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Resolution Type:
Positional

A Resolution Demanding UCSB Divest from Organizations Violating Palestinian Human Rights

A resolution, brought by **Senator Dan Siddiqui, Senator Sandhya Ganesh, Senator Aryaman Singh, and Senator Leiya Kadah** to address the concerns brought by the student body and demand the UCSB Administration and UC Regents reform their investment practices.

Endorsed by the following Student Sponsors:

Jwan Haddad (UCSB SJP President)

Lena Mitchell (UCSB JVP President)

Jisella Saito (UCSB Divest Coalition President)

A.S. Student Commission on Racial Equality (SCORE)

A.S. Black Women's Health Collaborative (BWHC)

AS Pages for Individuals in Prison (PIP)

A.S. Commission on Disability Equity (CODE)

A.S. Environmental Justice Alliance (EJA)

A.S. Commission on Culture, Arts, and Joy Justice (CCAJJ)

A.S. Queer and Trans Commission (QTC)

A.S. Human Rights Board (HRB)

Academics for Justice in Palestine (AJP)

Afghan Student Association

Asian Pacific Islander Grad Student Alliance (APIGSA)

Comunidad Latinx Graduation

Cops off Campus

Doctors Without Borders at UCSB

East African Student Association (EASA)

El Congreso

F.I.E.R.C.E.

Graduate Student Association
Graduate Women and Gender Minorities in Physics
Health Professions Association
INDUS
Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) at UCSB
Jewish Voice for Peace Santa Barbara
Kapatirang Pilipino (KP)
KCSB
La Familia de Colores
Latinx Grad Union
Latinos for Politics at UCSB
Lebanese Social Club (LSC)
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MUJER
Muslim Student Association (MSA)
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Pakistani Student Association (PSA)
Physics GradLife
Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN)
Pilipino Graduation Night (PGRAD)
Queer and Trans Graduate Student Union (QTGSU)
Queer Arts Collective (QAC)
Researchers Against War (RAW)
Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at UCSB
Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at SBCC
Student Veterans Organization (SVO)
Student Assistant Labor Union (SALU)
Students for Reproductive Justice
UCSB Divest Coalition
UCSB Faculty Association
UCSB Sigma Alpha Zeta
UC Alumni for Palestine
Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) at UCSB

WHEREAS: The Mission Statement¹ of the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) states, “Our commitment to public service is manifested through the creation and distribution of knowledge that advances the well-being of our state, nation, and world;” and,

¹ <https://catalog.ucsb.edu/academicsandpolicies/introcampus/missionstatement>

WHEREAS: In September 2014, the University of California (UC) became a signatory on the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)², which includes guidelines to incorporate principles of environmental and social responsibility in investment analysis and decision-making processes; and,

WHEREAS: The University of California remains invested in companies that do not meet the standards of either the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment² or UC Santa Barbara’s Mission Statement¹; and,

WHEREAS: The student body of the University of California, Santa Barbara has a long and proud history of activism for social justice in which divestment campaigns have been and continue to be used to reclaim political agency and to change UC policies that maintain investments in companies that demonstrate a lack of accountability, ethicality, and respect for the rights, dignity, and lives of others, most notably in the context of South Africa, fossil fuels, the prison industrial complex; and,

WHEREAS: The same commitment to challenge unethical investments and UC policies is reflected in responses by students, staff, faculty, and community leaders in regard to Israel’s ongoing genocide in Gaza, a site of military occupation and numerous human rights violations and abuses against the Palestinian people; and,

WHEREAS: The UCSB community has witnessed a surge in mass demonstrations that have impacted the campus climate this past year including hunger strikes³ held by graduate students & various leaders within the community, the “UCSB Liberated Zone”⁴ encampment, and the recent decision of the United Auto Workers (UAW) Union to begin departmental strikes, led by academic workers including teaching assistants (TAs)⁵, all with a collective demand for UCSB to divest from companies profiting from or participating in the state of Israel’s illegal occupation of and ongoing genocide in Palestine; and,

WHEREAS: The 74th AS UCSB Senate passed [A Resolution to Condemn the Israeli Government’s and the IDF’s Dehumanization of the Palestinian People](#)⁶, including a clause that states they “Recognize and unequivocally condemn the Israeli government for their apartheid regime and segregation of the Palestinian people including the deprivation of basic human necessities and rights”; and,

