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Dr. Leslie E. Wong
Office of the President
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132

Re: November 7, 2013 Campus Event

Dear Dr. Wong:

Thank you for strong response to the demonstration, and your statement that "There is no place at SF State for celebrating violence or promoting intolerance, bigotry, anti-Semitism or any other form of hate-mongering."

We represent the Santa Cruz Chapter of Hadassah. We support Hadassah hospital in Israel (www.hadassah.org) which is known as the "bridge for peace" for its inclusivity of both its patients and staff. At Hadassah hospital, the only enemy is disease. Doctors, nurses and patients who are Jewish, Muslim and Christian work together with respect and admiration.

We were extremely troubled to learn of the November 7, 2013 campus event where several student organizations promoted hand-made stencils glorifying terrorist Leila Khaled and the statement "My heroes have always killed colonizers."

On a personal note, my friend was on the El Al flight hijacked by Leila Khaled. He describes watching in horror as Ms. Khaled pointed her gun at the terrified flight attendant's head and after Ms. Khaled pulled the pin from her grenade, waiting to see if it would detonate, murdering everyone.

We are deeply saddened that this is who some misguided SFSU students seek to emulate and romanticize.

Hopefully, as these students mature and study at SFSU, they will learn to instead emulate organizations like Hadassah hospital, building peace and not glamorizing violence.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Torres-Gil

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