

StandWithUs

Supporting Israel & Fighting Antisemitism

November 6, 2023

Dear Chancellor Block and Ms. Bryant,

We write on behalf of the StandWithUs Saidoff Legal Department and the StandWithUs Center for Combating Antisemitism, divisions of StandWithUs, an international, nonprofit education organization educating about Israel and combating antisemitism. We write to address an upcoming event on UCLA's campus that requires your immediate attention, as it appears to have the express intention of disrupting the campus environment and misappropriates the UCLA name.

Your administration should have received a [letter](#) from us earlier today addressing the hostile climate that exists for Jewish and Israeli students on many campuses across the country right now. Our letter identifies a variety of specific issues presented by antisemitic and anti-Israel activity, as well as recommended action items for administrations to take to best protect their campuses, including their student population.

It has since come to our attention that several UCLA student organizations are planning an anti-Israel event on campus this Thursday, November 9th. Both the event itself and the [advertisement](#) for the event appear to present some of the very problems identified in our letter, requiring your immediate attention.

The chosen title for this event, "Shut It Down! For Palestine," and the statement "NO BUSINESS AS USUAL UNTIL PALESTINE IS FREE!" indicate a clear intention to cause a material and substantial disruption to the campus environment, conduct that falls outside the protection of the First Amendment. Moreover, in advertising the event, the organizing groups have made the express claim that "*UCLA* Condemns Zionism and Genocide." (Emphasis added) These groups have no authority to speak on behalf of the university, and certainly not in a way that expressly marginalizes and "condemns" the identity of an entire portion of the campus community.

We urge your administration to remedy these issues immediately so as to avoid irreparable harm to your campus, including Jewish, Israeli, and Zionist students and faculty.

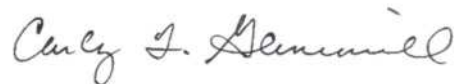
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