² <https://www.unpri.org/introductory-guides-to-responsible-investment/what-is-responsible-investment/4780.article>

³ <https://dailynexus.com/2024-03-11/ucsb-doctoral-student-announces-seven-day-hunger-strike/>

⁴ <https://dailynexus.com/2024-05-10/ucsb-students-respond-to-pro-palestine-encampment/>

⁵ <https://apnews.com/article/uc-strike-palestine-protests-gaza-e31f9318cfe966d7541a92184642b9e4>

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<https://dailynexus.com/2024-05-08/a-s-senate-passes-a-resolution-to-condemn-the-israeli-governments-and-the-idfs-dehumanization-of-the-palestinian-people/>

WHEREAS: The UC Students Association, a student-led board that serves as the official voice of the over 230,000 undergraduate students attending each of the eight UC Schools passed a Resolution in 2015 titled [Calling for the UC Regents to Divest from Corporations Violating Palestinian Human Rights](#)⁷, including a clause that states they “Call upon the University of California to dissociate itself from companies that engage in or aid in systematic prejudiced oppression, whether this system targets people based on their religion, nationality, gender identity, race, or orientation, by divesting from companies that participate in or profit from human rights violations”; and,

WHEREAS: The UCSB administration has refused to acknowledge the university’s complicity in settler-colonial genocide and apartheid through UC contracts, pensions, and investments in companies profiting from Israeli violations of international law; and have refused to condemn the US’s arming and funding of Israel’s genocide of Palestinians; and,

WHEREAS: Under the oversight of the UC Regents, UCSB’s investments are spent on advancing the war industry through its contribution to the [General Endowment Pool](#)⁸, [University of California Retirement Plan](#)⁹, and other smaller funds which are managed by the UC Investments Office and BlackRock, leaving UC students, faculty, and workers without direct control over where their money is invested; and,

WHEREAS: The UC Regents currently have about [\\$32 billion](#)¹⁰ worth of assets from these endowment funds in entities supporting the Israeli occupation and genocide in Gaza, including but not limited to the following: \$3.3 billion in weapons manufacturing companies, \$12 billion in U.S. Treasuries, \$2.1 billion in investments managed by BlackRock which has ties to the Israeli military through a passive index, \$8.6 billion in the investment firm Blackstone which has been called out for participating in predatory renting practices by the AFSCME Local 3299 workers union, \$3.2 billion¹¹ in companies on the BDS list¹²; and,

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<https://ucsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ResolutionCallingfortheUCRegentsToDivestfromCorporationsViolatingPalestinianHumanRights.-01.2015.pdf>

⁸ <https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/investment-policies/gep-policy-holdings/index.html>

⁹ <https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/investment-policies/index.html>

¹⁰ <https://dailybruin.com/2024/05/14/uc-regents-disclose-investments-in-weapons-manufacturers-amid-calls-to-divest>

¹¹ <https://apnews.com/article/california-regents-university-divestment-israel-a10e121cfa68badab77efc65d8ea1925>

¹² BDS stands for Boycott, Divest, Sanctions, a movement launched by 170 Palestinian unions, refugee networks, women’s organizations, professional associations, popular resistance committees and other Palestinian civil society bodies. The Palestinian BDS urges nonviolent pressure on Israel until it complies with international law by meeting three demands: “Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the wall, recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality, and Respecting, protecting and

WHEREAS: The UCSB administration maintains financial relationships with entities supporting the Israeli occupation and genocide in Gaza independent of UCSB’s contribution to endowment funds managed by the UC Investments Office by accepting research grants and private donations at the campus level; and,

WHEREAS: UCSB accepted [\\$18.3 million](#) worth of sponsorships for research grants and [\\$3.32 million](#) worth of private philanthropic donations in the past academic year from the following illustrative and non-exhaustive list of corporations which profit from and enable human rights abuses by arming the Israeli Defense Forces who are committing a genocide in occupied Palestine, amounting to a death toll of over 40,000 Palestinian civilians; and¹³,

