

In 36 hours over 650 individuals have called on the University of Washington to revoke its resolution with the United Front for Palestinian Liberation

On May 15th, University of Washington (UW) students, faculty, and staff found their campus covered with graffiti that President Ana Mari Cauce described as “[violent and antisemitic](#)” and that the United Front For Palestinian Liberation (UFPL) claimed was an “intentional escalation to compel the University to agree to their demands.” President Cauce insisted that the University would not respond to “...tents, violent rhetoric, and vandalism.”



Two days later President Cauce published a [resolution](#) with 14 commitments the UW would make to the UFPL. The resolution included commitments such as allocating funds for new curriculum development, faculty hires, and scholarships; exploring divestiture from Israel and reevaluation of ties with Industry Partners like Boeing; and forgoing referrals for citations or conduct violations against members of the encampment.



The only thing the UFPL committed to was ending its encampment by 5/20.

Based on public statements, the negotiations appear to have excluded diverse voices, including UW affiliates who support Israel or otherwise disagree with the message or tactics of the UFPL.

Within 36 hours of launching a [petition](#) on May 21st, 650 individuals have called on the University of Washington to revoke the resolution. The petitioners shared their concern about the crisis in Gaza and its impact on civilians, and they urged the UW to initiate an “...open, evidence-based dialogue about whether and how [UW] should respond to this crisis [in Gaza].” Their opposition to the resolution is based on President Cauce excusing and even rewarding violent and antisemitic behavior, negotiating with organizations that have unclear affiliation with the University, amplifying messages about Israel’s actions and intent in the war that are not evidence-based, and excluding any mention of Hamas’ actions against Israeli citizens on October 7, 2023 or its continued strategies that perpetuate suffering of the Palestinian people.

The petition was anonymous due to fear Jews and non-Jews alike have that they will be attacked for speaking out publicly. However, we know 50% of the petitioners reported some affiliation with the University, and over 75% reported being Washington State residents. While the majority of respondents said they are Jewish or Israeli, over 10% said they are not.

Of the 50% of petitioners who indicate affiliation with the University, 36% are Faculty, Staff, or research affiliates; 32% are Alumni; 22% are Parents; and 10% are Students. Over 13% of University respondents identified as being not Jewish or Israeli.



The petition remains open, and responses continue to flow in. Figures are updated [here](#). Note the petition can only be completed once for each email address.