



Unions Stand in Solidarity with Campus Protesters

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Demand Their Rights to Protest and Free Speech Be Respected

Unions representing over one million workers released a statement today in support of campus protesters at colleges and universities across the country.

The unions are members of the National Labor Network for Ceasefire (NLNC), which has been outspoken for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, restoration of basic human rights, immediate release of the hostages, unimpeded full access for humanitarian aid, and our president calling for a permanent ceasefire.

The six national and four local unions, some of whom represent faculty, student, and other campus workers, are stepping forward

because they recognize the risk of suppressing free speech — employers have been

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THE NATIONAL LABOR NETWORK FOR CEASEFIRE

The National Labor Network for Ceasefire supports:

- An immediate ceasefire in Gaza between Israel and Hamas.
- Restoration of basic human rights.
- Immediate release of hostages taken by Hamas.
- Unimpeded full access for humanitarian aid.
- Our president calling for a permanent ceasefire.

Join the labor movement call for a ceasefire, unfettered humanitarian aid and release of all hostages

Sign the statement, get your union to endorse it, build organized labor's movement for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

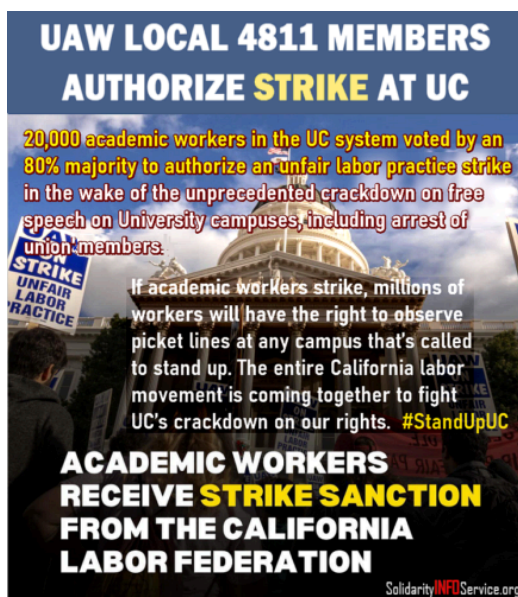
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trying to suppress workers demanding their rights for centuries. When some campuses began enlisting police to beat and arrest protesters to silence them, the already unacceptable crackdowns across the country went too far.

Union members have been attacked by the police on some campuses for exercising their rights to free speech, assembly, and protest. Labor unions across the country must defend these rights as the same rights that sustain our democracy and provide a voice for workers,” says Carl Rosen, General President of the United Electrical Workers Union (UE).

Here is the full statement:

Unions Stand in Solidarity with Campus Protesters, Demand Their Rights to Protest and Free Speech Be Respected



Our unions, representing over one million union members, stand in solidarity with those students, faculty and other academic workers across the United States who have faced a repressive and violent crackdown of their protests of the war in Gaza. We demand that campus administrators cease their campaign of threats, suspensions and expulsions against peaceful protestors and cease using law enforcement agencies to disrupt and attack them.

Our unions are all members of the National Labor Network for Ceasefire, united by our shared call for a ceasefire in Gaza, the safe return of hostages, and safe passage for urgently needed humanitarian aid to those displaced, starved and injured by Israel's campaign in Gaza. We see our demands broadly reflected in the campus protests.

Moreover, as trade unionists, we can never support efforts to repress, intimidate or deploy state-sanctioned violence against those exercising their democratic rights of free speech and who protest, strike, or demand justice.

The repressive response of certain university administrators and local police to these protests is also a labor rights issue. Faculty, student workers, and other campus workers – many of whom belong to our unions – are among those who have been arrested and

forcibly removed from the protests or suspended from their work. University staff have been ordered to clear protests led by students, their fellow workers and union members. Academic freedom, free speech, the right to assemble, and the right to protest are fundamental rights and they must be respected on campuses and across the country.



The time for peace is now. We stand in solidarity with the protesters.

American Postal Workers Union (APWU)

Association of Flight Attendants (AFA-CWA)

International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT)

National Nurses United (NNU)

United Auto Workers (UAW)

United Electrical Workers Union (UE)

Chicago Teachers Union Local 1 (CTU-1)

SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania (SEIUHCPA)

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United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 3000 (UFCW 3000)



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