

We Are Asking RE/MAX International Stop Selling Homes in Illegal Israeli Settlements!

RE/MAX International profits from the military occupation of Palestine.



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What's the Issue with Israeli Settlements?

RE/MAX International and RE/MAX Israel rent and sell properties in illegal Israeli settlements on land where Palestinians have lived for centuries. Hundreds of thousands of Israeli settlers are now living in the militarily occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, facilitated by the destruction of Palestinian homes and farms. They drive on roads that Palestinians aren't allowed to use and consume ten times the water resources available to Palestinians.

What's the Problem with RE/MAX in the Settlements? In January 2016, Human Rights Watch published *Occupation, Inc.*, which states that *"by advertising, selling, and renting homes in settlements, both the Israeli franchise of RE/MAX and RE/MAX LLC ... facilitate and benefit from the transfer of Israeli civilians into occupied territory and the associated human rights abuses."*

How Does RE/MAX Support Israel's Illegal Occupation? International law on the settlements couldn't be clearer. The Fourth Geneva Convention states: *"The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies."* Israel's continuous occupation of the territories is in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 242, which was passed unanimously in 1967 - supported by all of the Security Council's member countries - including the United States. By profiting from the sale and rental of properties in the settlements, RE/MAX supports the occupation.

Why Are We at a Local RE/MAX Office? *We are not protesting the activities of the realtors in the Oak Park RE/MAX office.* We have two reasons for being here. The first is to educate our neighbors about RE/MAX's business practices in occupied Palestine. The second is to put pressure on RE/MAX's president and board of directors to cease activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. To that end, we are delivering a letter to the local office today, which we are asking to be sent on to David Lininger – founder and president of RE/MAX.

For More Information on RE/MAX in the Occupied Palestinian Territories – see Human Rights Watch Report: *Occupation Incorporated: How Settlement Businesses Contribute to Israel's Violations of Palestinian Rights* <https://www.hrw.org/report/2016/01/19/occupation-inc/how-settlement-businesses-contribute-israels-violations-palestinian>



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