



**Associated Students, SJSU, Board of Directors' Resolution 23/24-05  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CEASEFIRE, CONDEMNING HUMAN RIGHTS  
VIOLATIONS AND WAR CRIMES, AND REAFFIRMING STUDENTS' FREEDOM OF  
SPEECH AND EXPRESSION**

**Whereas,** It is the mission of Associated Students at San José State University to represent the students of San José State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunities and experience; and

**Whereas,** Associated Students (A.S.) is the official voice of over 36,000 students at San José State University (SJSU); and

**Whereas,** SJSU has a long-standing tradition of inclusion and diversity, with it being federally recognized as being a minority-serving campus<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas,** Associated Students at San Jose State University has adopted and supported the Ceasefire Resolution created by the California State Student Association with minor grammar edits<sup>2</sup>. Associated Students will adhere to its Purpose to condemn discrimination on any basis<sup>3</sup>. Social injustices resulting from various forms of oppression must be addressed; and

**Whereas,** An increase in acts of hate and aggression targeted towards individuals based on their personal beliefs has spiked across San Jose State University, including CSU systems, and around the country; and

**Whereas,** The UN Human Rights Council resolution 31/L.39 states that all States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, as stated in the Charter and as elaborated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable instruments<sup>4</sup>; and

**Whereas,** International Humanitarian Law recognizes the right of all people to life and security of all peoples to political and economic self-determination; and

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<sup>1</sup> SJSU External Research Partners <https://www.sjsu.edu/research/partners/external-research--partners.php>

<sup>2</sup> CSSA Resolution

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e5e21060-94aa-383b-bf65-1e8e01409639>

<sup>3</sup> Bylaws

<https://www.sjsu.edu/as/docs/gov/Bylaws%20Final%202023%20Version.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Human Rights Council 2016

[https://www.un.org/unispal/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/A\\_HRC\\_31\\_L.39.pdf](https://www.un.org/unispal/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/A_HRC_31_L.39.pdf)



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**Whereas,** On October 7, 2023, Hamas conducted an attack on Israel that left an estimated 1,200 killed and over 200 hostages taken

**Whereas,** Subsequently, as of February 19, 2024, according to Gaza's Health Ministry and The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), more than 29,000 Palestinians have been killed and 69,000 wounded in Gaza by the Israeli siege.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, over 394 people have been killed, and 4,528 have been wounded in the Occupied West Bank as of February 20<sup>5</sup>; and

**Whereas,** 70% of the Palestinians killed in Gaza are women and children<sup>6</sup>; and

**Whereas,** Over 80% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people have been displaced<sup>7</sup>; and

**Whereas,** As of February 2, according to the UN World Health Organization, at least 17,000 children in Gaza are unaccompanied or separated<sup>8</sup>; and

**Whereas,** According to the UN, Since October 7, 122 journalists and media workers were murdered in the Gaza Strip, with many others sustaining injuries as of February 1<sup>9</sup>; and

**Whereas,** On January 24, only 13 of the original 36 hospitals in the Gaza strip were functioning at severely limited capacity, with no hospitals fully functioning<sup>10</sup>; and

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<sup>5</sup> The Palestinian Death Toll in Gaza Has Reached 29,000 People

<https://time.com/6696507/palestinian-death-toll-gaza-israel-hamas/>

<sup>6</sup> Women and Children are the main victims

<https://apnews.com/article/women-children-gaza-war-victims-un-inequality-f0f89a724543b99c2c22439e7af09405>

<sup>7</sup> Israel is holding up food for 1.1 million Palestinians in Gaza

<https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-gaza-unwra-bank-aid-4ed5e0652dd81b875055679a01a19371>

<sup>8</sup> Rafah a "pressure cooker" of despair

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/02/1146157>

<sup>9</sup> UN rights experts condemn 'killing and silencing' of journalists

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/02/1146132>

<sup>10</sup> WHO teams deliver supplies to hospitals

<https://www.who.int/news/item/27-12-2023-who-teams-deliver-supplies-to-hospitals-in-northern-and-southern-gaza#:~:text=According%20to%20the>



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**Whereas,** Over 75% of universities and schools in the Gaza Strip have been completely destroyed or damaged<sup>11</sup>. According to the World Health Organization, there have been more than 600<sup>12</sup> attacks on the health system in the Palestinian Territories; and

**Whereas,** As of February 22, well under the dedicated amount of aid trucks daily have been able to enter Rafah to deliver humanitarian aid, leading global health organizations to sound alarms for mass starvation and disease according to OCHA<sup>13</sup>; and

**Whereas,** The UN Secretary-General António Guterres told the U.N. Security Council that Gaza is at “a breaking point” and that the total collapse of the humanitarian support system is inevitable. He has called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the name of humanity<sup>14</sup>; and

**Whereas,** On December 12, 2023, in the UN General Assembly, an overwhelming majority of 153 to 10 voted in favor of calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire, vetoed by the United States<sup>15</sup>; and

