



Statement Regarding the War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Genocide taking place in Palestine

Adapted from Statement by the Associated Students of UC Riverside

As the official voice of Undergraduate Students at the University of California Santa Cruz, the Student Union Assembly wholeheartedly extends our support to our Palestinian student community in the wake of events occurring in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in East Jerusalem, where Palestinians are being forced from their homes by Israeli military forces. Israeli bombings, reactionary missiles from Gaza, and increased violence have taken the lives of over 200 people, including over 60 children. Despite being minimized by mainstream media, our hearts are with those lost to and affected by violence against Palestinians. The Student Union Assembly stands in solidarity with Palestine, and encourages others to learn more about these injustices, and do the same.

The Student Union Assembly acknowledges the ongoing forced displacement of Palestinians has a long, intergenerational history plagued by settler colonialism. We condemn the violent attacks by Israeli military forces, who have faced no accountability or criticism from the international community, against Palestinians who are protesting these humanitarian issues. This is not a religious concern, but rather a humanitarian one. We also condemn anti-semitism. Since World War II, Israel has been the largest cumulative recipient of U.S. foreign assistance. The U.S. has consistently pledged billions of American tax dollars to fund Foreign Military

Financing Grants, missile defense appropriations, and more. The lack of accountability for this funding, and the harm it has caused, are distressing.

The Student Union Assembly of UCSC reaffirms our unwavering support of our Palestinian students, staff, and faculty, and all community members affected by this heartbreaking violence. To our Muslim student community, it is especially egregious that this military violence took place during the holy month of Ramadan and violently disrupted prayer and celebration at places of worship.

The Student Union Assembly also reaffirms its commitment to the [Resolution Regarding Divestment from Companies Complicit in the Severe Violation of Palestinian Human Rights](#).