Economic & Social Policy and International Affairs #6

Subject: Solidarity with Workers and in Opposition to War, Bombing, and Mass Civilian Harm

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WHEREAS, SEIU Local 503, OPEU is grounded in the principles of justice, dignity, equity, and solidarity with workers and oppressed people across the world, and

WHEREAS, workers and civilians in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Iran are experiencing catastrophic conditions due to sustained military bombardment, displacement, and destruction of civilian infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Israeli military actions including widespread bombing campaigns have resulted in mass civilian casualties, the loss of tens of thousands of lives, and the devastation of entire communities; and

WHEREAS, the United States government provides significant military funding and support that enables ongoing military operations in the region, raising serious concerns about complicity in human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, global human rights organizations and international bodies have raised grave concerns about violations of international law, collective punishment, and acts that may constitute genocide; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SEIU Local 503, OPEU stands in unwavering solidarity with workers and civilians in Palestine, Lebanon, and Iran and all communities impacted by war, bombing, displacement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn the bombing of civilian populations, the destruction of essential infrastructure, and the ongoing harm inflicted on working-class communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we do not support, condone, nor remain silent in the face of mass atrocities including acts that may constitute genocide or ethnic cleansing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our state's Senators and Congressional leaders to re-evaluate their role and ensure that policies and funding do not contribute to further violence and/or human rights violations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that SEIU Local 503 support the full and immediate delivery of humanitarian aid to affected populations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that SEIU Local 503 remains committed to international worker solidarity and to opposing war occupation and violence in all forms.

IMPACT STATEMENTS
Financial: No fiscal impact **Equity**: Although a heavily politicized and controversial topic in today's climate, this resolution would have a positive impact as advocating for humanitarian aid and an end to violence would have the potential to saves workers' lives, improve quality of life, and prevent further suffering. **Legal**: No legal impact **Political**: This resolution directs our union to do federal advocacy related to genocide, war, and ethnic cleansing, and the funding of war in the Middle East. While this is generally consistent with existing policy positions at both SEIU Local 503 and the International Union, any changes to our policy positions on federal issues and foreign affairs will be led by our International Union.