

Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Regents
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Oakland, CA 94607

March 9, 2026

Re: Regents action needed to prevent institutional politicization and protect student safety and equal access

Dear Chair and Members of the University of California Board of Regents:

We write as a coalition of education, religious, and civil rights organizations committed to equal access, nondiscrimination, and the integrity of public education. Since October 7, 2023, antisemitism on University of California campuses has surged, and Jewish students - - and students perceived as “Zionist” or “pro-Israel” -- have faced unprecedented harassment, intimidation, and exclusion. The [report](#) *When Faculty Take Sides: How Academic Infrastructure Drives Antisemitism at the University of California* concludes that this crisis is being fueled not only by episodic student conduct, but by UC’s own academic infrastructure -- faculty and academic units using UC authority, including classrooms, departmental platforms, and official UC-branded channels, to advance political agendas as institutional practice.

What must be made explicit and enforceable is the distinction between protected individual expression and institutional use of University authority. Faculty, staff, and students retain full rights to express political views in their personal capacities, but UC’s instructional authority, official unit communications, and UC-branded platforms should not be used to carry organized political advocacy into the University’s academic life as an institutional program. In the cases documented in the report, that politicization has centered on organized anti-Israel activism and has helped fuel a surge of antisemitism and hostile or exclusionary conditions for Jewish students and others perceived as “Zionist” or “pro-Israel.”

When institutional authority is used this way, political agendas can appear to carry the University’s endorsement, academic norms break down, and affected students face harassment, intimidation, and exclusion. The report describes the same pattern across UCLA, UC Berkeley, and UC Santa Cruz: academic units using websites, communications channels, and programming to push one-sided messaging; faculty influence concentrated

in key unit roles; and instructional settings being used to steer students toward political activity.

This is a Regents-level governance matter. Regents Policy 2301 [describes](#) a “moral and contractual relationship” obligating UC to provide a quality education, ensure public confidence is justified, and keep the University “aloof from politics” rather than functioning “as an instrument for the advance of partisan interest.” The report’s findings raise urgent concerns that UC is failing to maintain those standards. The report also documents that, despite UC’s December 2024 resolution agreement with federal authorities to address systemwide discrimination and harassment of Jewish students, patterns of faculty-driven conduct that fuel antisemitism have continued -- rooted in institutionalized political activism that UC has not consistently stopped.

We urge the Regents to act. Enforce UC’s existing rules -- and strengthen them where needed -- to prevent faculty and academic units from using UC authority, resources, classrooms, and UC-branded platforms to advance political advocacy as institutional practice. This is not a request to police beliefs or private speech. It is a request to restore enforceable institutional limits that protect UC’s academic mission, safeguard equal access to UC educational programs for all students, and rebuild public trust that UC’s academic units operate as scholarly institutions rather than political actors.

Finally, we respectfully request that the Regents engage in a substantive discussion of the report’s findings and recommendations at their upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Academic Council for Israel
Alliance for Constructive Ethnic Studies
Alliance of Blacks and Jews
Alums for Campus Fairness - National
Alums for Campus Fairness - Tufts
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Berkeley
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Davis
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Irvine
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Riverside
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC San Diego
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Santa Barbara
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Santa Cruz
Alums for Campus Fairness - UCLA
Amariah
AMCHA Initiative
America Israel Cooperative Enterprise
American Council of Trustees and Alumni

American Russian-Speaking Jews Alliance
Americans for a Safe Israel
Americans for Peace and Tolerance
Atlanta Israel Coalition
B'nai B'rith International
BEAR: Bias Education, Advocacy & Resources
Beth Jacob Congregation - San Diego
Beverly Hills Synagogue
Binghamton University Zionist Organization (BUZO)
BIPACT (Bipartisan Action Against Antisemitism)
Boston Israel Action Committee
Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law
Bulldogs for Israel (Brooklyn College)
CAFI - CUNY Alliance for Inclusion
Cal Jewish Alumni Network
California Association of Scholars
Californians for Equal Rights
Campus Anti-Semitism Task Force of the North Shore
CHAI Marin
Chicago Jewish Alliance
Christian and Jewish Alliance
Christians and Jews United for Israel
Club Z
Coalition Against Antisemitism at Northwestern (CAAN)
Coalition for Jewish Values
Combat Anti-Semitism Movement
Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA)
Creative Community for Peace
Davis Faculty for Israel
Eagles' Wings
Education Without Indoctrination
EndJewHatred
Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET)
Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)
Harvard Jewish Alumni Alliance
Hasbara Fellowships
Hillel of Silicon Valley
Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel
Institute for the Critical Study of Antizionism
Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism
Iranian American Jewish Federation
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization
Israel Christian Pastors Nexus
Israel Committee of Santa Barbara

Israel Matters
Israel Peace Initiative (IPI)
Israeli-American Civic Action Network
Israeli-American Civic Education Institute
JAM
Jerusalem Education Fund
Jewish Alumni Council
Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana
Jewish Coalition of Berkeley
Jewish Community Action Network
Jewish Faculty Resilience Group (JFrg) at UCLA
Jewish Grad Organization (JGO)
Jewish Student Union at Berkeley
Jewish Teachers of Los Angeles (JewTLA)
Jewish TV Channel
Jewish War Veterans of the USA
Jews in School
Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa (JIMENA)
Legal Insurrection Foundation
Liberate Art
Middle East Forum
Middle East Political and Information Network (MEPIN)
Mothers Against Campus Antisemitism (MACA)
Murray Galinson San Diego-Israel Initiative (MGSDII)
National Association of Scholars
National Jewish Advocacy Center
NH4Israel
North American Values Institute (NAVI)
North Carolina Coalition for Israel
Oakland Jewish Alliance
One Tribe One Star
Our Campus United
Palo Alto Jewish Alliance
Parents Defending Education
PeerK12
Persian American Civic Action Network (PACAN)
Proclaiming Justice to the Nations
Psychologists Against Antisemitism
Quest for Academic Excellence
Rabbinical Alliance of America
Religious Zionists of America
Rhode Island Coalition for Israel
San Diego Asian Americans for Equality
Santa Barbara Hillel

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East
South Bay Jewish Advisory Group
Stop Anti-Semitism Now
Stop Antizionism
Stop BDS on Campus
StopAntisemitism
Students Supporting Israel at San Jose State University
Students Supporting Israel at UC San Diego
Students Supporting Israel National
Students, Alumni, and Faculty for Equality on Campus (S.A.F.E Campus)
Swarthmore Alumni Against Antisemitism on Campus
The Deborah Project
The Lawfare Project
The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
Young Israel of Bedford Bay
Young Israel of Century City
Young Israel of New Rochelle
Zachor Legal Institute
Zionist Organization of America