à un embargo sur toutes les ventes militaires à Israël avec d'autres pays influents, à savoir les États-Unis. Israël devrait être tenu responsable de ses crimes de guerre, de son nettoyage ethnique et de l'apartheid. Tous les fonctionnaires concernés devraient faire l'objet d'une enquête approfondie et être tenus responsables. Des dirigeants israéliens comme Benjamin Netanyahu devraient être tenus responsables des actions qu'ils ont prises.

Envisageriez-vous de soutenir des sanctions économiques contre Israël s'il ne respecte pas ces résolutions de l'ONU ?

Le gouvernement canadien devrait enquêter sur les violations des droits des Palestiniens et prendre des mesures appropriées. Le Canada a l'occasion et l'obligation d'être un chef de file sur la scène mondiale, et nous pouvons le faire en défendant la Palestine, au lieu de tomber en dehors de ce que les États-Unis veulent faire. En vertu de la Loi sur les mesures économiques spéciales, le droit canadien exige des sanctions à l'encontre des pays qui commettent des «violations flagrantes et systématiques des droits de la personne». Je soutiendrais sans réserve les sanctions économiques contre Israël si elle ne respecte pas ces résolutions de l'ONU.

Merci encore,
Anthony Martin

4) Darcie Lanthier - GPC Candidate - Charlottetown

I am unambivalent in my support of Palestinians and their struggle against the apartheid state of Israel. As a Member of Parliament I would work to support Palestinians, even though I may be branded an anti-semitic by the Prime Minister.

I was one of the many Greens who voted for the policy motion to Boycott goods from occupied territories, to Divest from companies participating in the illegal occupation of Palestine and I strongly support Sanctions against Israel until progress has been made and people are safe in their homes.

I don't see how one can support Indigenous Reconciliation in Canada without supporting Palestinians in Israel.

Darcie Lanthier

5) Chris Kowalchuk GPC - Candidate - Milton

Dear Ian,

Damn straight I do, yes to all three questions.

That is one reason I stepped up to be a candidate.

We have diverse views in the Green Party of Canada

and that is a policy position the Greens have taken that I wholeheartedly support.

Best regards

Chris Kowalchuk

Green Party of Canada candidate for Milton

6) Chris Hill - GPC - Mississauga—Streetsville

Thank you for writing to me, Mr. Shaw. I will think about my answers to your questions.

7) Daniel Brisbin - GPC Candidate - Battle River—Crowfoot

Do you support Palestinians rights, including their right to a state of their own based on the 1967 borders, the return of Palestinian refugee to their homes inside what is now Israel, and an end to eviction of Palestinians from their lands and homes, particularly East Jerusalem and the West Bank?
I do.

As an elected member of parliament, would you support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of the rights above?

I will.

Would you consider supporting economic sanctions against Israel if it does not respect these UN resolutions?

Yes, boycotting Israel is a valid approach. We also need to stop selling them weapons.

Daniel Brisbin

8) Laurent Poliquin - Candidat PVC - Saint-Boniface—Saint-Vital

Monsieur Shaw,

Je ne connais pas de fond en comble les tenants et aboutissants de ce dossier éloigné des préoccupations des citoyens de ma circonscription. Sachez que je suis un fervent partisan du principe de la souveraineté des peuples, tel que le revendique certains peuples au Canada et comme peuvent le revendiquer les Irlandais, les Catalans, les Ukrainiens, les Corses ou encore les Palestiniens. Le Parti Vert reconnaît par ailleurs, et très explicitement, la souveraineté des communautés autochtones.

Quant aux Palestiniens, ils ont droit aux égards, à la justice et surtout à la paix, tout comme nous le souhaitons tous. Je n'hésiterais pas à appuyer toute démarche en ce sens, en suivant les recommandations de l'ONU.

À titre de député du Parti Vert :

J'approuverai la reconnaissance du droit des Palestiniens à un État dans les frontières internationalement reconnues, telles que décrites dans la résolution 242 du Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies, et je soutiendrai une solution à deux États au conflit israélo-palestinien, qui respecte les frontières d'avant 1967 et intègre un plan international visant à stimuler la prospérité économique des deux nations ;

J'appellerai les deux parties à adhérer au droit international ;

J'insisterai pour qu'Israël cesse l'expansion et la construction de colonies illégales au-delà des frontières de 1967 ;

Et je soutiendrai activement les efforts des groupes de la société civile qui œuvrent pour la paix, les droits de l'homme et la justice dans la région.

Le 20 septembre, soyez audacieux et envoyez des Verts au parlement canadien!

Laurent Poliquin

Candidat | Candidate Saint-Boniface/Saint-Vital

9) **Nathe Perrone - Candidatë - Bourassa**

Bonjour Ian,

Merci énormément d'avoir pris le temps de m'écrire.

La question sur le conflit israélo-palestinien me préoccupe grandement aussi. Je suis aussi un.e grand.e défense.r.use des droits de la personne.

Pour vous répondre simplement, la réponse est oui, à vos trois questions.

Comme vous le mentionnez, la politique officielle du Parti vert du Canada demande des sanctions du parti contre Israël. En effet, nous souhaitons que le gouvernement canadien implémente des sanctions économiques, un définancement et un boycott sur Israël. Cette politique a été rédigée et adoptée par les membres du parti.

En tant que parti de démocratie participative, toutes nos politiques sont rédigées par les membres et adoptées par les membres. Mon allégeance est envers les membres du Parti vert, envers les citoyen.es de ma circonscription et envers les individus marginalisés de la société.

