

The following referendum is being submitted by the undersigned for a vote in 2011 by the owners of the Sacramento Natural Food Co-op as provided by in Article X, Section 10.06 of the Co-op Bylaws.

Human Rights Initiative

Whereas the Cooperative Principles stipulate that cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities; and

Whereas members of the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op (SNFC) recognize that promoting sustainability requires action at the local, national, and international levels; and

Whereas the SNFC promotes products that reflect concern for the well-being of both animals and human beings, a key to sustainability; and

Whereas the SNFC has the opportunity to participate in a grass-roots effort for Palestinian human rights;

Be it therefore resolved that the SNFC will immediately stop ordering and, within 60 days of the passage of this initiative, will stop selling any products that are: a) made by Israeli-owned companies, b) produced in Israel or in any of Israel's illegal settlements or c) made with agricultural products or raw materials from Israel or its illegal settlements. (This does not apply to Israeli cooperatives that have signed on to the 2005 call from Palestinian civil society for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, a non-violent effort to pressure Israel to respect human rights and international law.)

SNFC may resume carrying Israeli products, as described above, when Israel has done the following, as determined by the United Nations:

- 1) Ended its occupation and illegal settlement of Palestine's West Bank, Gaza and the Syrian Golan Heights as required by U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338 and the Geneva Conventions.
- 2) Ended its illegal blockade against Gaza and ceased any actions that prevent Gaza residents from having complete freedom of movement and access to their land, sea, and airspace.
- 3) Ended any form of institutionalized discrimination against its citizens on the basis of religion, race, or nationality and assured that all of its citizens have equal rights under the law, including equal access to and ownership of land; and
- 4) Complied with the requirements of U.N. Resolution 194, including allowing Palestinian refugees to return to their lands and homes.

If these conditions have not been met within two years of adoption of this referendum, the Co-op Board shall put this referendum on the ballot to be voted on again by members at the next election.