WHEREAS: Boeing, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, Caterpillar, Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems, and RTX (formerly Raytheon); have violated the universal rights “to life, liberty, and security of person”, “to education”, to “privacy, family [and] home”, “to own property, and ...[not to] be arbitrarily deprived of property” as stated in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights;¹⁴ and,

WHEREAS: Boeing manufactures F-15 fighter jets and Apache AH-64 attack helicopters, which the Israeli Air Force has used extensively in all of its attacks on Gaza, including in 2023, and Boeing also manufactures multiple types of unguided small-diameter bombs (SDBs) and Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) kits, which convert these bombs into precision-guided munitions, and Israel has been using these bombs extensively, including in a [Nov. 1 bombing](#) of Gaza’s Jabalia refugee camp, which killed hundreds of Palestinian civilians and [could amount to a war crime](#), according to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; and,¹⁵

WHEREAS: [Lockheed Martin](#) is one of the world’s largest arms manufacturers and supplies Israel with both F-16 and F-35 fighter jets, which have been heavily used in bombing Gaza, and, Israel employs Lockheed Martin's C-130 Hercules transport planes to support its ground invasion of the region and its AGM-114 Hellfire missiles for Israel’s Apache helicopters, a primary weapon used in the aerial assaults on Gaza that have seen widespread use in 2023; and, on

promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.”

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<https://www.trtworld.com/middle-east/live-blog-palestinian-death-toll-surpasses-35300-as-israel-pounds-gaza-18163429>

¹⁴ United Nations, “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” December 10, 1948.

<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

¹⁵ <https://investigate.info/company/boeing>

December 11, the Israeli Air Force [used](#) a Lockheed Martin C-130-J Super Hercules aircraft to air-drop approximately seven tons of equipment to Israeli soldiers engaging in ground attacks in Khan Younis which is located in the southern Gaza Strip, and in an October 17 investor call, Lockheed Martin CEO, Jim Taicle, [highlighted](#) the Israel and Ukraine conflicts as potential drivers for increased revenue in the coming years; and,¹⁶

WHEREAS: General Dynamics is the [only company](#) in the U.S. that makes the metal bodies for the MK-80 bomb series, one of the primary aerial munitions Israel has used to bomb Gaza, and the largest of this bomb series, the 2,000-pound MK-84/BLU-109/GBU-31 bomb, is notorious for the damage it creates, and cannot be used in densely-populated urban areas without causing massive civilian casualties according to a [CNN analysis](#), Israel dropped more than 500 such bombs in the Northern Gaza Strip until Nov. 6, including, for example the Nov. 1 [bombing](#) of the Jabalia refugee camp, which killed hundreds of Palestinian civilians and [could amount to a war crime](#), according to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; and,¹⁷

WHEREAS: [Caterpillar](#) has been supplying Israel with the D9 armored bulldozer, which the Israeli military [routinely uses](#) to demolish Palestinian homes and civilian infrastructure in the occupied West Bank and to enforce the blockade of the Gaza Strip, and, Since December, Caterpillar D9 bulldozers and other heavy equipment have been [systematically destroying](#) civilian buildings and other property alongside the Gaza Strip border, creating a half-a-mile-wide “buffer zone” which is over roughly 16% of the Strip's area, and, according to the [U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights](#), “extensive destruction of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly, amounts to a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention and a war crime”, and, D9 bulldozers were also used in raids of Palestinian cities in the occupied West Bank, including [Jenin](#) and [Tulkarem](#), where a bulldozer was used to destroy a memorial to former Palestinian president Yasser Arafat, and deliberate destruction of cultural heritage sites during an armed conflict [can](#) constitute a war crime; and,¹⁸

WHEREAS: [Northrop Grumman](#) supplies the Israeli Air Force with the Longbow missile delivery system for its Apache attack helicopters and laser weapon delivery systems for its fighter jets, and the company has also supplied the Israeli Navy with Sa'ar 5 warships, which have taken part in the assault on Gaza, and, on Dec. 15, Northrop Grumman was [awarded](#) an \$8.9 million contract for 30mm MK44 Stretch cannons for the Israeli military which uses these guns on its Namer Armored Personnel Carrier, used extensively in Gaza; and,¹⁹