De plus, le Parti vert du Canada ne fait pas de vote "whipping", ce qui veut dire que chaque élu.e "vert" est libre de voter en fonction de sa communauté pour les lois, sans être demandé de voter dans la même ligne directrice que son chef. Je voterai pour une loi qui va de pair avec notre politique concernant ce conflit.

Si vous avez d'autres questions, n'hésitez pas à m'appeler. Voici mon numéro de cellulaire: (514) 589-5670

Au plaisir,

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Nathe Perrone (Iel, they, them)

Candidatë pour Bourassa - Parti vert du canada

10) **Simon King - Candidat PVC - Longueuil—Saint-Hubert**

Bonjour Ian,

Merci d'avoir pris le temps de me contacter!

Tout d'abord, je tiens à préciser que les déclarations concernant le conflit Israélo-Palestinien de Noah Zatzman, l'ex-conseiller de notre cheffe, étaient complètement inacceptables. Après plusieurs interventions, dont celles de l'aile Québécoise du Parti Vert, celui-ci a finalement été remercié.

Je suis personnellement touché par toutes les violations du droit de l'homme, incluant bien entendu l'occupation israélienne dans les territoires palestiniens. Soyez assuré que je supporte entièrement vos trois revendications.

Au plaisir,

Simon King

11) **Stephen Fowler - GPC Candidate - Abbotsford**

I believe that criticizing the Israeli government over its treatment of the people of Palestine is not a criticism of Judaism.

I believe both Israel and Palestine deserve to exist.

I believe in sanctions being made against any state that is guilty of human rights violations as set out by the UN.

I believe the actions of the Israeli government toward the people and region of Palestine are those of a state practicing apartheid.

Stephen Fowler

12) Alain Lépine - Candidat dans la circonscription de Papineau

Bonjour M. Shaw,

Veillez d'abord savoir que le conflit entre Israël et la Palestine est d'une tristesse absolue et m'affecte personnellement depuis longtemps.

Dans mon esprit, les Palestiniens sont les plus grandes victimes de ce conflit qui dure depuis trop longtemps déjà. Je suis donc plutôt favorable à vos demandes.

Par contre, il y a des enjeux de pouvoir régionaux qui sont complexes et pour lesquels le Canada semble avoir bien peu de pouvoir. Le régime iranien et l'Arabie saoudite sont des acteurs importants dans la région qui semblent avoir fait de la Palestine et de la Syrie leur terrain de jeu de dispute.

Dans ce contexte, je favorise une approche qui mettrait de la pression sur Israël, mais aussi également sur le régime Iranien et l'Arabie Saoudite.

Cordialement,

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Alain Lépine

Candidat dans la circonscription de Papineau

13) Owen Bradley - Candidate - Green Party of Canada - Kitchener-Conestoga

Sorry for the late reply, we've had a lot going on behind the scenes today and that has kept me from checking my messages until late in the evening.

Our current leader's position on the gradual Israeli incursion into Palestinian territory is not shared by me or the the membership at large. Unlike other parties, we aren't led top-down. We require a leader to conform, but the membership define our philosophy, policies and select our candidates. As such, I am free to disagree with her and, on this, I most certainly do.

I have long believed the Palestinians deserve to have their pre-occupation (1967, if you will) borders respected and to be recognized as a nation unto themselves. I would respect any subsequent lawful arrests of those who continue terrorize either Israeli or Palestinians citizens, but would expect the Israeli government to allow for the free passage of both refugees and freedom fighters currently in prison or awaiting trial. I have little reason to believe a sovereign and recognized Palestine would pose an ongoing threat to their neighbouring Israeli population and would expect the same from Israel.

While my personal influence upon our governing party would likely be limited, I would have no issue with publicly supporting a global effort to enforce these remedies and would support any measure to impose sanctions (including limiting trade) with Israel in order to encourage other nations to apply similar pressure. Much like with the South African apartheid, we can and should be prepared to set an example for the world.

While I would rather not be paraphrased on social media, if you wish to share with me what you intend to post I would appreciate it. I won't attempt to censor you, I'll just want to ensure my position will be conveyed accurately. I'm also running on very little sleep, so it may be nice to correct any embarrassing spelling/grammatical errors before you post.

Should you have any other questions for me, please do let me know.

Regards,

Owen Bradley

Candidate - Green Party of Canada – Kitchener-Conestoga

14) Wayne James - GPC Candidate - Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman

hello Ian

My inspiration comes from the United Nations declaration on human rights which begins with the words, "Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world, Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people".

Yes, i support Palestinian rights, but how I would chose to point out these rights should i be elected to parliment i would prefer to be an action taken at the time. In present open debate i do support your pov as presented
wayne james

15) John Reist - GPC Candidate - New Brunswick Southwest

yes I fully support the palestinian people and their plite with the Isreali government

16) Unblind Tibbin - GPC Candidate -Humber River - Black Creek

Good day sir,

Yes I definitely support Palestinian rights and agree with all your questions. Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere and the Palestinian people have suffered for too long. Thank you for reaching out and have a great day.

Unblind Tibbin M.A

17) Lorraine Rekmans - GPC Candidate - Leeds - Grenville - Thousand Islands - Rideau Lakes

Hi Ian, Policy on issues is developed by GPC Members, and the Leader is a prime spokesperson for the members to advocate for member approved policy.

The Green Party supports a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict that addresses the security, economic, and religious concerns of the both sides.

Diplomatic efforts to build constructive relationships between the two communities are required.

Continued dialogue will build community support for the negotiated peace agreement, and will ease implementation and ensure that it does not break down from pressures within the Palestinian and Israeli communities.

