

Solidarity Statement

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Right Livelihood Student Club

The Right Livelihood Student Club (RLSC) at UCSC supports the students' and academic workers' right to protest and free speech and condemns the use of police force. The activism expressed by UCSC students in response to the ongoing genocide is not only an expression of these rights but a part of a long legacy of student protests that have contributed to crucial social change.

RLSC believes that there are times when breaking the law may be justified when challenging greater injustices. This contrasts with the position taken by the UC to the student encampments, and graduate students' affirmative vote to strike to protect their right to protest in solidarity with the encampments.

RLSC stands united against police oppression. Campuses must remain a safe space for discourse for their student's collective learning and first-hand experiences. The brave acts of protest exhibited by UC students through these encampments and strikes are an opportunity for the University and community to listen, support, and work towards positive change. RLSC condemns any use of police force against these students.

RLSC supports the demands presented by the UCSC encampment, including divestment, disclosure, boycott, an end to academic repression, cops off campus, and an end to the silence. At the Center, we will reject the zero-sum arguments that the demanded divestments will put future scholarships at risk. Investing in war funds contributes to a collective economic, environmental, and social decline. Furthermore, the current immoral investments are a form of divestment from meaningful funds required to develop the regenerative economic investments that we urgently need for a sustainable future for all.

RLSC joins student protestors in a call to end the genocide in Palestine. Additionally, RLSC at UCSC would like to uplift the demands and resources of the current encampment and the organizations they support. Visit [@ucscsjp](#) or [@ucscdivest](#) for more information on how to support them. Additionally, it is crucial to center the humanitarian crisis and ongoing genocide, and help families in Gaza through resources that can be found via our student encampment.

Sincerely,

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