

March 28, 2024

Dear Senate Officers, Administration, and Faculty:

As Foothill and DeAnza students and alumni, we, the undersigned, are writing to offer our enthusiastic support for the Resolution Recognizing [Sustained Peace and Safety for All Students](#). Despite the many Palestinian students and faculty at Foothill and DeAnza who have lost dozens of their family members to one of the worst genocides in modern history, Foothill College and DeAnza College “leaders” have maintained their selective empathy. Now is the time to speak in no uncertain terms that we want the mass slaughter of Palestinians to stop.

Gaza, [The United Nations Secretary General](#) Antonio Guterres says, is becoming “[a graveyard for thousands of children](#)”. This was four months ago.

In the last five months, Israeli airstrikes have murdered over 30,000 Palestinians, with thousands decomposing under the rubble. More than half of those 30,000 are women and children. UNICEF estimates that [1000 children in Gaza have become amputees](#) since Israeli aggression began in October. Many had their limbs removed without anesthetic because the Israeli government is not letting in [humanitarian aid](#).


The Resolution Recognizing Sustained Peace and Safety for All Students recognizes that we will only be safe when the war ends. We will only find peace when we stop the killing and [forced starvation](#). Despite claims to the contrary, this resolution is not dividing us—it is only showing us which lives you, the faculty and administration, actually care about. We will not continue to suffer in silence so you can pretend we are all united.

Claims of antisemitism in the Resolution are unfounded. Many of the undersigned are Jewish and mourn the loss of innocent civilians lives while also disavowing a genocide in their name. Political conflation of all Jewish people with the political ideology of Zionism disregards decades of social justice organizing by [Jewish individuals](#), [rabbis](#), and [Jewish organizations](#). More worrisome, this political conflation diverts attention from actual antisemitism.

Foothill and DeAnza’s deafening silence has directly impacted our ability to learn. If Foothill is unwilling to support this underrepresented community then many students from other underrepresented backgrounds are afraid that they may be next. Supporting this resolution isn’t just about the current conflict but guaranteeing that Foothill is a welcoming and safe learning environment for those historically marginalized in educational settings.

We quote Mt. Holyoke’s Letter to the Editor, “We regard the call for a ceasefire as a bare minimum – a reflection of our linked humanity that is not ideological and should not be politicized.”

Sincerely,

 AS Signatures for Pro-Resolution Letter