

JCRC Statement on the Iran Nuclear Agreement

One of the missions of Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), a division of the JFRC, is to gather and disseminate information to inform and educate our constituents. To that end, JCRC leadership participated in webcast addresses from President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu, a conference call with Vice-President Biden and a webcast with Dr. Robert Satloff, Executive Director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. We also received input from the Israel's Consul General for the Southeast and a wide range of other credible sources.

Our Federation represents a diverse Jewish community with varying viewpoints. We, along with all in the community, abhor the idea of nuclear proliferation in the Mideast generally, and in Iran specifically. JCRC also recognizes that people can differ on what is best for Israel and the US vis-à-vis the agreement with Iran. As you formulate your own opinion of the agreement, we suggest that you focus on the question "Will the deal enhance the security of the United States, Israel and our allies in the Middle East and the world?" as stated by David Harris, Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee.

We further urge you to read the actual agreement itself* or, at the very least, seek out the opinions of those you trust who have. Please also consider the following:

1. Real and existential security concerns of Israel
2. Any agreement must remove all pathways to a nuclear weapon for Iran and must include an effective and verifiable inspection and compliance process
3. **According to the U. S. Department of State, Iran has a history of non-compliance with the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT)
4. ***According to the U. S. Department of State, Iran remains the leading state sponsor of terrorism supporting, among others, Hamas and Hezbollah
5. Iran continues to call for the destruction of Israel and the US
6. The Obama administration and the [P5+1](#) (the five [permanent members of the United Nations Security Council](#)-China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, United States-plus Germany) are in alignment in favor of the plan
7. The current government of Israel, and its opposition, are in alignment against the agreement
8. **The US congress has not yet voted to accept or reject the agreement (its deadline will be approx. mid-September) so you can make your opinion count by contacting your legislators**

Below you will find information both supporting and opposing the issue. We hope that the information we provide will help inform your viewpoint. **We further hope that you will actively advocate for your position with your elected legislators.**

Links to the Iran Nuclear Agreement, statements from other Jewish Federations, statements from major Jewish organizations, contact information for US Representatives and Senators from NC, and bullet-point citations:

*<http://www.state.gov/e/eb/tfs/spi/iran/jcpoa/>

<https://jewishfederations.org/fedworld/federations-statements-on-iran-agreement>

https://fedweb-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/fed-19/2/Jewish%20Organizations%20Statements%20on%20Iran_JFNAlead.pdf

www.govtrack.us/congress/members/NC

** <http://www.state.gov/t/avc/rls/rpt/2015/243224.htm#Iran>

*** <http://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/crt/2014/239410.htm>

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