

EMAIL OF PETITION TO UC CHANCELLORS

March 16, 2017

Dear UC Chancellors,

In light of the current climate of profound intolerance affecting our nation and many college campuses, including at the University of California, there is no better time than now for implementing the Regents' Principles Against Intolerance.

Please see below and attached a petition signed by more more than 3,000 UC Stakeholders and community members, urging you to commit to fully implementing the Regents' Principles on your campus.

The petition has been signed by **3,097** individuals, including:

UC Alumni: **563**

UC Donors: **274**

UC Students: **39**

UC Faculty & Staff Members: **154**

Parents of UC Students: **403**

CA Taxpayers: **1,280**

Other (Community Member, Grandparent, UC Applicant, etc): **1,685**

We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing about your campus' plans for implementing the Regents' Principles Against Intolerance.

Sincerely,

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, Director, AMCHA Initiative
on behalf of 3,097 UC Stakeholders and Community Members

Cc: UC Regents

UC President Janet Napolitano

Regent Eddie Island, Chair Academic and Student Affairs Committee UC Board of Regents

Senator Benjamin Allen, Chair California Senate Standing Committee on Education

Assembly Member Jose Medina, Chair California Assembly Higher Education Committee

Assembly Member Shirley Weber, Chair Assembly Select Committee on Campus Climate

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson

-- please see below and attached —

Dear University of California Chancellors:

Last March, in response to the alarming escalation of anti-Semitism at the University of California, the UC Regents unanimously passed a landmark "[Statement of Principles Against Intolerance](#)." In the current climate of increasing polarization and rising levels of hatred and intolerance, it is not only Jewish students who are being targeted for harm, but many other students as well.

Recently, 47 organizations sent a [letter](#) to the Regents regarding the serious and growing problem of intolerance on UC campuses. We are gravely concerned that students of diverse identities and beliefs are feeling increasingly threatened.

On too many campuses, one group's freedom of expression has been used to denigrate, harass, intimidate and shut down the expression of another group. Debate is veering into hate.

We believe the landmark Regents Statement of Principles Against Intolerance couldn't be more relevant, timely and important for all UC students. Implementing these Principles would ensure that policies and procedures are put in place to safeguard all students' rights to freedom of expression, and that educational programs are developed to help students identify and avoid intolerant behavior.

We applaud UC Irvine Chancellor Gillman for recognizing the value of the Regents' statement and being the first chancellor to commit his campus to a full implementation of it. We ask that you follow Chancellor Gillman's lead and implement the Principles Against Intolerance as soon as possible on your respective campuses to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

Signed,

The following **3,097** Concerned Individuals

(Signatories attached)