

AMCHA Co-Founder Tammi Benjamin's Public Statement
CSU Board of Trustees Meeting
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Good morning. I am Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, co-founder of the AMCHA Initiative, a grassroots organization that combats campus antisemitism.

I am here to raise the issue of CSU Northridge Mathematics professor David Klein, who has been using the CSUN website to promote the academic, cultural, and economic boycott of Israel.

Professor Klein could easily have used a private website to promote what is clearly his personal political hatred of the Jewish state, but instead he has chosen to exploit the name and resources of the California State University to give his hatred some kind of academic legitimacy.

Please understand that the intended purpose of the academic, cultural and economic boycott of Israel is the elimination of the Jewish state. Virtually every major Jewish organization and the vast majority of Jews worldwide understand the boycott of the Jewish state as an antisemitic assault on all Jews.

We believe that Klein's use of the CSUN server to promote the boycott of Israel may also be a violation of the California Education Code, which clearly states that it is illegal to publicly display CSU's name to support, endorse or advance any boycott, unless that action is approved by the California State University Board of Trustees -- you.

As you know, we and many other deeply concerned members of the Jewish community have written to you asking you to state clearly and publicly where you stand on this matter: Have you given permission to Professor Klein to publicly display the California State University name to support, endorse, and advance an antisemitic boycott of the Jewish state, and will you require that Klein remove his antisemitic webpage from the CSUN server?