



PALESTINE, ARAB, AND MUSLIM (PAM) CAUCUS of THE CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION (CFA)

RESOLUTION TO FUND JOBS AND EDUCATION, NOT WARS AND OCCUPATION

WHEREAS, “The CFA is established to strengthen the cause of higher education for the public good”;

WHEREAS, the CFA is committed to anti-racism and social justice, and to “continuously stand in solidarity with every human being and their dignity”;

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the CFA has taken a position against war and violence committed against innocent civilians locally, nationally, and internationally¹;

WHEREAS, the violent acts against Palestinian people in Gaza “appear to be capable of falling within the provisions of the Genocide Convention²,” according to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and an overwhelming number of international human rights organizations and scholars of genocide;

¹https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wYcL0vb0BKppDuPccXhDS_4-ph_AurbRfLY2TTTTKszw/edit?tab=t.0

² <https://www.icj-cij.org/node/203447>

****The mission of the caucus is to dialogue, educate, and advocate to improve the experiences of Muslim, Arab, and Palestinian faculty members -- and as needed and appropriate, students and staff -- in the CSU. The caucus will do so primarily by confronting racism within the CSU and throughout California in all its manifestations, including but not limited to white supremacy and Xenophobia, Islamophobia, Orientalism, antisemitism, anti-Blackness, anti-Asian racism, anti-Arab racism, anti-Latinx racism, misogyny, transphobia, and homophobia, and hostility to Palestine and to other indigenous peoples. Struggle against racism in all its manifestations must also involve confronting heteropatriarchy, gendered violence, and ableism. Inspired by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “an injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” the caucus affirms the indivisibility of justice. The caucus recognizes that Arab, Muslim, and Palestinians are members of global diasporas, and they are welcome as members of the caucus, as are members of our broad-based communities of justice and other allies.

WHEREAS, according to the International Court of Justice, Israel's occupation and annexation of the 1967 occupied Palestinian territories, such as Jerusalem and the West Bank, are “unlawful” and must end “as rapidly as possible.” This includes “discriminatory laws and policies against Palestinians”³ that “violate the prohibition on racial segregation and apartheid”⁴;

WHEREAS, Israel’s genocide in Gaza and recurring war crimes in Lebanon⁵, illegal occupation of Palestinian land, and the Israeli apartheid system are mostly financed by the US government using US tax-payer dollars⁶;

WHEREAS, many public institutions in the US, including public universities, are deprived of desperately needed financial resources while billions of dollars are subsidizing and enabling Israel’s occupation, aggression, apartheid, and genocide;

WHEREAS, the majority of members of the CFA⁷ and an overwhelming number of CSU faculty, students, and staff oppose genocide and apartheid;

WHEREAS, the CSU administration, local campuses, and CalPERS are investing taxpayers’ money, student tuition and fees, and CSU employee retirement funds in arms industries that provide weapons and other forms of material support, which fund and enable genocide in Palestine and wars elsewhere; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that CFA oppose the US government’s financial, political, and military intervention in and backing of Israel’s genocide in Gaza, occupation of Palestine, and invasion of Lebanon; and be it further

RESOLVED that CFA demand the immediate and comprehensive disclosure of all investments and corporate and educational partnerships by the CSU system, local campuses, their corporations or foundations, all other auxiliary organizations, and CalPERS. This transparency must be consistent across the investment institutions managing funds from employee contributions, private donors, and/or student fees; and be it further

³ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2024/07/icj-opinion-declaring-israels-occupation-of-palestinian-territories-unlawful-is-historic-vindication-of-palestinians-rights/>

⁴ https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/186/186-20240719-pre-01-00-en.pdf?_cf_chl_tk=.5N4WgLOCNlck7j2Vq0w.oTZC9T3RxwePPRQdwGoY0Y-1728676162-1.0.1.1-EHm5pDRlt4AxX0k6sLka7QpEpMT3fDfZVNSaDJeRk7w

⁵ <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/10/11/lebanon-un-inquiry-needed-israeli-attacks-peacekeepers>

⁶ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-68737412>

⁷ <https://www.calfac.org/cfa-resolutions/>



<https://www.pamcaucus.org/>

RESOLVED that such existing investments and corporate and educational partnerships in armament industries and companies profiting from Israeli occupation and violence in Palestine shall be immediately discontinued; and be it further

RESOLVED that CSU and CalPERS, in consultation with the CSU faculty, staff, and students, develop a responsible investment policy statement that explicitly addresses divestment from companies profiting from genocide and war anywhere.

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