

National Lavender Caucus
Green Party of the United States
Action Proposal

Proposal Title: Boycott World Pride Jerusalem Endorsement
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Date Submitted: 6/21/06
Discussion Close: 6/28/06

Action Requested: Endorsement by National Lavender Caucus of the statement at: <http://www.boycottworldpride.org/id2.html> see text below.

Vote yes, no or abstain
Action Close:6/30/06

Results: 23 Caucus members cast votes. 13 no votes, 9 yes votes, 1 abstain.

The following NLGC members cast votes:

Leslie Bonett, John O'Brien, Jerry Gerash, Owen Broadhurst, Jesse Lickel, Shane Que Hee, Scott Nass, Jim Sanders, Claire Mortimer, Cyndi Norwitz, Thomas Leavitt, Jack Fertig, Stan Henry, Judith Grant, Starlene Rankin, Ian Chamberlin, Jay Pond, Michelle Kinnucan, Marakay Rogers, David Silva, Jesse Heiwa, Stephen Spring, Tim Casebolt.

Certified By: Tim Casebolt, secretary.

Proposal Text:

As individuals and groups working for the liberation of all oppressed peoples, we join in the call to boycott travel to World Pride Jerusalem in 2006 as part of the international boycott of Israel. Although the event is named, "Love Without Borders," Israel has illegally occupied Jerusalem for decades, and has functionally annexed the city. Jerusalem is a city with borders that are constantly enforced by the Israeli army. These borders -- including militarized checkpoints and towering concrete walls -- are often impenetrable to Palestinians and other Arab people.

We support the rights of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and other queer-identified (LGBTIQ) people to love and live in freedom, and to demonstrate publicly to demand their/our rights. These rights should not be placed in competition with the long struggle of the Palestinian people, including Palestinian LGBTIQ people, for self-determination, for the right to return to their homes, and the struggle against apartheid and the occupation of their lands.

We urge all people who seek peace and justice to support the travel boycott of World Pride Jerusalem as a part of the boycott of Israeli goods, and the call to divest from Israel. Together we can build a free and fair world for us all.