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Whereas,

In the past two weeks, thousands of Palestinian and Israeli civilians have been killed in Gaza. The United States government and military contractors play an active role in arming the Israeli military, which is currently engaged in a siege against Gaza, which human rights organizations like Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the Israeli group B'Tselem have called a humanitarian crisis;

Whereas,

War is union business, and American unions like the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (UE), and international allies of the AFL-CIO such the Canadian Labour Congress, the Trades Union Congress (in the UK), the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, and the International Trade Union Federation have called for a just peace;

Therefore be it resolved,

That the Thurston Lewis Mason Central Labor Council (TLMCLC) opposes in principle any union involvement in the production or transportation of weapons destined for Israel;

Be it further resolved,

That while the TLMCLC agrees with the AFL-CIO's statement calling for a "just and lasting peace," we would ask our parent federation to also publicly support an immediate ceasefire and equal rights for Palestinians and Israelis;

Be it finally resolved,

That the CLC will establish a committee to examine this issue in further detail, to investigate ways our member unions may be participating in this war, and to make further recommendations to the CLC at the next general meeting.

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