

Appendix: Sampling of Individual Comments from Signatories of [USC Letter](#)

- "As an independent college consultant, I work with highly qualified students, many of whom are drawn to USC's programs, but repelled by the anti-Zionist sentiment that is so freely expressed on campus. They fear for their safety."
- "My friend's daughter had to leave USC because she couldn't deal with the harassment and threats because she was Jewish & supported Israel."
- "As an Israeli-American Jewish USC alum, it is disheartening to hear about the anti-Zionist motivated harassment of Jewish and Israeli students at USC. I thank you for your commitment to addressing this and believe that with your support we can make all students feel safe and welcome on campus."
- "As a student who applied in the recent application cycle for Fall 2022, I fell in love with USC from my first visit to the campus and knew that I wanted to go there - but it would be greatly disappointing if a university as respected and admired as USC didn't stand for the protection of ALL students. I urge you to ensure that Jewish and Zionist students are treated fairly and equally."
- "Allowing this type of harassment of Jewish and/or pro-Israel students is unconscionable on a university campus ... EVERYONE should be protected equally."
- "My daughter was accepted to USC, but did not attend because of the inaction by USC towards the protection of its Jewish population."
- "I am retired from San Francisco State University, where I have witnessed anti-Jewish and anti-Israel hatred. I urge USC to summon up the courage to demand FOR ALL STUDENTS the security and safety and freedom from harassment on campus. To have a double-standard for Jewish students, to allow them to suffer discrimination and danger is to advertise USC as a campus that allows and even encourages some students to intentionally harm other students."
- "As a graduate of Gould School of Law it pains me that this letter is necessary. I implore you to read and follow these requests to make USC safer and more inclusive for everyone."
- "This policy of double standards inherent in your discrimination policy must be changed."
- "It is time to abolish the double standard USC applies to Jews and non-Jews regarding harassment and intimidation against their pro Zionist beliefs...This protection, afforded to almost all other minority groups, is long overdue for the Jewish and Pro-Israeli students."
- "As a Holocaust survivor it is very painful to see Jews/Zionists being discriminated [against] again."
- "I have had many colleagues on the faculty of USC and many friends whose children attended USC. Unless this sort of behavior is roundly condemned and stopped, I will no longer recommend anyone enroll there or apply for a faculty position."
- "Please stop turning a blind eye towards Anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist behavior directed at USC students. It is unfair that threatening behavior is permitted against some groups but not others. Jewish and non-Jewish Zionists are entitled to a safe education at USC."
- "The double standards applied to treating Jewish/ Zionist students and other students on campus speaks for the utter unfairness allowed among students. This egregious situation needs to be changed. Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter- it has adverse effects on Jewish students going about their lives on campus."

- "As a former educator and human rights attorney, and as someone who has worked with people from multiple ethnic, religious and national backgrounds, it is clear that Jewish students whose rights, and physical selves, are challenged when they show support for their historic and unique homeland, should be appropriately protected from such attacks."
- "The harassment and intimidation of Jewish and pro-Israel students on CA campuses brings back my memories of growing up in communist Russia."
- "Take care of these students. They deserve this time of their life to study and grow without worrying about their safety."
- "I received my PhD in Public Administration and Public Health from USC. My daughter received a Master's in Public Administration and Business from USC... Have courage and conviction. We would expect nothing less from our Alma Mater."
- "My husband received 2 masters degrees from USC. This policy change on discrimination and harassment is imperative and urgent."
- "President Folt...do the right thing so ALL people are treated equally. Stop the double standard which treats Jewish students differently."
- "Harassment in any form of any person or group CANNOT be tolerated or ignored by a university of your stature!"
- "Treat Zionists as you treat all others."
- "Corrective action is long overdue. Jewish students deserve protection as with all students."
- "As an alum and a parent of a recent alum, I am so disappointed in USC's lack of protection for Jewish students. Please do the right thing and do more! Guarantee the safety and protection of Jewish students against harassment and physical threats. Please make me proud again to be part of the USC family."
- "EQUAL TREATMENT IS FOR EVERYONE."
- "It is horrendous that USC has not addressed this situation already. Please take action immediately. I expect better of a school the caliber of USC."
- "As an alum and practicing Jew, I am deeply saddened and aghast that such behavior can and has continued to be permitted on USC's campus."
- "USC should be a leader and show other academic institutions how to protect ALL students."
- "USC leaders, I support this act of the Jewish student community at USC. I also ask that you support the Hindu students, scholars and faculty... Hiding behind 'academic freedom' and copping out of real responsibility to be even handed in treatment of the diverse University population is shameful!"
- "I had previously considered attending USC to get my EdD. However, between these antisemitic events and the extensive and ongoing problems with USC's Title IX Office, it does not appear that all students are safe or protected at USC. This dark cloud of inequity also devalues the credibility of advanced leadership degrees being issued at USC in the School of Education."
- "Please stand for equal treatment of all students, including Jews. It is very dangerous when one minority group is excluded from the protection afforded other minorities. I hope you will not support the use of force and intimidation against any of your students. Thank you."
- "Universities have a legal and moral obligation to ensure all students ARE and FEEL safe and are not threatened and questioned because of their identity."
- "I encourage you, USC President Folt, to change your policies so that all students are equally protected against all forms of discrimination and harassment. We urge you to amend USC Policy

on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation so that double standards against Jewish USC students are obliterated."