¹⁶ <https://investigate.info/company/lockheed-martin>

¹⁷ <https://investigate.afsc.org/company/general-dynamics>

¹⁸ <https://investigate.info/company/caterpillar>

¹⁹ <https://investigate.info/company/northrop-grumman>

WHEREAS: The world's seventh largest weapons manufacturer, U.K. company [BAE Systems](#) manufactures the M109 howitzer, a 155mm mobile artillery system that the Israeli military [has been using extensively](#), firing tens of thousands of 155mm shells into the Gaza Strip including shells containing [white phosphorus bombs](#), the use of which is [forbidden](#) in densely populated civilian areas and potentially amounts to a war crime; and,²⁰

WHEREAS: [RTX](#), formerly Raytheon, supplies the Israeli Air Force with guided air-to-surface missiles for its F-16 fighter jets, as well as cluster bombs and bunker busters, which have consistently been used against Gaza's civilian population and infrastructure, and RTX subsidiary Pratt & Whitney manufactures engines for F-15 and F-16 fighter jets; and,²¹

WHEREAS: UCSB [accepted funds](#) of over \$3 million from Boeing, \$1.5 million from Lockheed Martin, \$6.8 million (cumulative) from Northrop Grumman, \$1 million from BAE Systems, and \$6 million (cumulative) from RTX (formerly Raytheon) in the form of research contracts and grants; and,

WHEREAS: UCSB accepted over [\\$3.32 million](#) in private philanthropic donations from Lockheed Martin, Caterpillar, Northrop Grumman, and RTX (formerly Raytheon) in the 2022-2023 school year alone, and has further rewarded these companies with benefits like establishing career programs, campus career development events, research opportunities; and,²²

WHEREAS: The Education Abroad Program (EAP) at UCSB hosts study abroad programs with the Technion Institute of Technology and Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and,

WHEREAS: [The Technion Institute of Technology](#) and [Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#) are complicit in the crimes committed by the state of Israel against the Palestinian people due to their deep involvement in the research and development of weapons and surveillance equipment that is utilized in the oppression of Palestinians, as well as the development and recruitment of members for the Israeli Defense Forces and Military Intelligence Division through programs established by these militarized forces and sponsored by the university; and,²³

²⁰ <https://investigate.info/company/bae-systems>

²¹ <https://investigate.info/company/rtx>

²² <https://dailynexus.com/2023-11-30/editorial-ucsb-has-no-place-in-war-we-must-divest/>

²³ <https://nyact.net/links/about-the-technion/>

<https://www.washingtonjewishweek.com/from-medicine-to-high-tech-how-the-hebrew-university-of-jerusalem-unique-partnership-with-israel-defense-forces-is-bettering-the-world/>

WHEREAS: UCSB has also received 277 research grants from Department of Defense (DoD) entities since 2015 with an aggregated amount of \$187.7 million²⁴ with \$83.6 million from the United States Department of the Navy (DON), \$47.1 million from United States Department of the Army (DA) and \$23 million from United States Air Force (USAF), and \$8.8 million from the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and,

WHEREAS: UCSB Materials laboratories are currently taking Department of Defense funding to develop proof-of-concept, high-temperature alloys to power aerospace munitions which are made from cobalt mined by forced Congolese labor including over 25,000 children, perpetuating the crisis in The Democratic Republic of the Congo; and,

WHEREAS: The Department of Defense (DoD) is providing substantial military aid and strategic support to Israel in its ongoing genocide in Gaza and siege on Rafah, and continues to play a central role in perpetuating cycles of violence and promoting imperialistic objectives in various other countries worldwide; and,

WHEREAS: Students have direct participation with the institution, yet are forced to indirectly participate in the ongoing genocide in Palestine through the University's continued investment in weapons manufacturers and the Department of Defense (DoD); and,

WHEREAS: The consequences of these companies' actions directly impact the UCSB community, including Palestinian students, faculty, staff, and community members many of whom have experienced occupation, death, injury, forced relocation, and other human rights violations as a result of Israel's ongoing occupation of Palestine, either themselves or through their loved ones; and,

WHEREAS: These financial investments inhibit UCSB from impartially maintaining a safe campus climate and providing support for all students on its campus; and,

