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Pro-Palestine Activists Call for the U.S. out of the Middle East

DATE: Monday, October 7th at 5pm

LOCATION: Lafayette Square, New Orleans

EVENT: Oct. 7 US out of the Middle East Rally and March.

(NEW ORLEANS, LA) — On the evening of Monday, October 7th, pro-Palestine activists will gather at Lafayette Square for a rally and march to demand that the United States end all military involvement in the Middle East. The protest will reiterate the right to resist the genocidal Zionist occupation of Palestine, and the catastrophic conditions that the United States, through its support of Israel, has brought to the region.

The rally and march, organized by New Orleans Stop Helping Israel's Ports (NOSHIP), falls on the 1-year anniversary of the al-Aqsa Flood. In this one year, at least 200,000 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed in the US-backed genocide by Israeli Occupation Forces, nearly all of the 2 million living in Gaza are displaced, attacks by Occupation Forces and Israeli-settlers have continued to increase, killing hundreds, in the West Bank, and Israel has started to catapult the entire region into war by extending its genocidal, terror campaign into Lebanon, killing over one thousand people.

Organizers of the rally and march are calling on the New Orleans community to “stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine and Lebanon, and the liberation movements currently resisting U.S. imperialism and Zionism.” Further, the organizers have urged the community to call on all United States leaders – including representatives in local, state, and federal government – to immediately withdraw all U.S. support for Israel, including stopping military and economic aid as well as withdrawing all American forces from the region.

The rally will begin at 5 pm at Lafayette Square, from which participants will march to City Hall.

Participating organizations are New Orleans Stop Helping Israel's Ports (NOSHIP), Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO), Loyola Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), Tulane SDS, New Orleans Healthcare Workers for Palestine, Voters Organized to Educate (VOTE), Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM), Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL), Voice of the Experienced (VOTE), and NOLA Freedom Forum.