

Friends Meeting of Austin Minute on Genocide in Gaza

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Friends Meeting of Austin adopts a minute calling on the US and Israeli Governments to end the genocide in Gaza. Minuted at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, May 4, 2025,

Because of our testimonies of integrity and equality and our commitment to peaceful resolution to conflicts, Quakers from Austin Texas call on our US government to end American complicity in genocide as defined by the international Genocide Convention. We know that many of our elected officials support the United States and Israeli governments' actions. To be silent in these horrific times is to be complicit in genocide ourselves.

We call on our president, senators and representatives to follow, rather than violate, US and international law by:

- Ensuring the immediate delivery and distribution of humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza and ceasing to provide the military equipment, materials, and supplies that are used in the support of the genocide.
- Condemning US and Israeli statements and actions relating to ethnically cleansing Gaza of Palestinians as we do for any people anywhere.
- Denouncing the Trump administration's tactic of supporting the genocide by punishing Americans, students and others for their speech critical of the genocide. Stopping all attempts to cancel visas and deport people whose only supposed crime is their speech, whether expressed orally, in writing, or through non-violent protest.