WHEREAS: Over 40 UCSB Student Organizations have endorsed this resolution illustrating the overwhelming call by students across this campus to divest from these holdings;²⁵ and,

WHEREAS: The Associated Students of UC Davis, the Associated Students of the UC Berkeley, the Associated Students of UC Merced, the Associated Students of UC Santa Cruz, the Undergraduate Student Association Council (at UC Los Angeles), the Associated Students of UC Irvine, the Associated Students of UC Riverside, the Associated Students of UC San Diego, the UC Student Association, and the United Auto Workers Local 4811 Union have demanded for the UC Regents to divest from corporations violating Palestinian human rights; and,

²⁴https://dtic.dimensions.ai/discover/grant?search_mode=content&search_text=uc%20santa%20barbara&search_type=kws&search_field=full_search&and_facet_research_org=grid.133342.4&order=funding

²⁵ See Appendix A for a full list of Student Organizations.

WHEREAS: As stakeholders in the University of California, students should have full transparency as to where their university invests its money and its intended usage; and,

WHEREAS: Students across the world, and specifically throughout the UC system have bore the brunt of violence from militarized police when standing up for Palestinian people and demanding divestment; and,

WHEREAS: This resolution aims neither to condemn a country, a people, or a community nor to determine a political solution or cast moral judgment, but is solely aimed at ending our University's support of companies that enable human rights violations; and,

WHEREAS: Upholding our commitment to human rights, opposition to investments in companies engaged in violence, and counteracting our complicity in human rights violations are principles that have the power to unite members of the UCSB community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, that the Associated Students hereby:

1. Demand the UC Regents withdraw all \$32 billion worth of investments in securities²⁶, endowments, mutual funds, and other monetary instruments with holdings in any of the aforementioned entities supporting and/or facilitating the Israeli occupation and genocide of Gaza, at such time and in such manner as fund trustees may determine; and that the University of California maintain the withdrawal of investments, in accordance with trustees' fiduciary duty, until these companies are no longer engaged in the violation of human rights and other behavior that fails to adhere to the University of California-endorsed Principles of Responsible Investment.
2. Demand the UC Regents cease their relationship with BlackRock as their investment manager, at such time and in such manner as fund trustees may determine.
3. Demand the UC Regents and UC Office of the President work with the statewide [UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - PALESTINE SOLIDARITY COLLECTIVE \(UC-PSC\)](#) negotiations team to fulfill all of their demands including divestment from companies, investments, research projects, and institutions that have directly facilitated and enabled human rights violations, war crimes, and violations of international law as part of prolonged military occupations, apartheid, and genocide.

4. Demand the UCSB administration fully comply with the Public Record Act request submitted on March 9, 2024, and publicize the number and copies of all Department of Defense-related contracts they hold on the UCSB campus website.
5. Demand the UCSB administration fully disclose and make the following information public on the UCSB campus website: all UC retirement & pension programs, the general endowment pool, the short-term investment pool, the total-return investment pool, and the UC Foundations' public and private holdings.
6. Demand the UCSB administration fully disclose all of the following for the UCSB Chancellor, all Vice Chancellors, and all UCSB Board of Trustees members and further make that information public on the UCSB campus website: (a) full disclosures of personal tax returns and consulting contracts and (b) documentation on any and all official representation that may serve on any financial and educational boards outside of the University of California.
7. Demand the UCSB administration work with the [UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - PALESTINE SOLIDARITY COLLECTIVE" \(UC-PSC\)](#) to adopt an investment policy statement that commits to divestment from companies and institutions that are profiting from the Israeli occupation, apartheid, and genocide of the Palestinian people. UC-PSC shall hold veto power over any proposed policy statement. The policy statement shall also commit to a university-wide audit that comprehensively surveys other university investments for connections with companies that would otherwise be divested under this agreement. The university shall identify these investments, disclose them to UC-PSC, and divest in compliance with the investment policy statement. The investment policy statement shall commit to divestment in perpetuity, with terms that ensure that companies and institutions that are involved in human rights abuses that have been documented by the United Nations, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and others, including human rights abuses occurring due to the Israeli occupation, apartheid, and genocide of the Palestinian people are not reincorporated into the university's investments. The UC and UC-PSC shall halt any new investment in companies outlined in this agreement, and divest from direct ownership and from any commingled funds that include public equities and corporate bonds associated with Israel's violations of human rights and international law within one year. The UC-PSC and UCSB CFO shall also begin a process to remove the UCSB endowment fund from the management of the UC Investments Office and transform UCSB's invested endowment into sustainable and socially responsible investment funds.
8. Demand the UCSB Office of Research in conjunction with the UCSB Technology and Industry Alliances adopt the following policies pertaining to academic research: (a) all

