

## **Antisemitic Behavior of UCLA Students for Justice in Palestine and Recommendations for Addressing the Problem**

1. UCLA SJP's Constitution<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Calls for the "right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homeland," which would *de facto* result in an elimination of the Jewish state.
  - b. Actively promotes anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions campaign in response to the 2005 Palestinian call to boycott Israel, which was issued by a coalition of Palestinian organizations that include the terrorist organizations Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and whose purpose is to facilitate the elimination of the Jewish state.
  - c. Opposes "dialogue" with groups that do not accept an anti-Israel stance.
  
2. UCLA SJP is a member of National SJP, which gets support and direction from American Muslims for Palestine and Al-Awda: The Palestine Right to Return Coalition, two organizations that oppose Israel's right to exist, condone armed violence and support terrorist groups responsible for the genocidal murder of Jews.
  
3. UCLA SJP hosts events and engages in behavior that relentlessly target the Jewish state and its supporters for demonization and delegitimization and use antisemitic rhetoric and images.
  
4. UCLA SJP targets pro-Israel students for harassment and intimidation, most recently by initiating an investigation of pro-Israel student council members who went on trips to Israel sponsored by Jewish organizations, and by demanding that candidates for student government sign pledges stating that they will not participate in such trips.
  
5. UCLA SJP supports initiatives to silence Jewish Students and suppress their civil rights
  - a. Signed a letter demanding that UC President Yudof renounce the UV Jewish Campus Climate report.<sup>2</sup>
  - b. Helped initiate a petition opposing HR 35, a state assembly resolution which condemns campus antisemitism.<sup>3</sup>
  - c. Signed a letter to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights calling for a dismissal of three Title VI complaints filed on behalf of Jewish students at the University of California, and seeking to strip Jewish students of Title VI protection.<sup>4</sup>
  
6. UCLA SJP is creating a hostile environment for Jewish students at UCLA.
  - a. One Jewish student leader complained about SJP's "cyberbullying" and "hate speech against the Jewish community," calling it "racist and dehumanizing" and

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sjpbruins.com/about-us.html>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.ccrjustice.org/files/CCR\\_ltr\\_Edley-Yudof\\_11\\_30\\_Final.pdf](http://www.ccrjustice.org/files/CCR_ltr_Edley-Yudof_11_30_Final.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://sites.google.com/site/ucstudentsagainsth35/>

<sup>4</sup> [http://sjpwest.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/UC-MSA-SJP-Letter-to-USCCR-11.8.2012-Final-Version\\_corrected.pdf](http://sjpwest.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/UC-MSA-SJP-Letter-to-USCCR-11.8.2012-Final-Version_corrected.pdf)

saying that some students feel “uncomfortable simply walking on campus because of the hate mail they received.”<sup>5</sup>

- b. Both student senators accused by the SJP of having a conflict of interest because of having gone on Jewish-sponsored trips to Israel described feeling harassed and threatened by the SJP’s campaign against them, and reported that their academic endeavors suffered because of it.

**7. Recommendations for Chancellor Block:**

- a. Meet with SJP and let members of the group know that the administration does not support their actions in the matter of the harassment of student senators who went on trips to Israel sponsored by Jewish organizations and the attempt to coerce student council candidates to sign a pledge stating they will not avail themselves of such trips. Explain that the administration will be investigating to see if SJP has violated university policy or law.
- b. Carry out an investigation of SJP to determine whether the group’s behavior violates university policy or the law and what sanctions will be imposed on the group if violations have occurred.
- c. Issue a public statement specifically naming the SJP and condemning the group’s conduct in this matter, and urging students not to sign the pledge.
- d. Commit to using free speech to speak out against future incidents where student groups engage in behavior that targets other students for harassment, intimidation, discrimination, bullying or infringement of rights. The condemnatory statement should include a clear description of the offense(s), the name of the offending group(s), the specific ways in which the offending behavior has deleteriously affected members of the campus community, and what steps the administration intends to take to address the offensive behavior.
- e. Establish and widely publicize a policy for registered student groups which prohibits behavior targeting any member or members of the campus community, including Jewish students and faculty, for harassment, discrimination, bullying, or defamation, with penalties for such behavior including the defunding, suspension or expulsion of student groups whose members engage in any of these behaviors.
- f. Establish and widely publicize a plan to educate about and enforce the above policy.

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<sup>5</sup> <http://dailybruin.com/2014/03/18/submission-hate-speech-after-divestment-resolution-only-further-divide/>