

Dear Unitarian Sisters and Brothers,

Jewish Voice for Peace Bay Area (JVP) unequivocally supports the Unitarian Universalist Association's business resolution on divestment from companies profiting from Israel's occupation of Palestine. We appreciate that UU has already divested from Hewlett Packard, Motorola Solutions and Caterpillar, but we believe an official statement from the church about the divestment would have significant impact. It would encourage Palestinians and people around the world supporting them in their struggle. It might lead companies to think twice before serving an illegal occupation and will counter current anti-BDS efforts.

Many Jews stand in opposition to Israeli's long-standing and untenable occupation of Palestine. We at JVP recognize that standing up for the human rights of the Palestinian people in no way suggests anti-Semitism. The UU business resolution in particular has nothing anti-Jewish about it.

The JVP Rabbinical Council supports boycotting and divesting from the occupation, writing, "BDS sets forth a vision for nonviolent resolution built on the basic democratic principle of equality under the law." We urge the Berkeley congregation to support the resolution.

JVP Bay Area Interfaith Committee