Green Party MPs will:

- Endorse the recognition of a Palestinian right to statehood within the internationally recognized borders as described in United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, and support a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict that adheres to pre-1967 borders and incorporates an international plan for stimulating economic prosperity in both nations;
- Call on both sides to immediately stop the killing of civilians and adhere to international law;
- Protect as inviolable the right of the State of Israel to exist, in the absence of fear and conflict;
- Encourage the Canadian government to press for a mutually agreed-upon honest broker to engage in bi-literal and multi-lateral peace talks involving Palestinians and Israelis;

- Call on Arab countries to use their influence to broker an agreement between Hamas and the Palestinian National Authority to facilitate the promotion of peace amongst the competing Palestinian interests;
 - Call for an end to the collective siege of Gaza so that medical and humanitarian aid can be provided;
 - Call on Israel to stop expansion and the building of illegal settlements beyond the 1967 borders;
- Actively support the efforts of civil society groups working for peace, human rights, and justice in the region.

Lorraine Rekmans

GREEN PARTY OF CANADA

NOMINATED CANDIDATE

Leeds Grenville Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes

18) **Gabe Rose - GPC Candidate - Kitchener South - Hespeler**

Hi Ian,

Thank you for these questions.

> Do you support Palestinians rights, including their right to a state of their own based on the 1967 borders, the return of Palestinian refugee to their homes inside what is now Israel, and an end to eviction of Palestinians from their lands and homes, particularly East Jerusalem and the West Bank?

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Yes

> As an elected member of parliament, would you support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of the rights above?

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Yes

> Would you consider supporting economic sanctions against Israel if it does not respect these UN resolutions?

Yes

Please note that I do not support our leader's position on Palestine/Israel.

When I was involved in student politics during my time as a student at UOIT, I was a strong supporter of the BDS movement on campus.

Thanks again for the opportunity for me to state my strong support for Palestinian rights, and the opportunity for me to denounce my leader's stance on this issue.

Kind regards,

Gabe Rose

Green Party of Canada Candidate

Kitchener South - Hespeler

19) **Melanie Holm - GPC Candidate - Niagara Falls**

Hi Ian,

Thanks for reaching out. The Green Party's policies are founded on our core values, one of which is non-violence. We are committed to non-violence, and strive for a culture of peace and cooperation. We also believe in strengthening the UN's position as the global organization of conflict management and peace keeping. Please read more about this value here: <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/party/values/non-violence>

So to answer your questions specifically:

Yes, I support Palestinian rights.

Yes, I would support all non-violent efforts to encourage Israel to respect the UN's resolutions.

Yes, I support economic sanctions if necessary.

I hope this helps.

Melanie Holm

Federal Green Party Candidate, Niagara Falls

20) Angela Keller-Herzog - GPC Candidate - Ottawa Centre

Do you support Palestinians rights, including their right to a state of their own based on the 1967 borders, the return of Palestinian refugee to their homes inside what is now Israel, and an end to eviction of Palestinians from their lands and homes, particularly East Jerusalem and the West Bank? I support the protection of the inviolable right of the State of Israel to exist, in the absence of fear and conflict;

I support the recognition of a Palestinian right to statehood within the internationally recognized borders as described in United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, and support a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict that adheres to pre-1967 borders.

I support that as per Resolution 194, Article 11, Palestinian refugees wishing to return to their homes and live at peace with their neighbours should be permitted to do so at the earliest practicable date, and that compensation should be paid for the property of those choosing not to return and for loss of or damage to property which, under principles of international law or equity, should be made good by the Governments or authorities responsible.

I call on Israel to stop expansion and the building of illegal settlements beyond the 1967 borders.

As an elected member of parliament, would you support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of the rights above?

Yes

Would you consider supporting economic sanctions against Israel if it does not respect these UN resolutions?

Yes. In particular I am opposed to Canada exporting arms to Israel in view of its violations of international law and human rights.

Angela Keller-Herzog

Candidate - Ottawa Centre

21) Aidan Blum - GPC Candidate - Banff-Airdrie

Afternoon,

My position is that what Israel has been is nothing short of an apartheid state, and it is important that distinction is made. I will advocate for peace in the region and, if elected, will be bold enough to condemn the atrocities being committed by the Israeli government, and its military against the Palestinian people. A two state solution, and even an equal one state solution is possible, where faith, race, and other differences can coexist, but action must be taken to stop the conflict. So I pledge to be a strong voice in Ottawa for the human rights of Palestinians.

Solidarity,

Aidan Blum

Green Party candidate | Banff-Airdrie

22) Calvin Neufeld - GPC Candidate - Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston

Hello Ian,

I am a passionate defender of human rights.

Here is Green Party's position regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict:

5.9 The Israel – Palestine Conflict

The conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians is often viewed as intractable and irresolvable. More than three regional wars and two Intifadas have left deep scars on the bodies and in the 127 minds of the people of this troubled region. Strongly held views and historical claims are well entrenched on both sides, making this a complex and crucial conflict to understand. It is an unfortunate and continued source of tension for many in the Middle East and around the world.

It should be clear that continued support and use of military or insurgency strategies will not bring about an end to the conflict. The cycle of violence, loss of life, and desecration of human rights must come to an end.

The Green Party of Canada believes that any effort aimed only at one side in this conflict will not end the violent responses that exacerbate human suffering. Canada's role in the Middle East should be to reduce tensions, find working solutions, and uphold international humanitarian law, not to take sides in this chronic conflict. We must work towards a mutually acceptable compromise that will achieve a lasting peace between, and among, the Israelis and Palestinians.

The Green Party supports a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict that addresses the security, economic, and religious concerns of both sides.

Diplomatic efforts to build constructive relationships between the two communities are required.

Continued dialogue will build community support for the negotiated peace agreement, and will ease implementation and ensure that it does not break down from pressures within the Palestinian and Israeli communities.

