



Dear supporters and friends,

The US Palestinian Community Network is taking unprecedented steps in the movement for self-determination and liberation in Palestine and justice in the Middle East – and we can't do it without your help. This summer, the US Palestine Community Network is joining thousands of other social justice community organizers for the US Social Forum from June 22-26 in Detroit.

The movement for self-determination and liberation in Palestine is at a crucial point. As Israel continues to suffocate the people of Gaza with its ongoing siege and thumb its nose at the Obama administration with continued illegal settlement construction and the expansion of the apartheid wall, the situation for the Palestinians is becoming more and more urgent. Change is only possible by strengthening the existing nonviolent direct action movement for justice in Palestine and **making Palestine a part of all social justice movements**. The United States Social Forum (USSF) is more than a conference, more than a networking bonanza, more than a reaction to war and repression. The USSF provides a space to create and strengthen allies, share our experiences, spread awareness, and build coalitions necessary for positive change. The US Social Forum is an opportunity for our justice-seeking community to unite with other social movements in the United States and abroad, to learn from the work of other social justice movements and to develop a collective strategy and vision necessary to realize another world.

Palestine will be a part of this year's US Social Forum in several ways. First, there will be a Palestine tent throughout the five day Forum that will feature Palestinian and Arab culture, informational literature, a Nakba gallery, and other essential contributions by various community organizations. There will be at least 21 Palestine-related workshops at the Social Forum. There will also be Palestinian speakers on the Forum's plenary panel thereby making Palestine a focal point of the US Social Forum.

Bringing Palestine to the US Social Forum can be done only with your help and contributions. To meet our fundraising goal of at least \$5,000, we invite you to not only contribute but to lead fundraising efforts in your own communities. We invite you to use and share this letter widely for the purposes of strengthening the movement for justice in Palestine.

We invite you to participate by:

1. Making a donation
 - Via PayPal: <http://palestineconference.org/wp/donate-to-support-uspcn/>
 - Via mail: USPCN, 522 Valencia St, San Francisco CA 94110
2. Purchasing advertising space in our printed and online programs which will reach thousands of participants
3. Planning a fundraising party or event
4. Contributing a portion of proceeds from an event put on by you or your organization
5. Encouraging friends, family members, colleagues and comrades to match your donation

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

US Palestinian Community Network - US Social Forum 2010 Organizing Committee

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about USPCN

The US Palestinian Community Network is a Palestinian community-based network that grew from the Palestinian Popular Conference that took place in Chicago on August 8-10, 2008, drawing 1000 members of the Palestinian community in the US together to empower our community, unify our voice, and affirm the right of Palestinians in the Shatat (exile) to participate fully in shaping our joint destiny. The USPCN is anchored in the following objectives:

- Self-determination and equality for the Palestinian people
- The right of all Palestinian refugees to return to their original homes, lands, properties and villages (a natural right supported by international law and UN Resolution 194)
- Ending Zionist occupation and colonization of Palestine

The USPCN is an arena where individuals and organizations come together to coordinate and refine strategies, link efforts, plan united actions, and inform one another and the community about their work on behalf of Palestine.



Contributions like yours make it possible to organize the community, and make sure hundreds of Arabs and Palestinians are present at the US Social Forum. Your contributions may be tax deductible – if you are interested in tax-deductible status, please contact uspcn.ussf2010@yahoo.com.

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