



**Resolution Reaffirming the “Resolution in Support of University of California San Diego Corporate Accountability through Divestment from Corporations Profiting from the Illegal Occupation, Siege, and Blockade of Palestine”  
(passed March 2013 by ASUCSD)**

Sponsored by Senator [Elizabeth Lopez](#)

**WHEREAS**, 10 years ago ASUCSD passed a resolution with SJP asking UC San Diego to divest from corporations profiting from the illegal occupation, siege, and blockade of Palestine. Following that Senate meeting, Chancellor Khosla released a statement reiterating the University of California’s stance that a divestment resolution would not be brought before the UC Board of Regents (19):

“[Such] divestment is not the policy of the University of California,” Khosla said. “I am confident that our students will continue to engage in open, balanced and civil dialogue when discussing highly complex world issues that evoke strong feelings and emotions.”

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students most recently passed “Resolution Condemning Jew-Hatred and Committing to Fair and Equal Representation of the Jewish Community at UC San Diego” in November 8th, 2023 and endorsed “Students for Justice in Palestine’s Statement Release: A Response to Chancellor Khosla’s Discriminatory Email Statement” on October 25th, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the Nation-State of Israel started their assault on the Palestinian people after Hamas' October 7th, 2023 attack, more than 20,000 Palestinian lives (and well over 2,700 missing under the rubble) have been lost within a month and death toll rising exponentially with every passing day [Oct. 2023-present] (20). UN experts have warned that time is running out to prevent genocide and humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza (21); and,

**WHEREAS**, this new resolution formally acknowledges the "Israel-Hamas war" as a genocide on the people of Palestine; and,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution for divestment from 10 years ago still stands as a concrete way for our university to take tangible steps in solidarity with the Palestinian community on campus and supports an end to the cycle of genocide and humanitarian catastrophe taking place in Gaza; and,

**WHEREAS**, this new resolution calls on the Associated Students and the University of California, San Diego to reaffirm the 2013 resolution found below:



*WHEREAS, the University of California, San Diego, is an institution established to "advance the health and well-being of our region, state, nation and the world" (2); and,*

***WHEREAS,** the University of California San Diego promotes and encourages engagement on global issues, as exemplified by Eleanor Roosevelt College's mission statement that seeks to "feature dimensions of international understanding and cultural diversity" (3); and*

***WHEREAS,** the mission of the Office of the Treasurer of the UC Regents reaffirms the importance of "adher[ing] to high ethical as well as professional standards in serving the investment management needs of its constituency"(4); and,*

***WHEREAS,** students at the University of California San Diego have a long history of activism, including the Lumumba-Zapata Movement to establish Thurgood Marshall College, the anti-militarism movements of the 1960s, and the student response to the 2010 Compton Cookout (5); and,*

***WHEREAS,** the most recent UC Annual Endowment Report shows University of California San Diego holdings in the Russell 3000 Index, which includes investments in United States companies General Electric, Northrop Grumman, and Caterpillar Inc., whose military technology is used by the Israeli Defense Forces in the occupation and siege within areas of the Palestinian territories (6); and,*

***WHEREAS,** General Electric holds engineering support and testing service contracts with the Israeli Defense Forces and supplies the T700/CT7 engine propulsion system for the Apache AH-64 Helicopter Fleets which, as documented by Amnesty International and the World Policy Institute, have been used in attacks on the Palestinian population (7); and,*

***WHEREAS,** Northrop Grumman produces the Longbow mast-mounted 360° radar for the Apache AH-64 attack helicopter; which as documented by Amnesty International have also been used in attacks on the Palestinian population (8); and,*

***WHEREAS,** Caterpillar-provided D9 bulldozers are used against Palestinian civilians and peace activists, most notably in the murder of Evergreen College student Rachel Corrie (9); and,*



(10); and

**WHEREAS**, the occupation of Palestine, annexation of East Jerusalem, settlement of the West Bank, and siege and blockade of Gaza are deemed illegal under international law by the United Nations through UN Resolutions 252, 267, 271, 298, 446, 476, 478, 452, and 1860, (11); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Government of South Africa has declared the Nation-State of Israel to be an apartheid state with an “institutionalized form of racism in which states enact laws which function as the apparatus to commit inhumane acts for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them” (12); and,

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UNCERD) issued a report in March 2012 urging the Nation-State of Israel to end its practices of racial segregation and apartheid (13); and,

**WHEREAS**, Palestinian citizens of Israel which comprise 20% of the total population of the state are subjected to racial discrimination, violence, and segregation by practices and policies of the nation state (14); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Nation-State of Israel has been condemned for human rights violations, including preventing the Palestinian right to return as documented by Resolutions 194, 237, and 484, and the murder of Palestinian university students in Resolution 592 and 605 (15); and,