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- Call on Arab countries to use their influence to broker an agreement between Hamas and the Palestinian National Authority to facilitate the promotion of peace amongst the competing Palestinian interests;
- Call for an end to the collective siege of Gaza so that medical and humanitarian aid can be provided;
- Call on Israel to stop expansion and the building of illegal settlements beyond the 1967 borders;
- Accurately label products so that consumers can differentiate between products of Israel and those of disputed areas;
- Amend the Canada-Israel Free Trade pact to allow for product differentiation;
- Actively support the efforts of civil society groups working for peace, human rights, and justice in the region.

Thank you for caring,

Calvin

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Calvin Neufeld
Green Party Candidate for Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston

23) Amanda Moddejonge - GPC Candidate - Thunder Bay - Superior North Candidate

Hi Ian:

Annamie's stance on the Israel Palestine issue was actually quite ignored by the media. When I pointed that out my own statements have been turned around on me. I have been incredibly disgusted with how this whole matter has been treated in the media because instead of focusing on Israel/Palestine Canada and the media paid attention to how the squabbling over this was affecting politicians. As soon as that happened we all lost the plot.

I would suggest that really and truly what we need is not to condemn one side or the other in this, but what we first need to start with is a serious reconsideration of our own relationship with the UN. It appears to me that they really started this whole mess when the League of Nations in 1922 with The Mandate for Palestine. It is pretty hard at this point to turn around and say that Israel is doing wrong when they are doing what they were told to do about 100 years ago. I am not saying here that they are in the right. What I am saying is that we are currently dealing with an inevitable issue that was caused by the UN. This issue is actually quite similar to one that we are dealing with in Canada with regard to the UN Convention on Genocide. I have a suspicion that one of the reasons that Israel is getting away with the atrocities that they are is because they likely have not adopted all of the articles within that Convention.

I would absolutely 100% support efforts to influence the Government of Israel to be clear on what their stance on the UN Convention on Genocide is, much the same way that intend on doing the same with my own Government. We also have not adopted all of the articles of the convention, which is why Canada has not actually 'committed genocide' as per international law in regards to First Nations people and communities. To be able to say this as plainly as this demonstrates the overall absurdity of the situation, and shows what the government shell game that is occurring really is. We may as well just accept that we are in another instance of "It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is...". So to clear this up, I intend to go to what I believe is the root of the problem and start there.

I don't support BDS, but that is for a whole lot of reasons. I think there are likely better ways to get the point across. The part of the movement I do support, however, is how they made it okay to question Israel's motivations and tactics. It all has to start somewhere.

Cheers!

Amanda

24) Austin Mullins - GPC Candidate - Calgary-Centre

Hi Ian,

Thank you for asking these important questions.

My answer is a resounding yes to all three questions. I support the official policy as directed by the membership and hope that our policies in support of Palestine will be strengthened at the earliest opportunity. If elected, I will do everything in my power to defend Palestian rights. I will always condemn apartheid and stand up for human rights the world around. I support the BDS movement and have publicly condemned Israel's actions in recent months.

Please share your social media info with me. I'd love to keep an eye on the response to what you share.

Cheers,

Austin Mullins (he/him)

Green Party of Canada Candidate for Calgary-Centre
Member-at-Large, Executive Council of the Green Party of Alberta

25) Elizabeth May - GPC Candidate - Saanich-Gulf Islands

Dear Ian Thomas Shaw,

Thank you for your letter requesting my position on the pressing issue of Palestinian rights.

I have been a fervent supporter of the rights of Palestinians and the requirement for a more even-handed Canadian policy related to our relationship with Israel.

My parliamentary record makes it clear that I have acted for Palestinian rights. Once the Conservatives were defeated in 2015, I worked with two other MPs, Alexandre Boulerice (NDP) and Mario Beaulieu (BQ) to re-create the Canada-Palestinian Parliamentary Friendship Group. We recruited a Liberal to be chair and then organized the largest ever parliamentarians trip to Occupied Territory. Working with the Permanent Representative from Palestine to Canada, in spring 2018, we brought 18 MPs from all five parties in parliament to a tour of Occupied Territory of the West Bank. We met with Palestinian leadership, educators, mayors and key NGO's like Breaking the Silence and B'tselem in Bethlehem, Ramallah, Hebron and Jerusalem. Our report called attention to the abuse of Palestinian children's right and human rights by the Israeli military.

In the 2019 election, I became the only leader of any party in Canadian history to raise the rights of Palestinians in an Election Leaders' debate. I took on Conservative leader Andrew Scheer when he attacked UNRWA in the Macleans debate.

In May 2021, I put the strongest question ever in Question Period (Hansard excerpt below)

Elizabeth May (Saanich—Gulf Islands)

2021-05-13 15:08 [p.7196]

Mr. Speaker, the increasing crisis in the Middle East is a danger to the region and beyond. We are hobbled when we limit our response to "both sides must de-escalate". Yes, they must, but true peace will never be achieved if we keep ignoring that one side is the occupier, the other is occupied.

This current crisis was provoked by actions of the Netanyahu government and other extreme elements within settler groups. Can Canada speak out clearly to defend the Palestinian people against illegal annexation, illegal settlements and illegal forced evictions?

Hon. Marc Garneau (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Westmount)

2021-05-13 15:09 [p.7196]

Mr. Speaker, Canada remains gravely concerned by the continued expansion of settlements and by the demolitions and evictions, including the ongoing cases of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan. These actions impact families and livelihoods, and do not serve peace or international law. Unilateral actions that prejudice the outcome of direct negotiations and further jeopardize the prospects for a two-state solution must be avoided. We will always stand ready to support efforts for a two-state solution.

