

Nearly 4,000 UC Stakeholders and Supporters Urge Investigation into UCSC Department for Anti-Zionist Advocacy in Violation of UC Policy and CA Law

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Dear University of California Regents, President Drake and California Attorney General Bonta,

We are members and supporters of the Jewish community, many of us University of California stakeholders. We are outraged at the relentless anti-Zionist propaganda and activism being peddled by the Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) department at UC Santa Cruz, in flagrant violation of UC policy and California law.

A recently released [report](#) details CRES's appalling behavior and exposes that in numerous official statements, sponsored events and web postings, CRES has committed itself, **as a department and as a core element of its discipline**, to anti-Zionist political advocacy and activism to undermine and ultimately dismantle the Jewish state.

At a moment when many campuses, including at the University of California, are seeing an explosion of anti-Zionist-motivated antisemitism, CRES's commitment to advocacy and activism whose goal is to delegitimize and destroy the Jewish state - home to half the world's Jews - constitutes clear incitement to further acts of antisemitism.

We are grateful for the strong [statements](#) recently made by state officials and UC leaders acknowledging that faculty who use their University positions and public resources to promote antisemitic and anti-Zionist propaganda are inciting campus antisemitism and recognizing that such faculty abuse must be stopped. These statements are important, but **now is the time to take action**.

There is more than enough evidence of departmental misconduct to warrant your thorough investigation of UCSC's Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department, with punitive action taken for all violations of UC policy and the law.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned **3,975** UC Stakeholders (UC faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, parents and relatives of students, and California taxpayers) and Supporters

[See full list of signatories below]

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