



Senate Resolution No. 2022/2023 - 016

Denouncing Hatred Towards the Jewish Community

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WHEREAS, a rise in anti-semitic incidents have threatened the safety of Jewish people across the country; and

WHEREAS, Jewish people comprise 2.4% of the U.S. population and 0.2% of the overall world population, but are the targets of 54.9% of “all religiously motivated hate crimes.”; and¹

WHEREAS, recently, Ye (Kanye West) has regularly used his platform to antagonize, vilify, and target Jewish people [October 2022]; and²

WHEREAS, Neo-Nazis have posted anti-semitic signs and invoked Nazi symbolism over the I-405 freeway in Los Angeles [October 22]; and³

WHEREAS, incidents of anti-semitism occurred at UC Davis in which banners reading “Communism is Jewish” as well as “The Holocaust is an anti-white lie” were displayed above a busy bypass [28. August 2022]; and

¹ [Statistic](#)

² [Kanye](#)

³ [405](#)

WHEREAS, A mezuzah (religious item placed on door posts) was torn down and burnt at Indiana University [October 6th 2022]; and

WHEREAS, a swastika was found in a residence hall and anti-semitic slurs were levied against at against Jewish students at UW Madison [March 2022]; and⁴

WHEREAS, swastikas were found on a storage room door on the Ithaca College campus [October 6th 2022]; and

WHEREAS, A Sukkah (a traditional Jewish holiday structure) was torn down in an anti-semitic incident at the Miami University of Ohio [October 6th 2022]; and⁵

WHEREAS, the AEPi house (Jewish Fraternity) was vandalized on the Rutgers University campus [September 26th 2022]; and

WHEREAS, On October 13 at the University Of California, Davis, anti-semitic graffiti was found covering the residence halls; and⁶

WHEREAS, incidents like these listed above promote the normalization of discrimination against Jews nationwide, and provoke violence such as the terror attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 2018 as well as the “Unite the Right Rally” in Charlottesville, Virginia in which chants of “Jews will not replace us” preceeded the murder of Heather Heyer; and⁷

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of the University of California denounces these anti-semitic incidents; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of the University of California encourages students to learn more about the rise in anti-semitism across the United States and advocate for the safety and security of Jewish students on campus. UC Berkeley Center for Jewish Studies Anti-semitism Education Resources:

<https://jewishstudies.berkeley.edu/antisemitism-education/antisemitism-education-resources/>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of the University of California strongly encourages the University to take swift and decisive action against any and all acts of anti-semitism perpetrated under their purview to protect the safety of Jewish students across campus.

⁴ [Wisconsin](#)

⁵ [Sukkah](#)

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<https://www.davisvanguard.org/2022/10/anti-semetic-graffiti-in-residence-hall-sparks-outrage-among-students/>

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<https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/27/us/pittsburgh-synagogue-shooting-survivor-4-year-anniversary-reaj/index.html>