As a truly global party, Greens have the benefit of asking our "cousins" in other countries about our own policy choices. Respect for Diversity and Support for Human Rights are two of our six core Green values. Greens are always in the forefront of denouncing human rights abuses wherever they occur around the world. Thanks to our eyes and ears on the ground around the world, we stand in solidarity with marginalized and oppressed peoples.

During the height of this spring's violent escalation, Stav Shaffir, leader of the Green Party of Israel wrote that moderates – Israeli and Arab – must make common cause against the extremists. ("There is only one war: Extremists vs. the Moderates," Haaretz, May 20, 2021). As Stav Shaffir, herself a former Knesset member, pointed out, extremists - Netanyahu and Hamas - are essentially allies in trying to destroy the chances for peace. Those seeking peace and justice must work together.

In that, there is no room for racism, hatreds, and name-calling smears. Mutual respect guides us in all things.

I hope this answers all your concerns.

Elizabeth May, O.C.

Candidate

Saanich-Gulf Islands

26) Imre Szeman - GPC Candidate - Kelowna—Lake Country

Dear Ian,

Thanks for the clarification as to why you wrote to me, as it was not clear exactly who you were asking.

I'm happy to indicate my support for the 2016 policy (I didn't find it attached, though I know the full doc from the Green Book).

Best, Imre

27) Michael Wright - GPC Candidate - Regina—Lewvan

Hi Ian, thank you for your questions!

I support a Palestinian state. I support the right of refugees to return to their homes. I support an end to eviction in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

I would support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel with respect to the mentioned United Nations resolutions.

I would consider targeted economic sanctions and in addition ask for the immediate end to military weapons exports from Canada.

Please check out the website for more information about our campaign!

www.michaelwright.ca/

Thanks!

Michael

28) Didier Pilon - Candidat PVC - Abitibi—Baie-James—Nunavik—Eeyou

Je supporte ma cheffe Mme. Paul, mais je suis en désaccord sur sa prise de position certains enjeux.

Je soutiens 100% la Palestine dans ce conflit impérialiste véhiculé par l'Israël.

-Didier Pilon

Candidat vert

<https://www.facebook.com/DidierPilonVert>

29) Thomas Trappenberg - GPC Candidate - South Shore—St. Margarets

Dear Ian,

The way this question has distracted us from the urgent work we need to do as a Green Party is sad and concerning, and I hope you are not asking this question to purley drive a wedge into Green progress.

Are you asking the same question to the other candidates? I am not sure if we can have a constructive discussion on social media, but I will try to illustrate my take on the situation.

The situation in Palestine and Israel has been very disastrous for a long time, and I think that any logical and informed person can see that there are terrible violations of human rights committed. It

seems you are looking for a simple answer of one versus the other, and I do not think that the situation is as simple, and I think that a simple answer would not help in any way.

I generally think the UN is a good place to take on the task of studying the situation and proposing solutions. So yes, in general I trust that the UN would have resolutions that I can support. I have not studied these resolutions in detail so that I can not comment at this time with all details. Unfortunately, the UN has increasingly difficulties putting their resolutions into practice, so it is of course always important to search for better diplomatic means. In general, I think that trading based on our values is something we need to use more. Divesting of oil is a great example.

I hope that all rightly thinking people are interested in solving this conflict and human rights violations. Also, there are so many other places in the world with terrible human rights violations and injustices, including Canada. So yes, I would be supporting any movements to prevent injustice based on my values, and my values include the right of every person to live a dignified life without physical or mental harm with equal opportunities and support. I think we all want this. The question is how we achieve this. In the case of Palestine I first ask the many scholars who have studied the situation for years and not simply follow social media advice.

BTW, Elizabeth May nearly resigned as leader over the Palestine/Israel question. Her point was not if we are for or against Palestine, but that we will always stand up for the rights of people. The debate over BDS at the time, which I followed with interest, was mainly if we can support a specific organization rather than a general cause. I remember a fabulous townhall where all sides had great arguments. However, I really question the social media attacks at that time and also at this time. I think these questions were used for other reasons. This is a type of politics that I will not do. I will stay true to real values and for helping with genuine progress, not just playing low-level politics.

Thus, at this time I will concentrate on bringing attention to the IPCC report on climate change. We just had a release of an update that shows that we are in real trouble. It is clear that we can not prevent any longer sea level rises and severe weather events, and that we are now at a point where we have to act quickly to prevent a very disastrous runaway of the climate. I know that there are many problems in the world, but I happen to think that investing now in the green economy of the future that also addresses climate change is something we can do here in Nova Scotia.

Regards, Thomas

30) Janine Gibson - GPC Candidate - Provencher

Thank you Ian for your appreciation of my candidacy and for your activism!

Our party's current position is unclear due to AP. I support the party's official policy of sanctions against Israel.

My response is a measure of respect for democracy and political transparency in Canada. Thank you for sharing my response so my values are clearly understood. I hope you are in Provencher for I support your perspective and welcome your support Sept 20th.

I support Palestinians rights, including their right to a state of their own based on the 1967 borders, the return of Palestinian refugee to their homes inside what is now Israel, and an end to eviction of Palestinians from their lands and homes, particularly East Jerusalem and the West Bank. This situation is so sad and must be addressed fairly!

I would continue to support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of the rights above.

No peace without justice!

Yes I would consider supporting economic sanctions against Israel if it does not respect UN resolutions. We need kinder more gentle government in these stressful times!

Think Green, Vote Janine! Share the message in Provencher MB!