**Whereas,** The ICJ found it plausible that Israel’s acts could amount to genocide and issued six provisional measures, ordering Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent genocidal acts, including preventing and punishing incitement to genocide, ensuring aid and services reach Palestinians under siege in Gaza, and preserving evidence of crimes committed in Gaza<sup>16</sup>; and

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<sup>11</sup> Gaza's Children Are Forced to Learn how to Survive Bombs and Hunger

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/gaza-children-forced-to-learn-how-to-survive-bombs-hunger>

<sup>12</sup> Nearly 600 attacks on healthcare in Gaza and West Bank since war began: WHO

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/01/1145317>

<sup>13</sup> UN blames security collapse as aid deliveries to Gaza dry up

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/un-blames-security-collapse-aid-deliveries-gaza-dry-up-2024-02-21/>

<sup>14</sup> Secretary General urges

<https://press.un.org/en/2023/sc15518.doc.htm>

<sup>15</sup> UN General Assembly votes by large majority for immediate humanitarian ceasefire

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/12/1144717>

<sup>16</sup> ICJ RULING <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/01/gaza-icj-ruling-offers-hope-protection-civilians-enduring-apocalyptic#:~:text=The%20ICJ%20found%20it%20plausible,under%20siege%20in%20Gaza%2C%20and>



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**Whereas,** The International Criminal Court lists four laws as crimes within the jurisdiction of the court. Those four laws are: The crime of Genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes; and The crime of aggression<sup>17</sup>; and

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**Whereas,** The UN Security Council, with a 13-1-1, voted in favor of a resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire, vetoed by the United States<sup>18</sup>; and

**Whereas,** Amnesty International, Doctors without Borders, and Oxfam International, Jewish Voice for Peace, amongst other NGOs, have called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza; and

**Resolved,** That CSSA and Associated Students of SJSU call for an immediate ceasefire and safe return of all the hostages and unduly imprisoned civilians from Palestine and Israel; and be it further

**Resolved,** That CSSA and the Associated Students of SJSU call for all 23 campuses to provide protection and support to students and tenured and untenured faculty who participate in organizing for humanitarian rights through emotional support resources and accommodations, as well as legal aid for altercations with police; and be it further

**Resolved,** That CSSA and Associated Students of SJSU urge that that the CSU Chancellor's office and the President's office provide outlined resources and strategize methods to provide support and safety for students, staff, and faculty fearing or being targeted by assault, doxxing, smearing, and retaliation as a result of their advocacy; and be it further

**Resolved,** That doxxing affects student populations, especially through times of heightened political tension, and has been used as a tactic to silence marginalized populations exercising their rights to freedom of speech and be it further

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<sup>17</sup> Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/RS-Eng.pdf>

<sup>18</sup> The U.S. has again vetoed a U.N. resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire in Gaza

<https://www.npr.org/2024/02/20/1232636543/un-security-council-gaza-cease-fire-vote>



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**Resolved,** That none of us are immune to the chronic influx of news and social media, which have notably been plagued with rumor, disinformation, propaganda, and triggering content. CSSA and Associated Students of SJSU request students to diligently evaluate all news in an era of rapid information dissemination before taking a stance; and be it further

**Resolved,** In standing against violence and promoting peace across the CSU system, CSSA and Associated Students of SJSU join the worldwide nationwide call for a bilateral ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, West Bank peace, humanitarian aid access, and a stance against Genocide<sup>19</sup> of any kind as called for by the United Nations (UN); and be it further

**Resolved,** That CSSA and Associated Students of SJSU stand firm in condemning the recent rise of Islamophobic and Antisemitic hate incidents on and off campuses. CSSA stands against any form of harassment, hate crimes, hate speech, doxing, and suppression of freedom of speech in universities across the 23 campuses and surrounding communities in the State of California; and be it further

**Resolved,** That CSSA and Associated Students of SJSU condemn the murder of innocent life, and that we remain unequivocally committed to promoting students' right to freedom of speech and right to a sense of safety and belonging on and off campus. Disagreement and discourse are a critical part of higher education. We, therefore, implore students to treat one another with dignity and respect during these difficult times; and be it finally

**Resolved,** That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including, but not limited to: all board members of the CSU **Board of Trustees**, **Mildred Garcia** (*Chancellor, CSU*), **Cynthia Teniente-Matson** (*President of San José State University*), *Members of the President's Cabinet*, **Jennifer Malutta** (*Chief of Staff*), **Mari Fuentes-Martin** (*Interim Vice President for Student Affairs*), **Jahmal Williams** (*Director of Advocacy for Racial Justice*), **Patience Bryant** (*Interim Deputy Diversity Officer*), **Kristin Dukes** (*Chief Diversity Officer*), **Jon Tucker** (*Director of Student Involvement*), **Mai**

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<sup>19</sup> 10 Stages of Genocide

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/learn-about-the-holocaust-and-genocides/what-is-genocide/the-ten-stages-of-genocide/>



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**Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State  
University Board of Directors at a regular meeting held April 10, 2024 by a  
vote of 9-Yea 0-Nay 0-Abstention 3-Absent**

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4/18/2024

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