- "Hate speech is hate speech regardless of what organization or individual is promoting it. No one should be permitted to promote violent speech."
- "The antisemitic harassment and threats must be stopped. All students should feel safe in and around the USC campus. There should be no excuses accepted for such behavior."
- "All students deserve protection."
- "Stop the double standard! This is a terrible example and totally inequitable. You are creating a caste system."
- "You need to be a leader - you are an educator- and you have a duty to inculcate fairness in your students and not allow double standards which are leading to unequal treatment and will have disastrous political consequences when your students graduate and become community leaders."
- "Current USC policies are NOT sufficient to protect the Jewish & pro-Israel students!!"
- "Time to step up and protect the rights of all students."
- "This is very necessary if standards of safety for all students are to be taken seriously at USC."
- "All students need to be protected... It's your duty to protect."
- "I am deeply troubled by the way Jewish students are treated at such a prestigious institution. I don't think the administration truly understands what is going on here, and how serious it really is."
- "I'm a Professor at a City University of New York (CUNY) college. These issues are huge on our many campuses. Commitment to fair treatment of all students is the correct approach to this situation."
- "All students deserve the same level of protection against discriminatory actions and harassment."
- "Shouldn't all USC students, not just those in a 'protected class' receive equal treatment and be free from harassment?"
- "My daughter is an alumna! As a Jewish and pro-Israel family, something must be done to ensure the safety and the right of expression to those who hold these beliefs!!"
- "I am a member of the academic community and know how intensely important it is to take these actions to protect the academic freedom and personal well-being of Jewish students, like any and all students."
- "My brother and several grandchildren have attended USC. I'm appalled to learn about the horrific conditions to which Jewish and pro-Zionist students have been exposed. I am a retired educator/administrator and cannot believe that your administration has allowed this situation to exist. It must be addressed and rectified immediately!"
- "It is imperative that the rights of all students are protected- which does not seem to be the case at USC."
- "PROVIDE AN EQUALLY PROTECTED BASIS FOR ALL STUDENTS."
- "Stop Unfair Treatment of Zionist Students!"
- "USC is a well-known university with many constituencies and as such needs to provide protection for all."

- "All students should feel safe on campus. Please take real actions to stop the harassment of pro-Israel and Jewish students."
- "If university campus is to be a place of safe and civil discourse and exchange of ideas, you must protect all students, and not silence pro-Israel students by failing to protect them from threats and harassment."
- "It is really a very simple issue. Harassment should not be tolerated."
- "Double standards are hypocritical. USC MUST protect all their students from harassment, which then discourages free speech and individual pride in their identity. Jews are the number one target of hate crimes and antisemitism is on the rise across the country and around the world. There is no place for it on college campuses."
- "Equal protection for ALL!"
- "This issue must be addressed immediately - the hypocrisy and double standard applied to Jewish students is shameful and a blemish on institutions of higher learning."
- "USC should be front and center to encouraging policy changes to protect Jewish and Zionist Students."
- "ALL students need to be safe from harassment. If USC had had this sort of atmosphere at the time that I was going to college, I would have sought out friendlier universities. Do the right thing USC. We deserve equal protection."
- "Grandparent of former student and I am hoping you make all current and future students welcome and safe."
- "Cousins attended USC and have felt quite uncomfortable in a climate where Jews are singled out for discrimination and harassment."
- "All students should feel safe and free to express their views, and not be subjected to threats or discrimination."
- "Double standards toward Jews and their beliefs is a precursor to rampant antisemitism and physical attacks on Jews. Don't be a part of it. You have the capacity to stop this harassment of Jewish students."
- "I am a graduate of USC class of '74 and all three of my children attended and graduated USC... I had hoped that over the years USC would address this issue but, saw much of the same when my children attended USC, except that the hatred of Jews was more virulent and in your face. Now we have the past few years where Jewish Students at USC have been harassed to point of feeling unsafe and insecure...I have 8 Jewish grandchildren who want to continue the family tradition of attending USC....but until and unless USC changes its policy and culture to protect Jews, they will not attend."
- "I received my doctorate from USC in 1975. I have also left a life gift to USC for their support of my education. I do not want to rethink that commitment but I do expect USC to stand for what is right and expected in what was thought to be the Trojan creed."
- "As a dedicated and extremely involved alumna, I truly hope USC addresses this issue in a robust and sincere way. Thank you in advance and Fight On!"