Janine

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Janine G. Gibson

Principal Inspector, Creative Health Consulting

Steering Committee Chair, Organic Food Council of MB

- proud member of Canadian Organic Growers & MB Organic Alliance

31) **Lenore Morris - GPC - Candidate - Yukon**

Hello Ian and thank you for your message. I support the existing GPC policy:

<https://www.greenparty.ca/.../voting/resolutions/s16-p013...>

Lenore Morris

Green Party of Canada candidate for Yukon

Measures to pressure the government of Israel to preserve the two-state solution: addendum to current Middle East policy

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32) **David Urquhart - GPC - Hamilton Mountain**

Ian,

Most of the nations on the planet are in agreement that the Israeli State is in violation of international law. I, like others within our party, support Palestinians rights; including their right to a state of their own based on the 1967 borders, the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes inside what is now Israel, and an end to the eviction of Palestinians from their lands and homes, particularly East Jerusalem and the West Bank. I also would support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of those rights... and would most definitely consider supporting economic sanctions against Israel if it does not respect the UN resolutions.

Sincerely,

David Urquhart

33) **Phil De Luna - GPC Candidate - Toronto—St. Paul's** (This response was written by Mr. De Luna's campaign manager on his behalf)

Hello Mr. Shaw,

Thank you for your interest in Phil De Luna's campaign and policy positions. We appreciate your patience on a reply, as we took some time off over the long weekend.

The most comprehensive, recent backgrounder provided by the Green Party of Canada on Israel-Palestine can be found here.<https://www.greenparty.ca/.../green-party-canada-updates...> Note that there is an addendum at the conclusion. Phil supports the details and spirit of this document and will work hard to abide by it once in parliament.

Thanks again,

Tim Marskell

Campaign Manager | Team Phil De Luna

Electoral District Association CEO

Toronto-St. Paul's

Green Party of Canada

Attachment: Link to Green Party of Canada updates Israel-Palestine Conflict policy

34) **Devyani Singh - GPC Candidate - Vancouver Quadra**

Dear Ian,

thank you for reaching out and I am glad to have the opportunity to provide a response. While I cannot claim to be an expert on the Israel-Palestine conflict, I have and will continue to speak out against violence and hatred wherever it is seen. I also think it's important to be able to criticize governments but often critics of the Israeli regime get branded as antisemites. Green MP for Nanaimo-Ladysmith Paul Manly's chief of staff, Ilan Goldenblatt spoke out on this very subject so eloquently back in May and I agree with his words wholeheartedly:

"Equating the Israeli occupation with apartheid does not equal antisemitism [...] any more than saying that Canada was built on a genocide and disenfranchisement of Indigenous people is anti-European or anti-white."

To that end, I respect the official Green Party of Canada policy including the dire need for Canada to end its weapon exporting relationship with Israel, to demand that Israel abide by the UN recognized borders of its state, and to withdraw from its illegal occupation of Palestinian territory. This pressure may be exerted through economic sanctions, including a boycott of products produced in the occupied territory. This is not a comprehensive stance, but I believe it is a good place to start.

To me this comes down to consistency in our values of human rights as Greens. We believe that all people should have a right to self determination but it is clear that Palestinians currently have many of their rights restricted, and that recent events cannot be reasonably portrayed as an even conflict given that Israel is a clear oppressor. I find the actions earlier this year of the Green Party of Canada Leader differ from official party policy and are not consistent with our values as Greens.

If you have further thoughts about this issue or would like to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Thank you,

Dr. Devyani Singh

Candidate for Vancouver Quadra

www.devyanisinh.com

Scientist: Energy and Climate Policy

35) **Christina Wilson - GPC Candidate - Northumberland—Peterborough South**

Dear Ian ,

Here are my thoughts on the matter. The GPC has excellent policies on the matter and I agree with the Party Policy on this one.

The policy has been cut and pasted below. Take care, Christina Wilson

1. Support a two-state solution to the Israel- Palestine conflict that adheres to pre-1967 borders and also seeks to incorporate an international plan for stimulating economic prosperity in both nations.
2. Call on both sides to immediately stop the killing of civilians and adhere to international law.
3. Encourage the Canadian government to press for a mutually agreed upon honest broker to engage in bi-literal and multi-lateral peace talks involving Palestinians and Israelis.

4. Call on Arab countries to use their influence to broker an agreement between Hamas and the Palestinian National Authority to facilitate the promotion of peace amongst the competing Palestinian interests.
5. Call for an end to the collective siege of Gaza so that medical and humanitarian aid can be provided.
6. Actively support the efforts of civil society groups working for peace, human rights, and justice in the region.

36) Leigh Hunsinger-Chang - GPC Candidate - Cariboo-Prince George

Dear Mr. Shaw,

This is a very important and complex issue, thank you for your interest and questions. I am not an expert in this area and commit to continue to learn more and evaluate the situation and my stance as things change. I follow the Green Party of Canada (GPC) core values of: Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Participatory Democracy, Non-Violence, Sustainability, Respect of Diversity. I am strongly in support of protecting human rights around the world. I am familiar with and support GPC policy and further addendum on Israel and Palestine, I have attached the link here and think it will answer many of the questions you have on the parties' stance (Green Party's Policy and Addendum). The GPC supports Palestinian human rights and is prepared to criticize actions by the Israeli government, even though we are very committed to the right of the State of Israel to exist. The Policy calls on the Government of Canada to take strong diplomatic action to stop the illegal occupation and expansion in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. We stand in support of a two-state solution in the region and efforts for long-term peace and security for both Israel and Palestine.

To clarify the process of altering GPC policy, in the Green Party Constitution, party policy can only be changed through membership gathering in a general meeting.

I hope this helps answer your questions.

