



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

**A RESOLUTION FOR DIVESTMENT IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN STUDENTS AT  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON**

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**WHEREAS**, The Associated Students Inc., CSUF (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

**WHEREAS**, Palestine is located in the Southwest Asian North African (SWANA) region and has been occupied by the Apartheid State of Israel since 1967<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Israel has been recognized by international law since 1967 as an occupying power in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and Gaza<sup>2</sup>, hereafter referred to as the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and

**WHEREAS**, international organizations such as Human Rights Watch and the United Nations have documented incidents that amount to war crimes committed by Israel<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, UN General Assembly Resolution 70/89 (2015) condemned Israel's occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem as a violation of international law and denounced Israel's separation wall as "unlawful construction"<sup>4</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, UN General Assembly Resolution 71/96 (2013) reaffirmed that Palestinian civilians were entitled to the protection of civilians during armed conflict under the Geneva Convention<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Israeli government contracts with private entities to implement policies and actions that contravene international law; and

**WHEREAS**, international humanitarian law recognizes the right of all people, including Palestinians, to life and security, and of all peoples to political and economic self-determination<sup>6</sup>  
<sup>7</sup>and

**WHEREAS**, the Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation (CSFPF) contains a clause within

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2017/06/israel-occupation-50-years-of-dispossession/>

<sup>2</sup> [Israel, Palestine and the Occupied Territories](#)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/report/2009/03/25/rain-fire/israels-unlawful-use-white-phosphorus-gaza>

<sup>4</sup> <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/815577?ln=en>

<sup>5</sup> <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N16/428/24/PDF/N1642824.pdf?OpenElement>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.refworld.org/docid/3ae6b3aa0.html>

their investment policy that encourages socially responsible investments<sup>8</sup>, which is the consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances in making investment decisions, including the risks and opportunities of environmental, social and corporate governance features of the companies in which it invests; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI is committed to being a responsible investor and that responsible management includes consideration of environmental, social and governance issues<sup>9</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI recognizes that our peers at CSU Long Beach, CSU East Bay, CSU San Francisco, and CSU San Jose along with over 30 student governments across the United States have passed similar resolutions in support of Human Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, CSFPF currently invests 3% of philanthropic investments into funds that include private companies that provide support for the Apartheid state of Israel; <sup>10</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the CSFPF's investment portfolio contains funds with companies AXA, HPE, Puma, Soda Stream, AHAVA, Sabra Hummus, Google, Amazon, and Boeing; and

**WHEREAS**, AXA is an insurance company that directly finances war and environmental crimes and owns shares of \$6.2 million in two Israeli banks involved in war crimes<sup>11</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, HPE provides services to the Israeli police and prison services. HP Inc has been involved in providing computers to Israeli occupation forces<sup>12</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Puma is the international sponsor of the Israel Football Association (IFA). The IFA includes football clubs based in illegal Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories<sup>13</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Soda Stream is an at-home carbonation machine. Soda Stream complies with Israel's grave violations of Palestinian human rights. Soda Stream also mistreats and discriminates against Palestinian workers<sup>14</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, AHAVA is a cosmetics company based in illegal Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories. AHAVA also uses mud from the shores of the Dead Sea in Palestine, using Palestinian natural resources without permission and supporting Israel in barring Palestinians from visiting the shores of the dead sea<sup>15</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Sabra Hummus is owned by the Strauss Group, which directly supports the Israeli Defense Force financially<sup>16</sup>; and

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<sup>8</sup> <https://foundation.fullerton.edu/resources/pdfs/CSFPF%20Investment%20Policy%20Draft%20-%20Final%20Approved%209.16.21.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/ASI-Policy-Concerning-Investments-and-Reserves-1.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> Disclosed during meeting with Vice President of Advancement

<sup>11</sup> <https://bdsmovement.net/news/demand-axa-stop-financing-war-and-environmental-crimes>

<sup>12</sup> <https://bdsmovement.net/BDS-Pressure-Works-HP-Update#:~:text=HPE%20provides%20services%20to%20the,computers%20to%20Israeli%20occupation%20forces>

<sup>13</sup> <https://bdsmovement.net/boycott-puma>

<sup>14</sup> <https://bdsmovement.net/news/%E2%80%9Csodastream-still-subject-boycott%E2%80%9D>

<sup>15</sup> <https://bdsmovement.net/news/boycott-ahava-dead-sea-products-makes-impact>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ethicalcampaigns/boycotts/bds-israel-boycott>

**WHEREAS**, Google recently signed a \$1.2 billion dollar agreement with Israel for a cloud computing system that provides the Israeli military with face detection, automated image categorization, object tracking, and sentiment analysis<sup>17</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Amazon collaborated with Google and signed a \$1.2 billion dollar contract with the Israeli government. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) will be the main user of the "Project Nimbus" deal's cloud services "environment," which will be made available to the Israeli public sector<sup>18</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Boeing has provided Israel with weapons of mass destruction used against Palestinian Territories. Some of these weapons include AH-64 Apache helicopters, F-15 fighter jets, Hellfire missiles (produced with Lockheed Martin), MK-84 2000-lb bombs, MK-82 500-lb bombs, Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) kits that turn bombs into "smart" GPS-equipped guided bombs. Boeing's Harpoon sea-to-sea missile system is installed on the upgraded 4.5 Sa'ar missile ships of the Israeli Navy. Boeing sold Small Diameter Bombs (SDBs) to Israel at least six times from 2008 to 2018, including a January 2018 contract for almost \$200M in SDB production<sup>19</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, ASI recognizes the complexity in the structure of an investment fund and aim to support Palestinian students in their efforts to call for more ethical investments by the CSFPF; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of ASI investments indicated that ASI does not invest in funds that have Israeli-owned companies; and

**WHEREAS**, CSU Fullerton's investment in these companies shows implicit support for Israel's violations of human rights; therefore let be it

**RESOLVED**, that ASI recognizes that invested funds goes to support violations of international law committed by the apartheid state of Israel; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that ASI supports the continuous divestment from funds that include the listed companies that the university contributes its investments to; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that ASI calls upon Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation to adhere to their listed investment policy pertaining to socially responsible investments in the efforts to support the basic human rights of the Palestinian people worldwide; and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that ASI will continue to adhere to its socially responsible investment considerations as required by policy<sup>20</sup>.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/why-google-s-new-contract-with-israel-is-unethical-and-worrisome-60486>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.thenation.com/article/economy/amazon-prime-day-israel/>


<sup>19</sup> <https://investigate.afsc.org/company/boeing>

<sup>20</sup> <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/ASI-Policy-Concerning-Investments-and-Reserves-1.pdf>

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