



Calling for Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, Condemning Human Rights Violations, and Reaffirming Students, Staff and Faculty Freedom of Speech and Expression

WHEREAS the Cal State Student Association (CSSA) as the official voice of nearly 500,000 students in the California State University (CSU) has adopted a resolution calling for an immediate Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS the CSUF's Guiding Principles for Social Justice stem from the belief that social injustices resulting from various forms oppression must be addressed; and

WHEREAS an increase in acts of hate and aggression targeted towards individuals based on their personal beliefs have spiked across the CSU system and around the country; and

WHEREAS International Humanitarian Law recognizes the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and security of all peoples to political and economic self-determination; and

WHEREAS on October 7, 2023, Hamas conducted an attack on Israel that left an estimated 1,200 killed, including women, children, and peace activists, and 252 hostages taken; and

WHEREAS: Before October 7 and in its aftermath, Palestinians have had their land violently occupied and are facing brutal and disproportional violence and oppression; and

WHEREAS 1.7 million (or 75% of Gaza's population) have been internally displaced since Oct 7 according to the Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs (OCHA); and

WHEREAS nearly 35,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, including women and children, according to the United Nations (UN); and

WHEREAS at least 17,000 children in Gaza have been orphaned according to the UN World Health Organization (WHO); and

WHEREAS there are no fully functional hospitals in the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS as of March 27, 2024, 212 schools had direct hits by Israeli bombings, according to the UN¹; and

WHEREAS all twelve of Gaza's higher education institutions have been destroyed and more than 350 teachers and academics have been killed according to WHO; and

WHEREAS 1.1 million people are projected to face catastrophic levels of food insecurity and well under the dedicated amount of aid trucks have been able to enter Rafah to deliver humanitarian aid, leading global health organizations to sound alarms for mass starvation and disease according to OCHA; and

WHEREAS the CSUF Academic Senate recognizes the recent events unfolding in the SWANA region have caused tremendous tension and pain for many students at CSUF; and

WHEREAS no one is immune to the chronic influx of news and social media which have been plagued with rumor, disinformation, propaganda and triggering content; and

WHEREAS many courageous journalists risk their lives to bring news and information about what is happening inside Israeli and Gaza to the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS doxing affects students, staff and faculty, especially through times of heightened political tension, and has been used as a tactic to silence marginalized populations exercising their rights to freedom of speech on college campuses; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED the California State University, Fullerton's Academic Senate calls for an immediate and permanent bilateral ceasefire and safe return of all the hostages and unduly imprisoned civilians from Palestine and Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED by standing against violence and promoting peace, CSUF Academic Senate joins the call for humanitarian aid access and a stance against genocide of any kind as called for by the United Nations (UN)^{25,26,27}; and be it further

RESOLVED CSUF's Academic Senate stands firm in condemning the recent rise of Islamophobic and Antisemitic hate incidents on and off campuses; and be it further

¹ [Gaza war: 'Direct hits' on more than 200 schools since Israeli bombing began | UN News](#)

RESOLVED CSUF's Academic Senate urges students, staff and faculty to diligently evaluate all news in an era of rapid information dissemination before taking a stance; and be it further

RESOLVED CSUF's Academic Senate stands against any form of harassment, hate crimes, hate speech, doxing, and suppression of freedom of speech at CSUF; and be it further

RESOLVED: To enrich our student's understanding of the conflict, reduce bigotry, and increase students' skills in effective activism, CSUF's Academic Senate calls on the university leadership to support an initiative to bring together faculty and staff with expertise in Jewish, Muslim, Palestinian, and Israeli history and identities; and be it further

RESOLVED CSUF's Academic Senate calls for all 23 CSU campuses to provide protection and support of students, staff and faculty who participate in organizing for humanitarian rights through emotional support resources and accommodations, as well as legal aid for altercations with police; and be it further

RESOLVED CSUF's Academic Senate urges the CSU Office of the Chancellor to invest resources that support inclusive educational opportunities; and be it finally

RESOLVED CSUF's Academic Senate implores students, staff and faculty to treat one another with dignity and respect during these difficult times as critical thought, diversity of perspectives, and debate are critical elements of higher education.