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Anti-Semitic Facebook Post by Providence Democratic Socialists of  
America Condemned by RI Coalition for Israel

RI Coalition for Israel (RICI, [www.ricoalitionforisrael.org](http://www.ricoalitionforisrael.org)) today condemns in the strongest possible terms a Facebook posting on November 30, 2018, by Providence Democratic Socialists of America. The post called for participation in the so-called 'Deadly Exchange' campaign, whose objective is to end a long-standing exchange program between US and Israeli law enforcement agencies.

"This campaign rests on the disgusting blood libel that Israel, and by extension American Jews who support the exchange, are responsible for police brutality in the US. It is an accusation based on a vicious lie. It is intended to unite the Left and support the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement by slandering Israel," according to Mary Greene, RICI President.

The Deadly Exchange campaign was originated by Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), a radical group which has been condemned by all mainstream American Jewish and pro-Israel groups as anti-Semitic. RI Coalition for Israel, a grassroots coalition of Christians and Jews which supports Israel, the Jewish people, and traditional Judeo-Christian values, has been waging its own campaign to force the Greater RI Board of Rabbis to expel its member Rabbi Leora Abelson, who herself is a member of the Rabbinic Council of JVP.

The law enforcement exchange program was developed and is run by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). "In November JVP mounted a pressure campaign targeting Governor Raimondo and Colonel Anne Assumpico, but they failed to keep Rhode Island out, even with the cooperation of DSA, largely because it was publicly exposed by RICI. Unfortunately, they did

succeed in getting two other New England agencies to pull out of the December program,” , according to Dave Talan, Vice-President of RICl. “Unfortunately, this is only the beginning. The lie is spreading through the radical Left. To the those in the Jewish community not blinded by liberal ideology, we see a slide to anti-Semitism of the Left which cannot end well”, according to Howard Brown, RICl Executive Director.

“Any organization that cooperates with Jewish Voice for Peace or supports BDS is guilty of anti-Semitism. To their credit, the RI Women’s March pulled out of the national women’s march because of anti-Semitism in the leadership. DSA apparently has no such concerns. BDS, which calls for the end of the Jewish State, is discriminatory because it denies only the Jewish people the right to national liberation. But there should be no place in Rhode Island for discrimination against the Jewish people. It should be condemned by all groups that say they support human rights and anti-discrimination, unless in their minds the Jewish people just don’t count.”

(see image below)



Providence Democratic Socialists of America



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Comrades! Time-sensitive action alert from folks at Jewish Voice for Peace, if anyone has a moment to call the governor's office and try and stop an ADL-organized delegation to Israel that includes an RI Police Lieutenant. More info & instructions here:

**Here's the scoop: We just learned that the Rhode Island state police are sending Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F. Philbin to on a training junket with the Israeli military. His plane leaves TOMORROW NIGHT.**

**After successful grassroots campaigns this week, Northampton, MA and Vermont canceled their participation -- it is entirely possible to win here. But we have to act fast!**

For the last two years, JVP has been fighting to end what we call the "deadly exchange" - these trips where high ranking US law enforcement officers train with the Israeli army, police and secret service. Under the banner of "counter-terrorism best practices," Israeli officials are presenting the techniques used for maintaining 50 years of illegal military occupation over a Palestinian population deprived of human and civil rights. Now we find out that Rhode Island is sending one of our highest ranking state police officers.

The two decision makers here are Governor Raimondo and Colonel Ann Claire Assumpico (the top officer in the Rhode Island State Police).

**We've got just 1 day to convince them to do the right thing and cancel the trip.**

We think we can tip the scales with a few very high quality and personal touches from leaders throughout the region. Please take 10 minutes to call or send a personal email. all the details



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