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Subject: Are Jewish Students Safe at SFSU?

Dear President Wong,

Last week you issued a [public statement](#) regarding an on-campus General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS) event [glorifying the murder of Jews](#) and numerous antisemitic social media postings by GUPS President Mohammad G. Hammad, including postings expressing his desire to [murder an Israeli soldier](#) and "[all others who support the IDF](#)." In your statement, you said that while you are "firmly committed to free speech," you work hard "to achieve a balance where both expression and safety are fostered."

Therefore, we ask you to clarify your position on this matter:

Is it acceptable for a registered student organization receiving university funding to display or use rhetoric that glorifies or promotes violence against Jews?

Is it acceptable for a registered student organization receiving university funding to display or use rhetoric that glorifies or promotes violence against African Americans, Hispanics, or Muslims?

We look forward to your prompt response. Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume that your answer to these questions is "YES," and we will inform the Jewish community that Jewish students, and all supporters of Israel, are not safe at San Francisco State University.

Sincerely,

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