Kind regards,

Leigh Hunsinger-Chang

Green Party Candidate, Cariboo-Prince George Riding

37) Melanie Hoffman - GPC Candidate - Edmonton Riverbend

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your important question. When I was deciding to run, this issue was very important for me to have clarity on, so I checked the most recent membership approved policies (2018) and found that GPC policy appears agreeable to me with the knowledge I currently have. I am no longer able to locate that document on the greenparty.ca website, which must be rectified - but had thankfully downloaded the document.

In line with this document (S16-P013, G14-P22 and G08-p042), I support a two-state solution adhering to pre-1967 borders, a peaceful return of Palestinians to their communities, and bi- and multi-lateral peace efforts.

I am absolutely in support of international efforts to ensure UN resolutions are respected, and would certainly consider supporting economic sanctions.

We must work together to assure human rights are respected, and ground our work in our Green values of nonviolence and respect for diversity.

Sincerely,

Melanie

Dr. Melanie Hoffman (she/her)

Your Voice for Edmonton Riverbend

38) Mimi Lee - Green Party Candidate - Markham-Thornhill

Good day Ian,

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict started way back in the Old Testament era and we are not in the position to try to “solve” that. The Green Party of Canada stands by peace & non violence, inclusion, social justice and respect for diversity. We support the 2-state solution. As a foreign country, Canada should not interfere and we are not in the position to get involved in any conflict. People can be very passionate about these, understandably. However, to be peacemakers we rise above our emotions and we should not take anyone’s side in an armed conflict.

"A peaceful mutual arrangement & resolution by the parties concerned in the region" is what we stand by. This should be across the board for all territories around the globe. Not one single region or international dispute should be under constant scrutiny. While there may be alleged human rights issues involved in many of these disputes (which is obviously a concern), a fair minded approach would examine concerns across them all. And clearly some are far more heart-wrenching than others and should not be ignored.

If you check out my campaign website (teammimilee.ca), you will see I have been a human rights activist and I push Canada to condemn countries that are proven violators of International Human Rights Law (IHRL).

Please also check out my platform to find out more of what I stand for.

Kindly consider volunteering for my campaign and/or donate to support me. Please stay healthy.

Mimi Lee

Markham-Thornhill MP candidate for the Green Party

39) Catriona Wright - GPC Candidate - Calgary Rocky Ridge

Hi Ian

Thank you for your email. I am happy you asked this. The Green Party’s current policy position is a two state solution. I fully support a two state solution but this policy doesn’t take into account the recent worsening situation where I feel stronger language is needed. The Green Party also has a policy in support of sanctions against Israel for products made on Palestinian lands.

To answer your questions:

Yes I absolutely support the return of refugees and an end to evictions.

Yes if elected I will support international efforts as outlined.

I do already support the Green Party’s policy on economic sanctions and will support discussion on whether further sanctions are needed.

Warm regards,

Catriona

40) Ran Zhu - GPC Candidate - Wellington—Halton Hills

Hi Ian,

Thank you for your email and bringing attention to this matter. I support human rights and UN efforts to restore human rights. I have condemned human rights abuses in my own birth country.

This is a serious issue that requires attention. It is complex and requires a more intimate knowledge of the situation than I could possibly have as a Chinese-Canadian. I am committed to taking cues and

advice from informed groups, including Jewish Voice for Peace, IfNot Now, Na'amod and constituents like yourself.

Please educate me on the matter, as I am eager to learn more.

Kind regards,

Ran Zhu

41) Mike Morrice - GPC Candidate - Kitchener Centre (submitted by Mats van Kleef, campaign manager for Mike Morrice)

Hello Ian,

Thank you for your advocacy for democracy and human rights, and these informed questions. I would like to preface Mike's views by noting that the Green Party does not "whip" MP into voting along party lines. This means that Mike's opinion and his vote on this matter is completely his own. He can be a real representative for the people of Kitchener Centre. Here are his views:

Do you support Palestinians rights, including their right to a state of their own based on the 1967 borders, the return of Palestinian refugee to their homes inside what is now Israel, and an end to eviction of Palestinians from their lands and homes, particularly East Jerusalem and the West Bank?

Yes, Mike fully supports these Palestinians rights. He doesn't believe he has the right to come up with solutions on behalf of Palestian people, but he promises to listen to those who are oppressed to know what action they would like allies to take. He agrees that all people have a basic human right to a home, and one that is safe.

As an elected member of parliament, would you support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of the rights above?

Yes, Mike supports international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect these basic rights. Mike believes in the UN process and international diplomacy being used instead of violence. There is overwhelming international support for Palestinian Rights, but there are certain governments, including the US, that protect Israel. Canada has also been complicit and has a poor UN voting record concerning Palestinian Rights through 2019. Canada made a departure from its historical record in 2019 signalling increased support for Palestine. We must ensure our government continues to support these basic rights.

Would you consider supporting economic sanctions against Israel if it does not respect these UN resolutions?

Yes, Mike would support economic sanctions if Israel doesn't respect these UN resolutions. These sanctions are an important part of the nonviolent toolkit of international diplomacy to pressure the State of Israel to follow international law. They were pivitol in the movement to end apartheid in South Africa and are part of what Palestinian people are asking the international supporters to do. The situation has become extreme enough to justify it.

I hope this adequately addresses your questions about Mike's stance. He is always open to learning more about the situation and the action that Palestinian people would like parliamentarians to take. Thanks again for your advocacy on this important topic.

Kind regards,

Mats

Mats van Kleef (he/him/il)

Campaign Manager for Mike Morrice

42) Katerina Nikas - GPC Candidate - Central Nova

Dear Ian,

Thank you for your email and your concern for Palestinian human rights as a Canadian citizen residing in Central Nova.

