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Resolution on Calling of Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, Demanding CSU Divestments from Corporations complicit in military action in Gaza, and Reaffirming Exercise of 1st Amendment Rights on University Campuses

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 12,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, increased acts of hate and aggression towards personal beliefs have been increasingly prevalent on college campuses around the US and the world; and

WHEREAS, Hamas led a series of surprise attacks against Israel from the Gaza Strip killing 1,200 Israelis¹; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations reported more than 30,000 people have been killed in Gaza, including 14,685 children and 9,670 women as of April 22²; and

WHEREAS, the UN rights chief, Volker Turk, estimates roughly 1.2 million Gazans have forcibly been cornered and calls for immediate ceasefire and releasing hostages taken from Israel and those held in arbitrary detention³; and

WHEREAS, the UN General Assembly overwhelmingly votes for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire on December 12, 2023⁴; and

WHEREAS, Amnesty International reports persistent restrictions by Israeli authorities on the entry of essential humanitarian goods into the Gaza Strip, despite the International Court of Justice's orders for immediate measures to safeguard Palestinian civilians; and

¹[https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R47828#:~:text=On%20October%207%2C%202023%2C%20the,citizens%20in%20Israel\)%20were%20killed.](https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R47828#:~:text=On%20October%207%2C%202023%2C%20the,citizens%20in%20Israel)%20were%20killed.)

² <https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/04/1148876#:~:text=Mounting%20toll,to%20be%20under%20the%20rubble.>

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⁴ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/12/1144717>

WHEREAS, President Biden requested Congress to appropriate more than \$14 billion in Israel-related funding, and more than \$9 billion in global humanitarian assistance with 1.4 billion provided for Gaza⁵; and

WHEREAS, the conflict has led to the destruction of educational institutions in Gaza, with the tragic loss of over 5,479 students, 261 teachers, and 95 university professors due to ongoing military actions; and

WHEREAS, National encampments urge universities to divest from corporations implicated in military actions in Gaza, encompassing all financial engagements, including endowments; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2024, 150 pro-Palestine protesters occupied Siemens Hall and the lawn outside at the Cal Poly Humboldt campus where they were forcibly removed from their encampments resulting in 25 arrests and school closure for the remainder of the Spring Semester until May 10, 2024⁶; and

WHEREAS, Students for Justice in Palestine led peaceful protests at Sacramento State University on April 29, 2024, where multiple student representatives from Students for Quality Education (SQE) and Associated Students stood in solidarity⁷; and

WHEREAS, campus police and local officials refrained from removing the students at Sacramento State University, demonstrating support for student's rights to peacefully protest and the maintenance of a safe space for exercising constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento State President Dr. Luke Wood extends approval of pro-Palestine encampments as it is a positive demonstration of free speech⁸; and

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⁶<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/30/nyregion/california-poly-humboldt-protests-arrests.html#:~:text=The%20protesters%20made%20several%20demands,the%20start%20of%20the%20protests.>

⁷<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/30/nyregion/california-poly-humboldt-protests-arrests.html#:~:text=The%20protesters%20made%20several%20demands,the%20start%20of%20the%20protests.>

⁸ https://www.instagram.com/p/C6Z9q-9Rz4b/?img_index=2



WHEREAS, Fresno State, CSU Fullerton, and other universities have demonstrated peaceful protests on their campus; and

WHEREAS, the CSU Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees released a statement advocating for the rights of students to exercise their freedom of expression as long as it complies with federal, state, and local laws⁹; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), the largest progressive Jewish anti-Zionist organization in the world, advocates for a complete economic, cultural, and academic boycott of the state of Israel and considers supporters of Israel to be complicit in Israel's purported acts of racist oppression of Palestinians¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, CSU Chancellor; Mildred Garcia, and Board Chair; Wenda Fong, released a statement days after the October 7 attacks recognizing freedom of speech and condemning acts of Islamophobia and Antisemitism¹¹; and

WHEREAS, the California State Student Association and the Associated Students of Monterey, SDSU, SJSU, Chico, Sacramento, Fullerton, CSULA, and Fresno have passed resolutions condemning human rights violations and calling for a ceasefire in Gaza¹²; and

WHEREAS, the CSU California Faculty Association and CSUEB Academic Senate have voiced solidarity with the Palestinian people¹³; and

WHEREAS, CSU Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation, Article I ensures all students and employees have the right to participate fully in CSU programs¹⁴; and

⁹<https://www.cbsnews.com/sacramento/news/pro-palestine-demonstrators-set-up-encampment-on-sac-state-campus/>

¹⁰ <https://www.adl.org/resources/background/jewish-voice-peace>

¹¹ https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/condemning-antisemitism-islamophobia_2023.aspx

¹² <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JgukI3s2Rgx3VNiQxzEdgodL7VP3RIZ1/view>

¹³ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i9SB5ZRVB57eKLBjvww7ZdW7-oTexN1ERr0INWueivo/edit>

¹⁴ <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/12891658/latest/>



WHEREAS, CSU Policy further states in Article II, Section A prohibits discrimination based on Nationality, Race or Ethnicity (including color, caste, or ancestry), Religion (or religious creed), and other protected statuses¹⁵; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB's policy on Time, Place, and Manner reaffirms the exercise of free speech and assembly rights as long as it does not disrupt university activities and complies with federal, state, and local laws¹⁶; and let it be further

