

# L.A., Orange County and the Inland Empire join global wave of solidarity with Gaza

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Port workers are striking all over the world for Gaza. And in Los Angeles, 21 organizations from L.A., Orange County and the Inland Empire came together to protest in front of the federal building in Westwood. Just months ago, this same federal building was occupied by the National Guard.

The protest was just a mile away from UCL.A. and the West L.A. Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and received a lot of attention and support from cars driving by the busy Westwood intersection. One woman who happened to be driving by even decided to grab her Palestine flag from her trunk and join the protest.

All speakers brought their hearts and humanity into their speeches, creating a community space filled with bravery and determination to put a stop to this genocide. They reminded us of the dire situation in Gaza created by the Zionist occupation and funded with U.S. tax dollars.

Together we stood in solidarity with the Global Sumud Flotillas and the port workers around the world. Support for Gaza continues to grow in the U.S., and protests like these remind us that there is power in numbers. Now, our presence on the street is even more important as the fascists in the U.S. government try to silence our voices by any means necessary. We cannot let them.

