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WHY FDPM

1. The objective of the FDPM is to promote the political, human, legal, and natural rights of the Palestinian people through education, culture, media, and all available peaceful and lawful means guaranteed by the US constitution.
- 2- To raise awareness of the Palestinian political, cultural, historical, and social issues, and to disseminate progressive ideas among the Palestinian and Arab communities.
- 3- To harness and channel the energy of the Palestinian American community, advance its just cause, confirm its political presence, and broaden its influence in the USA through education and not through advocacy or involvement with any political candidates or political campaign intervention.
- 4- To empower the Palestinian American community to become active in local and national politics through education about the American political and civic systems.

POINTS OF UNITY

The FDPM's Points of Unity can be summarized as follows:

1. To stand against systemic and all forms of racism, including Zionism, discrimination against indigenous Peoples, Black Peoples, and peoples of color, Sexism, Islamophobia, Homophobia, Religious discrimination, and xenophobia.
2. The freedom of the Palestinian people to exercise their right to establish their own free political, social, legal, economical, and cultural entity after the liberation of Palestine
3. Rejection of all and any attempt to partition Palestine.
4. The rights of all Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and lands of origin, and to full restitution of all their confiscated and destroyed property in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and International law.
5. The struggle to liberate Palestine is part of the struggle to liberate the Arab World.
6. The rejection of the Oslo accords and all its ramifications including the so-called deal of the century.
7. Resistance against oppression, colonialism, and military occupation and subjugation is a human right sanctioned by International law.
8. Our struggle is an organic part of the American and global struggles for freedom, peace, social, and economic justice.



9. We believe that free healthcare and education for all is a human right.
10. Our movement is part of the green movement worldwide to save and protect the environment including food production and distribution, clean water, and air.
11. Woman liberation and equality is vital to the freedom of all.
12. Defending the political, social, legal, and civil rights of the Palestinian Communities in the US and worldwide.

INTERNAL BY-LAWS

1. The Free Democratic Palestine Movement's (FDPM) strength and growth is a prerequisite to its ability to deliver and advance its message and implement its programs.
2. The purpose of these bylaws is to govern and regulate the internal relations within the organization to achieve its objectives and goals in an organized and efficient manner.

THE FIRST ARTICLE

Name: Free Democratic Palestine Movement (FDPM)

THE SECOND ARTICLE

Goals and Objectives:

1. The dissemination of information and ideas to achieve a broad acceptance of our points of unity amongst our communities, the public, and politicians.
2. Organizing activities and programs to reinforce our ideas and points of unity.

THE THIRD ARTICLE

Membership Requirements:

1. Every person 18 Years or older may join the FDPM.
2. All members are required to pay dues
3. Organizations, Associations, and Unions may join the FDPM as supportive organizations after paying annual dues.
4. All members must agree to all Points of Unity.

THE FOURTH ARTICLE

Acceptance of membership:

1. Anyone who meets the membership requirements may join the local chapters through the invitation of an existing member, and by a majority vote of that FDPM committee.
2. The Central leadership may refuse the recommendation of a membership for a compelling reason.



THE FIFTH ARTICLE

Membership Rights:

1. To practice the democratic right of discussion of all issues in committee meetings. To criticize all mistakes, which may hinder the work of the committee in meetings but not in public.
2. To practice the right of voting, discussing, and participating in the decisions of all matters pertaining to the local committee in which they are a voting member including nomination and election in the committee.

THE SIXTH ARTICLE

Relations within the committees:

1. Democratic relations prevail within the committees between members. Such relations necessitate respecting the point of view of every member, and the respect of the opinions of the majority by the minority after the views of the minority have been heard.
2. All members should abide by the democratic decisions after the vote becomes the policy of the committee.
3. The National leadership committee can object to local decisions that contradict the policy of the organization or is in contradiction of a national policy that causes harm to the organization and its standing or its alliances. That will be done in a meeting with the local committee to discuss and explain the premises of such objection.

THE EIGHTH ARTICLE

Disciplinary Measures:

1- Warning:

- A. Members who refrain from their duties.
- B. Members who are absent (3) consecutive meetings without excuse.
- C. Mistreatment of others.
- D. Those who do not abide by the decisions of committees.

2- Dismissal

1. Those who receive (3) disciplinary measures are no longer considered members of the committees.
2. Those who do not attend meetings,
3. Those who work against the goals of the committees.

THE NINTH ARTICLE

The structure of the committees:

1. Each chapter elects a steering committee to carry on the major tasks such as work in Centers and Clubs and the public.



2. Each chapter elects one person as head of the committee. In the event of the existence of more than one committee in one city, a coordinating committee is formed from the various committees to better coordinate the activity of the committees in the area.

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE

Because of our circumstances as a new organization, our framework will reflect our reality. We shall establish local committees in the areas where we have the capacity. We shall also establish committees from adding sole members in different areas to areas when necessary.

The steering Committee will continue to function as a national leadership body at this stage of FDPM development.

Existing committee areas: San Diego, LA area, Bay Area, (Oregon + Boston+ Arizona.)

THE TENTH ARTICLE

Local Committee Election

1. Elections are carried out through a secret ballot, orally, or by raising a hand.
2. Elections are carried out once every two years for all local committees.
3. Motions are passed by simple majority during all meetings.

FDPM Programs

1. The measure of FDPM organizational success is not a subjective matter but is based on the objective results of planned and organized action, political awareness, and measurable success.
2. We must work diligently and with a long-term forward outlook and implement FDPM programs in innovative and creative manners.
3. We must be flexible in adapting, changing course, and choosing an alternative route whenever the field proves that our ideas, practices, and policies are not working, unsuitable to reality without compromising our principles.
4. Incorporating feedback from all reliable sources, including members, and allies on a regular basis.

WHAT ARE FDPM WORK AREAS?

1. Education: using Art, culture, Literature, Academics, and all available educational means and social media and any available technology to maintain our communities' support for FDPM goals and objectives.
2. Community: to engage with popular organizations such as community clubs, community centers, religious establishments, and community associations to ensure our Communities' participation and support of FDPM programs, goals, and objectives. This must be done in a manner that does not affect them negatively but influence



them politically to adopt our popular political tendency by gaining their trust and by our hard work to support and protect these institutions.

3. Solidarity: To build a local and national solidarity movement with FDP's goals and objectives by raising public awareness about the true nature of zionism and Israel. To expose the US role in supporting Israel and the toll on the daily lives of the American taxpayers it exerts, and the role of that support and aid in oppressing the Palestinian people, and the threat it poses on peace and Justice worldwide.
4. Women: Pay special attention to recruiting and nurturing women to take up a leadership role in all aspects of the organization.
5. Youth: Pay special attention to this sector as they are the future. We must recruit, educate, and train them to take up a leadership role in the Organization as a priority recruitment.

The ELEVENTH ARTICLE

Dissolution

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purposes.