

Oakland Education Association (similar resolution passed by SF Labor Council)

Abolish United States Imposed Economic Sanctions

Whereas sanctions and economic blockades are being imposed by the United States and its allies – in violation of international law – against countries that resist Washington’s neoliberal policies and regime change efforts; and

Whereas U.S. imposed sanctions are a form of economic warfare, causing death and suffering in some 39 countries with one-third of the world’s population as of 2019; and

Whereas U.S. imposed economic sanctions block access to fuel, raw materials and replacement parts interfering with the functioning of critical infrastructure i.e. electrical grids, water treatment & distribution facilities and hospitals;

Whereas in every country facing U.S. imposed economic sanctions, the most vulnerable – infants, children, the chronically ill and the elderly -- suffer the most; and

Whereas the US military budget continues to increase while funding for public education and social programs suffer cuts; and

Whereas U.S. imposed sanctions involving asset freezes and property seizures are modern day piracy, allowing for massive redistributions of public wealth from sovereign countries into the accounts of U.S. banks and financial institutions; and

Whereas many organizations have been fighting U.S. imposed economic sanctions for some time independently, now is our opportunity to collectively seek the abolition of all United States imposed economic sanctions which in effect constitute undeclared war, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Oakland Education Association go on record in opposition to United States-imposed economic sanctions against other countries, and in support of the March 13 - 15, International Days of Action against U.S. imposed Sanctions and Economic Warfare during the month of March 2020, including endorsing the March 14 Oakland public educational forum.

(Passed unanimously on March 2, 2020 by the OEA.)