

Humboldt Democratic Socialists of America Join the Boycott Chevron Campaign, Demanding Accountability

Israel's current war on Gaza is fueled by oil. As the major supplier of oil to Israel, Chevron is complicit in the genocide. This is why the Humboldt Democratic Socialists of America (HDSA) has joined a national campaign targeting local Chevron stations. The idea is not to lay the burden of accountability on local operators. That would not only be unfair but would have little to no impact on Chevron. We understand that fuel is an essential service for the everyday person. The objective is to inform local distributors of Chevron's complicity in the genocide and demand that they send a letter to Chevron Corporate which calls for Chevron's complete divestment from Israel. We also demand that they place a sign in each of their storefront windows decrying Chevron's human rights violations across the globe. Chevron needs to feel the pressure from customers, community members, franchise owners, station owners, and managers. By continuing to be complicit in this genocide Chevron puts the reputation of their company and its workers at risk, not to mention the impending financial consequences.

Currently, HDSA's target is Redwood Oil, a local Chevron franchise. They have 23 fuel stations across the California coast. Seven (7) of those locations are in Humboldt County. We have made multiple attempts to contact Owner Peter Van Alyea and HR Manager Ashley Walker, including in-person outreach at each of the Humboldt Stations, and sending certified mail to their corporate office. We have been ignored and, as promised, we are escalating our course of action. We have distributed flyers and educational materials urging consumers to Boycott Chevron, particularly Redwood Oil.

At 1pm on March 22nd, 2026, we will be holding a banner drop and educational community gathering at the Arcata Pedestrian Overpass Bridge to continue spreading the word and urging the community to Boycott Chevron until our demands are met.

This work is part of a National Boycott Chevron campaign which is backed by BDS (Boycott Divest Sanction), USCPR (United States Campaign for Palestinian Rights), American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), and DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) National. Many independent Palestinian rights groups and ecological groups have also joined in on this fight.

Over a quarter century ago, Chevron (called Texaco back then) created a humanitarian and ecological disaster in the Ecuadorian Amazon. They dumped 3.2 million gallons of toxic waste, spilled 17 million gallons of crude oil and flared nearly 50 million cubic feet of methane gas. This destroyed wide areas of the rainforest and its wildlife and left a toxic residue that has caused cancer and death. The company also collaborated with evangelical missionaries to forcibly displace Indigenous peoples. The victims of the pollution and displacement have never received reparations. People living with cancer and health issues as a result of Chevron's reckless actions do not have the resources for treatment.

Chevron has only paid 0.006% of the over \$50 million fines they have racked up from their crimes, environmental and otherwise, out of 70 international litigations in 31 countries as of 2021.

We are not alone in this and we believe we can win. That being said, holding Chevron accountable is no easy task. We anticipate a long fight. Back in the 1980s, Shell was boycotted due to their complicity in the South African Apartheid. They were violating the South African oil embargo. A Boycott Shell campaign was levied and eventually, the company withdrew from South Africa and stopped violating the embargo. This decision was made in part due to a 6.6% drop in shares in the UK from the Boycott. We believe that with persistence, dedication, and community engagement Chevron can also be pressured to divest. We need to hit them where it hurts - in the pocketbook.

Chevron's crimes are not a one-off - it is a pattern of outright disregard for the wellbeing of human lives and our environment. In a June-July 2025 United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council report, it was noted that Chevron supplies approximately 70% of Israel's domestic natural gas consumption. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been paid to the Israeli government by Chevron as part of their business dealing. The crude oil imports are used to fuel the Israeli militaries' actions, going straight to military jet fuel.

There is much more to say about Chevron's crimes in Israel, from the impacts on maritime activities to the restriction of Palestinian's access to electricity. They also are involved in American politics and have spent nearly \$28.5 million lobbying the US government, including energy issues. If you'd like to learn more, we recommend checking out the Boycott Chevron pages on USCPR, AFSC, and BDS.

We ask that you sign onto the [national petition](#) demanding that Chevron divest from the Israeli government. We ask that you partake in the Chevron boycott. Get your gasoline elsewhere and don't purchase Chevron-branded products. Finally, we implore you to join the campaign. There are many ways to get involved. The Boycott Chevron [USCPR training resources](#) is a great place to start.

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