I am in fact a fierce advocate for Palestinian human rights, and have been for quite some time now. As an elected member of Parliament, I would greatly support international efforts to influence the Government of Israel to respect United Nations resolutions in support of the right to self determination and sovereignty based on the 1967 borders.

Additionally, I would support economic sanctions against Israel if it does not support UN resolutions, as well as accurately labelling consumer products that are coming from the Occupied Territories.

I hope this answer suffices, and please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Katerina

43) Frédéric Olivier - Candidat PVC - Châteauguay—Lacolle

Bonjour Ian,

Je ne suis pas un expert du moyen orient, mais j'ai, à travers les années, été le malheureux lecteur de trop nombreuses nouvelles rapportant des frappes dans la bande de gaza, et d'autre part des tirs de roquettes sur Israël, et l'annexion de territoires par Israël à travers les années.

Mon espoir, c'est que ce conflit puisse trouver un équilibre pacifique, et à cette fin, les pressions internationales semblent visiblement nécessaires. Si élu, je ferai ce qui est en mon pouvoir pour que le Canada joue son rôle diplomatique à cette fin.

Je vous souhaite sincèrement, pour vous et les gens qui vous sont proches, que ce conflit cesse et que les gens puissent vivre en paix.

Bonne élection et merci encore de m'avoir contacté.

Cordialement,

Frédéric Olivier

44) Paul Manly - GPC Candidate - Ladysmith-Nanaimo (response submitted by his campaign team of his behalf)

Dear Ian,

My name is Irene and I'm part of Paul Manly's re-election campaign team. To learn more about Paul's stance on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, I encourage you to read the following blog: Criticizing human rights abuses is not anti-semitism. <https://www.paulmanlymp.ca/.../criticism-is-not-antisemitism>

All the best,

Irene

45) Simon Gnocchini-Messier - Candidat du PVC - Hull-Aylmer

Soutenez-vous les droits des Palestiniens, notamment leur droit à un État propre basé sur les frontières de 1967, le retour des réfugiés palestiniens dans leurs foyers à l'intérieur de ce qui est maintenant Israël, et la fin de l'expulsion des Palestiniens de leurs terres et de leurs foyers, en particulier à Jérusalem-Est et en Cisjordanie ?

Je suis pour la recherche d'une solution qui permettra aux deux nations de cohabiter. Le Hamas revendique les frontières de 1967, par contre les palestiniens plus modérés ont abandonné cette idée. Je

suis donc avec tous ceux qui souhaitent un état indépendant au côté d'Israël. Ils devront tous faire preuve de diplomatie et abandonner les actions violentes. Autant le Hamas qu'Israël.

En tant que membre élu du Parlement, soutiendriez-vous les efforts internationaux visant à influencer le gouvernement d'Israël pour qu'il respecte les résolutions des Nations Unies en faveur des droits ci-dessus ?

En tant que membre du Parlement, je soutiendrai les Palestiniens et les Israéliens qui veulent trouver une solution pacifique à ce problème. La violence ne fait que déstabiliser la région et les éloigne d'une solution, d'une résolution du conflit.

Envisageriez-vous de soutenir des sanctions économiques contre Israël s'il ne respecte pas ces résolutions de l'ONU ?

La solution viendra par l'entremise d'un dialogue non-violent, par des compromis des deux côtés et par les institutions en place sur le territoire. La présence d'Arabes au sein de la Knesset permet le dialogue et la recherche de solutions. Cela étant dit, j'envisagerai de soutenir des sanctions économiques contre Israël si la situation le demande.

46) **Christian Cullis - GPC Candidate - Burlington** (submitted by Mr. Cullis' campaign manager)

Good afternoon Ian,

My name is Kyle Hutton and I'm the campaign manager for Christian here in Burlington. I apologize for not getting to your e-mail much sooner, as it got lost in the flurry of hundreds of form e-mails all candidates tend to get, particularly at the moment you sent it.

Christian's position on the conflict in Palestine and Israel is the same as our Party's and our Leader's – we support a two-state solution based on the 1967 borders, we support the end to the discriminatory evictions of Palestinians from their homes, and we support a multi-lateral peace process that focuses on de-escalation and reconciliation.

If elected, Christian will support any efforts to ensure peace and justice in the region – and that of course includes ensuring the Government of Israel adheres to UN resolutions on the borders and settlements.

As with regard to sanctions, GPC policy does not currently find BDS compatible with our stated aims of a return to negotiated resolution. However, Green Members of Parliament are not beholden to party policy nor to leadership whips, and Christian is willing to listen to all voices on the matter before making a final decision.

I hope this answers your questions – please reach out anytime, and again, I'm sorry we couldn't get this to you sooner.

Thank you,

Kyle Hutton

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47) **Elvin Kao - GPC Candidate – Markham-Unionville**

Hi Ian Thomas Shaw,

Thank you for your email and your concerns about Palestinian people.

I have signed the VotePalestine.ca [vote pledge](#) that includes vote in support of all UN resolutions which aim to uphold Palestinian human rights. The UN General assembly has adopted resolutions that include not to recognize any changes to the pre-1967 borders. All questions you have asked are all addressed in the vote pledge.

The Green leader has deviated from what is established in our Green party policy book.

Regards,

Elvin Kao

Markham-Unionville MP Candidate

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48) Amanda Cain - GPC Candidate - Scarborough Southwest

Dear Ian,

Good morning and thank you for your email. I have signed the [Vote Palestine pledge](#) as it aligns with the Green Party of Canada platform and my own personal convictions.

Sincerely,

Amanda Cain

2021 MP Candidate Scarborough Southwest

Green Party of Canada