

Demand that Antioch Divest From Genocide

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Dear Chancellor Groves,

I am writing to voice my disappointment and demand that Antioch divest from ESGV and XVV – immediately. These funds have significant ties to Israel, the IDF, and illegal settlements in Palestine. Since this was first brought to your attention, Antioch’s investment **has grown by \$110,000; now totalling around 1.46 million dollars**. Such a contribution is neither “small” nor impossible to disentangle, as you have previously suggested.

Our academic community is built on a shared dedication to social justice – or so we are led to believe. All of us (students and faculty) are here because of that promise. Antioch has participated in funding the starvation, forced displacement, and violent annihilation of the Palestinian people. Ignoring this fact is an unacceptable breach of our university’s core commitment. The only way forward is accountable action.

I am joining my numerous colleagues to say:

Not on our watch, not with our dime. We will not fund genocide!

I demand that Antioch divest from ESGV and XVV.

In fury and heartache,
[your name]

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Background and Investment Details:

In June of 2024, the Antioch chapter of Counselors for Social Justice reviewed Antioch's investment information and found two index funds (out of six) that are significantly weighted in companies with ties to Israel, the IDF, and/or illegal settlements in Palestine. These two funds **represent a direct investment in excess of 1.46 million dollars** of Antioch's money in these companies. This amount represents a **\$110,000 increase since last month**.

Find a thorough breakdown of the funds [here](#), with a summary on page 13, as well as a breakdown of how each company is invested in Israel.

The Chancellor's public statement on investments reads:

"I want to answer publicly a question I have received from multiple sources requesting information about Antioch's investment strategies and demanding that Antioch divest from any company with ties to Israel. I am aware of no such investments...

...In our case we have chosen Socially Responsible index funds. When we divested from fossil fuel-related industries, we worked for two years to find an index fund that filtered out all companies listed in the Underground 200. When one finally became available, we shifted our investments. To my knowledge, there are no such index funds that currently filter out companies with ties to Israel. I am open to further conversations on this topic, but I think that before deciding whether that is a path Antioch University would take **it is worth noting that it appears that any impact would be small and changes may be technically unfeasible.**"

Antioch CSJ feels strongly that divestment from these funds is in alignment with our values as an institution, and that it would be both **impactful** and **feasible**. We propose shares be divested from these two funds and dispersed to other Social Responsible index funds in which Antioch is already invested. This information was sent to the Chancellor in June 2024; while we await any significant response from university leadership, the investments continue to grow.

We invite you to circulate this document, voice support for divestment, share our slides on social media, and apply pressure in whatever way you're able.

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