local stakeholders of the lands upon which all new research will take place will be consulted by trained UCSB staff members who will make recommendations to researchers afterward; (b) ethical research guidelines for all divisions and colleges will be set; (c) only ethically-sourced materials shall be used in labs; (d) partnerships with the Department of Defense, all federal/private military agencies, and all of the aforementioned companies contributing to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine shall be terminated or not renewed; (e) provide transitional research funds for researchers who refuse funding from the Department of Defense (DoD), including all active grants and all current collaborations between the DoD and UCSB researchers, while also ceasing artificial intelligence (AI) research development connected to all Israeli state, military, and research programs; and (f) divest fully from the Thirty Meter Telescope that is set to be built on sacred Mauna Kea in Hawai'i.

9. Demand the UCSB Administration work with the UC-PSC negotiations team to assist UCSB entities or administrators with authority over contracts and procurement for campus vendors (e.g. University Center, The Arbor) to enact policies preventing financial or other monetary assets from being used to procure materials from, or finance activities and/or contracts with companies on the BDS list that provide material assistance to the commission or maintenance of violations of international law and human rights, including the illegal annexation of territory, colonialism, apartheid, war crimes and crimes against humanity, or that discriminate on the basis of race, color, caste, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, orientation, or age.
10. Demand the UCSB administration and its subsidiary entities (i.e. research centers, labs, institutions) immediately suspend affiliations with Israeli academic institutions such as the EAP study abroad programs at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Technion Institute of Technology until the Israeli government is in compliance with international law, ending its occupation and colonization of Palestinian lands occupied in 1967, dismantling the apartheid wall and recognizing the rights of Palestinians as equal citizens, as well as protecting and promoting their right to return to their homes, as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.
11. Demand the UCSB administration break the recruitment pipeline for Department of Defense entities (U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, etc) and any company identified as aiding and abetting human rights violations at the discretion of the UC-PSC, including but not limited to: Boeing, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, Caterpillar, Northrop Grumman, General Electric, Toyon, BAE Systems, and RTX (formerly Raytheon) by (a) refusing university access to recruiters or other representatives of said firms; (b) removing recruitment portals from Career Services web infrastructure; and (c) creating

university policy that prevents professors or researchers from performing joint work for the military contractors mentioned above and any other firm identified by the UC-PSC.

12. Demand the UCSB administration provide funding for and establish a Center for Palestinian Studies with an advisory board established in coordination with the UC-PSC. It will commit to four FTE permanent faculty lines for Palestinian Studies faculty and funding for two Palestinian studies postdoctoral scholars on campus. The university shall fund the development of a Palestinian Studies program and graduate student training initiatives in conjunction with existing PhD programs on campus. In addition, the university will commit funds for eight Palestinian visiting scholars through the Scholars At Risk program annually, addressing the problem of Palestinians exiled and displaced by Israeli scholasticide supported and funded by UC investments toward the Israeli state and military. The Center will establish long-term educational partnerships with Palestinian universities, beginning with Birzeit University in Ramallah in the West Bank. It will also commit to an institutional partnership with the Palestinian American Research Center.
13. Demand the UCSB administration provide culturally sensitive mental health services and safe spaces on campus for Palestinian students, faculty, and staff who have been affected by the genocide in Gaza and the UC's complicity to it by diversifying its mental health service providers and hiring providers from the Palestinian and Arab American communities. The administration shall further invest more funds and resources into campus programs that support students who are food insecure, experiencing financial hardships and housing crises, daycare services, and emergency support.
14. Demand the UCSB administration consult with UC-PSC, the ASUCSB Senate, and the Academic Senate regarding UCOP allocation of funds to combat Islamophobia and antisemitism in order to ensure that such programming does not perpetuate hateful narratives.

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