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Statewide Organizations Unite for Emergency Coalition, Host Largest Palestine March in Louisiana History

DATE: Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4pm

LOCATION: Canal Place, continuing through CBD

EVENT: Statewide March for Palestine on Canal St.

New Orleans, LA — This Sunday, Palestinians and allies throughout Louisiana will join together to protest against the ongoing genocide in Gaza and the 75-year Israeli colonial occupation of Palestine. The march will follow the Saints vs. Carolina home game, beginning at Canal Place and marching two miles down Canal Street through the Central Business District, before ending at its starting point.

To amplify the message of Palestinians in Gaza and around the world, 25+ local organizations have formed an emergency coalition to draw masses to Sunday's protest. This comes after 65 days of mounting Israeli violence in Gaza and across historic Palestine, committing what a growing number of [international agencies](#) define as war crimes against civilians, journalists, and humanitarian workers. At this time, more than 17,000 have been killed in Gaza alone.

Here in Louisiana, organizers across religious, social, and political groups are uniting to request immediate action from state lawmakers. The groups, comprised of organizations such as [Masjid Omar](#), [Jewish Voice for Peace](#), and [New Orleans DSA](#), focus their efforts on three main objectives: apply pressure on our representatives to call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza; end all US aid (\$3.8+ billion annually) to Israel; and call for an end to Palestine's occupation.

Given the growing national support toward the Palestinian cause, organizers are preparing for the largest pro-Palestine protest in Louisiana's history.



It is the hope of the coalition that such a powerful, unified demonstration will draw more attention to the brutal, 75-year occupation of Palestine, while highlighting the fact that more than \$30 million in Louisiana tax dollars support arming the IDF, despite [deep budget cuts](#) for [critical social services](#).

“We urge the people of Louisiana to research and understand where their tax dollars are going – because they certainly aren’t being put back into our communities,” says a member of the coalition. “That’s why we march and use our voices, to make sure people know Israel’s brutal occupation of Palestine affects them because their taxes are paying for it.”

About the Organization

The 12/10 Statewide March for Palestine is a collaborative effort by local members of Masjid Omar, The Islamic Center of Baton Rouge, Jefferson Muslim Association, Jewish Voice for Peace, NOCOP (New Orleans for Community Oversight of the Police), NOSHIP (New Orleans Stop Helping Israel’s Ports), PSL (Party for Socialism and Liberation), Healthcare Workers For Palestine, LOUD Queer Youth Theater, VOTE (Voice of the Experienced), BYP (Black Youth Project), UNO Students for Justice in Palestine, UNO Students United, Worker’s Voice, Loyola SDS (Students for a Democratic Society), New Orleans DSA (Democratic Socialists of America), Tulane 4 Palestine, New Orleans for Palestine, Tulane SDS, Dillard University for Palestine, Project Ishmael and local Buddhist groups. Led by Palestinian New Orleanian organizers, each of the named organizations in this coalition stands in solidarity with the people of Palestine and against Israel’s ongoing genocide.