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# Letters to the Editor

Anti-BDS legislation

Kudos to Cindy Swanson.

An article in the Oct 4th issue of the Lamorinda Weekly reports on an Orinda Town Hall meeting in which Cindy Swanson spoke out against the anti-BDS legislation supported by Rep. Catharine Baker.

In endorsing anti-BDS legislation, Catharine Baker has bowed to a foreign country's attempt to squelch our first amendment rights. This is as shameful as giving that same country more than 10 million dollars a day in military aid while it violates international law with impunity.

Despite multiple presidential pleas to cease building settlements, Israel continues to demolish Palestinian homes and rip up Palestinian orchards. The anti-BDS legislation supported by Catharine Baker would inhibit any business that criticizes this gross violation of human rights from doing business with the state of California.

This is but another example of the detrimental subjugation of American values to the interests of Israel. Freedom of speech is central and essential to our American democracy. Let's not encumber it at the behest of a foreign country.

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Thanks to Garden Club for 'Toxic Puzzle' showing

We would like to publicly thank the Orinda Garden Club for arranging the special sold out showing of "Toxic Puzzle: Hunt for the Hidden Killer" and guest Dr. Paul Alan Cox. For anyone who missed the award winning documentary about the search for cures for Alzheimer's, ALS and Parkinson's, known as the brain tangle diseases, please checkout the website toxicpuzzle.com. Charitable donations to further this research may be directed to the 501 (c)(3) nonprofit Institute of Ethnomedicine at brainchemistrylabs.org.

We have known Dr. Cox for many years and are very excited about the wonderful progress he is making.

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