

WEST POSITION ON ISRAEL

Senator West believes that a two-state solution is the best solution between Israel and Palestine.

Senator West supports the solutions outlined in the Clinton Parameters for a two-state solution, including allowing Jewish areas of Jerusalem to be secured as the capital of Israel and for the Palestinian areas on the eastern side of Jerusalem to become the capital of the Palestinian state.

Borders must be negotiated through an agreement or treaty between the two countries that are supported by the citizens of both states.

Management arrangements for the Old City and the Holy Basin are key so that Jews may access and worship in areas such as the Western Wall and other holy sites.

In order for a lasting peace and workable treaty, the construction of new Jewish settlements in the Arabic neighborhoods of East Jerusalem must stop, as this will reduce tensions significantly. Palestinians should no longer be stripped of their residency in Jerusalem.

Additionally, Senator West believes now is the time to act concerning a two-state solution. Unfortunately, as radical elements push violence and dissension in both Israel and Palestine, he believes we must act now to end the violence and ensure that the region can move forward.

Senator West supports continued aid for Israel. Senator West believes Israel is our strongest ally in the region and we must all, together, work for peace in the region not only relating to Israel and Palestine, but toward all nations to best advance America's national security interests and those of Israel.