**WHEREAS**, the divestment of corporations complicit in violence against Palestinians is in line with the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement, which has been used to shed light on the continued human rights abuses against the Palestinian people; and has been endorsed by Palestinian civil society joined by a diverse range of activists including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Asian writer and intellectual Arundhati Roy, the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, American Jews for a Just Peace, Code Pink, and the Green Party of the United States, among numerous others (16); and,



UCSD that stated that ASUCSD can make decisions regarding "moral events and political issues that deeply impact UCSD students and are significant to their student lives"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ASUCSD has already set the ethical precedent of advocating for peaceful investments; notably, on 11 May 1985 the ASUCSD passed the "South African Divestment Resolution" to withdraw investments from companies contributing to the apartheid system in South Africa; and,

**WHEREAS**, on 20 January 2006 the ASUCSD passed the "Resolution Supporting University of California Divestment from Sudan"; and,

**WHEREAS**, on 20 February 2013 the ASUCSD passed "Resolution in Support of Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the UC has divested from tobacco companies (17); and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Student Association (UCSA), a body that represents all UC student governments passed a resolution "recognizing the legitimacy of boycotts and divestment as important social movement tools, and encouraged all institutions of higher learning to cleanse their investment portfolios of unethical investments in companies implicated in or profiting from violations of international human rights law, without making special exemptions for any one country" (18); and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the ASUCSD urges that UC assets do not include holdings in General Electric, Northrop Grumman, Caterpillar Inc., Alliant Techsystems, Boeing, General Dynamics Corporation, Globecom Systems, Hewlett Packard, Ingersoll-Rand, ITT Corporation, Lockheed Martin, Motorola Systems, Raytheon, Silicon Graphics, Terex, United Technologies, and Valero Energy Corporation and all other companies that profit off the military occupation of and violence inflicted upon the Palestinian people; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ASUCSD urges that the UC divests immediately with the goal of maintaining the divestment until aforementioned companies cease such practices; and,



*...and the U.S. Government, and the U.S. Government, support the indigenous Palestinian people in their struggle against a colonial occupier.*

***BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution also stands as a precedent-setting expression of ethical and peaceful investment practices supporting universal human rights and equality.”*

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- 1 Principles of Community
- 2 UC San Diego Mission Statement
- 3 Eleanor Roosevelt College Mission Statement
- 4 Mission Statement of the Office of the Treasurer of the Regents of the University of California
- 5.1 Lumumba-Zapata Movement
- 5.2 Anti-Militarist Movement of the 1960s
- 5.3 Black Winter Post-Compton Cookout Activism
- 6.1 UC Annual Endowments Report
- 6.2 UCRP Holdings as of December 2011
- 6.3 UC GEP Holdings as of December 2011
- 6.4 Russell 3000 Member Companies
- 7.1 General Electric – T700/CT7 engine
- 7.2 U.S. Military Assistance and Arms Transfers to Israel: U.S. Aid, Companies Fuel Israeli Military. World Policy Institute
- 7.3 Report: US Arms Transfers and Security Assistance to Israel. World Policy Institute. May 6, 2002
- 7.4 Amnesty International: Suffocating Gaza- the Israeli Blockade’s Effect on Palestinians
- 7.5 Physicians for Human Rights. “Evaluation of the Use of Force in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank: A Medical and Forensic Investigation”
- 7.6 Company Summaries Recommended for Divestment
- 7.7 Amnesty International Report: Israel/OPT: Fueling Conflict: Foreign Arms Supplies to Israel/Gaza
- 8.1 Northrop-Grumman & the AH-64 Apache



- 9.3 Caterpillar Fact Sheet
- 10.1 Documentation for Companies Recommended for Divestment
- 10.2 Company Summaries Recommended for Divestment
- 10.3 Motorola Fact Sheet
- 11.1 1968 Resolution 252
- 11.2 1969 Resolution 267
- 11.3 1969 Resolution 271
- 11.4 1971 Resolution 298
- 11.5 1979 Resolution 446
- 11.6 1979 Resolution 476
- 11.7 1980 Resolution 478
- 11.8 1979 Resolution 452
- 11.9 2009 Resolution 1860
- 12 South African Government-Commissioned Study Finds Israel an Apartheid State
- 13 UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Report, March 2012
- 14 Amnesty International Report on Racism and the Administration of Justice
- 15.1 1967 Resolution 237
- 15.2 1980 Resolution 484
- 15.3 1986 Resolution 592
- 15.4 1981 Resolution 605
- 16.1 Arundhati Roy Support BDS
- 16.2 Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions Supports BDS
- 16.3 Additional list of BDS endorsers
- 17 UC Investments to Remain Tobacco-Free
- 18 UCSA Resolution Condemning HR-35
- 19.1 2013 UCSD Guardian Article
- 19.2 ASUCSD 2013 Resolution
- 20 Death Toll Tops 11,000 in Palestine
- 21 Gaza is 'running out of time' UN experts warn, demanding a ceasefire to prevent genocide

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