WHEREAS, CSUEB ASI's resolution on May 30th, 2018 calls for Divestment from Corporations Complicit in the Occupation of Palestine¹⁷; and let it be further

WHEREAS, Associated Students of SJSU, Stanford, Sacramento, and other student government organizations across the country urged their university leadership to divest from companies complicit in human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB ASI has a history of taking principled stands on significant issues, demonstrating its role as a leader in social justice¹⁸; and

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI recognizes that this issue is not religious but rather pertains to human rights, and upholds the values of tolerance and acceptance of all religions while rejecting notions of islamophobia and antisemitism; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns all forms of human rights violations, violence, hate crimes, hate speech, Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, and discrimination; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns any corporations and/or actions made by elected governing officials that support, aid, or remain in compliance with human rights violations against the Palestinians; and let it be further

¹⁵ <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/12891658/latest/>

¹⁶ <https://www.csueastbay.edu/universitycommunications/posting-guidelines/time-place-matter.html#:~:text=At%20California%20State%20University%2C%20East.%2C%20state%2C%20and%20local%20laws.>

¹⁷ <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/30/nyregion/california-poly-humboldt-protests-arrests.html#:~:text=The%20protesters%20made%20several%20demands,the%20start%20of%20the%20protests.>

¹⁸ <https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/asi-government/resolutions.html>



RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI calls for a bilateral humanitarian ceasefire safe return of all hostages and unjustly detained civilians; and let it be further

RESOLVED, California State University, East Bay recognizes the significant impacts on CSU student success and learning from the ongoing humanitarian crisis; and lets it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI urges the CSUEB students, staff, faculty, and community members to stay educated and informed on past and current events affecting Jewish and Palestinian communities; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI calls for CSUEB administration and UPD to provide protection and guidance to students and faculty, tenured and untenured, who wish to participate in any humanitarian rights organizing on campus grounds; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI calls for students and faculty to adhere strictly to CSU policies against Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI supports a non-violent call for targeted divestments from corporations that show implicit support to human rights violations against the Palestinians; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI continues to support whereas and resolved clauses of Divestment from Corporations Complicit in the Occupation of Palestine resolution on May 30th, 2018; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI is committed to creating a learning environment that not only educates students about global issues but also equips them with the skills to be proactive, informed, and compassionate global citizens; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that the ASI encourages the university administration to adopt a public stance and issue formal statements on significant international human rights issues, thereby positioning CSUEB as a leader in social advocacy among academic institutions; and letting it be further



RESOLVED, that CSUEB ASI will work with administration to regularly review and update the university's policies on discrimination and harassment, ensuring they remain effective and reflective of current legal and social standards; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI supports and will actively encourage the use of restorative justice practices in resolving any incidents of campus misconduct related to discrimination, harassment, or hate speech, fostering a more understanding and reconciliatory approach to conflict; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI advocates for the creation of an annual 'Human Rights Day' at CSUEB, featuring events, workshops, and presentations to underscore the importance of human rights, celebrate diversity, and promote campus-wide education on these pivotal topics; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that President Sandeen signs off on the Muslim studies minor

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI stands against all forms of anti-semitism, islamophobia, hate crimes, doxing, and suppression of First Amendment rights at all universities across the United States; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI urges CSUEB Foundation, California State University system, and the City of Hayward to disclose and divest from corporations with financial contributions to human rights violations against the Palestinians; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI encourages CSUEB students to foster a culture of peace and understanding within the university setting during these times as disagreements and discourse play a critical role in higher education; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to our University President Cathy Sandeen, Chief of Staff to the President Derek Aitken, the Vice President for Student Affairs Suzanne Espinoza, Interim Provost Kimberly Greer, University Diversity Officer Kathleen Wong (Lau), Vice President of Administration and Finance Myeshia Armstrong, Vice President of University Advancement Evelyn Buchanan, Academic Senate Chair Christina Chin Newman, Academic Senate Vice Chair Kyzyl Fenno-Smith, Mayor Salinas, Mayor Pro Tempore Angela Andrews, Councilmember Ray Bonilla Jr., Councilmember Dan Goldstein, Councilmember Julie



Roche, Councilmember George Syrop, Councilmember Francisco Zermeno, Governor Gavin Newsom, Secretary of State of California Shirley Webber, CSU Chancellor Mildred Garcia, CSU Deputy Vice Chancellor Chief Academic Officer Nathan S Evans, CSU Deputy Vice Chancellor Chief Student Affairs Officer Dilcie D. Perez, CSU Associate Vice Chancellor Systemwide Advancement Lori A. Redfearn, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff Michelle Kiss, all CSU Board of Trustees, CSSA President Dominic Quan Tressler, CSSA chair Varenya Gupta, CSSA Vice President of Finance Alex Jimenez Crux, CSSA Vice President of Legislative Affairs Sam Alvarex Chavarria, CSSA Vice President of Systemwide Affairs Galilea Pompa, all CSU ASI Presidents, the Pioneer, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.


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Approved On:

ASI President/CEO does hereby [] *approves* / [] *refuses to approve* this resolution.


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