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RE: One-Year Follow Up of Alleged Misuse of State Resources

Dear Attorney General Harris:

It has been exactly one year since [we wrote](#) to inform you of new evidence that we had found regarding the case of California State University Northridge Mathematics Professor David Klein, who has been using the taxpayer-funded CSUN website to host his politically-motivated, antisemitic web page, entitled "[Boycott Israel Resource Page](#)", for five years. We, and many other concerned California citizens, are extremely disappointed that you have to date ignored our letter. Indeed no one in your office has even acknowledged receipt of our complaint.

In our letter, we provided substantial evidence showing that Klein has been in violation of the following state and federal laws:

- CAL. GOV'T CODE § 8314, which considers it a misdemeanor to use "public resources" to advocate for "personal or other purposes which are not authorized by law."
- CAL. EDUC. CODE § 89005.5(a)(2)(C), which considers it a misdemeanor to "display" the CSU name or any variant of that name "in connection with" any propaganda or promotional activity "which has for its purpose the support, endorsement, advancement...[of] boycott or of any political...activity or program," without the permission of the CSU Trustees.
- 50 U.S.C.App. § 2402 (5) and § 2407 (c), which make it illegal for a state agency to engage in anti-Israel boycott activities.

Freedom of speech and academic freedom are essential on a university campus. However, it is very difficult for us, and for many citizens of this state, to understand how either "freedom of speech" or "academic freedom" applies in the case of a state-employed mathematics professor who has been using the state university's taxpayer-funded server to promote his own personal hatred of the Jewish state and an illegal boycott against it.



This matter clearly requires legal adjudication, and yet after one year you still have not provided us with answers to the reasonable legal questions we raised. Given the importance of this matter not only to the Jewish community but to all citizens of the state, we request that you do one of the following:

If Klein is in violation of state law, then please ensure that his “Boycott Israel Resource Page” is removed from the CSUN server and that Professor Klein is appropriately sanctioned for his illegal behavior.

If Klein has not violated California law, then please publicly clarify for us, and for the citizens of California, why the substantial evidence presented in [the letter](#) we sent you one year ago fails to demonstrate that Klein has violated state or federal law.

We hope to receive a response from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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