We need YOUR HELP to make Stanford *truly* tolerant. An RA who publicly displays violent anti-Israel hate will not create a safe dorm community. We have the momentum: You have the power to make Stanford safer.

### **Summary:**

On July 19th, Israel passed its 'nation-state law," that declares the obvious: Israel is a Jewish country (note that the Israeli flag has the Star of David). The law is primarily symbolic: it makes Hebrew Israel's official language and makes the Hebrew calendar Israel's official calendar. The next day, Hamzeh Daoud shared on Facebook an article about the law, angrily commenting that he would "physically fight zionists" on campus next year if someone comes at me with their 'israel is a democracy' bullshit:)". Similar laws exist in Europe, but Hamzeh decided to single out Israel. His words were hateful and stunning coming from a Stanford student. Although Hamzeh edited the statement after people became offended, his first instinct proves that he has anti-Israel and anti-Jewish sentiments. SCR condemned Hamzeh for his statement on Facebook and stressed to Stanford that he should be removed from his upcoming RA position.

#### **Reasoning:**

Why remove Hamzeh from his RA position? RAs are a crucial part of the Stanford freshman year experience, and Hamzeh has demonstrated that he does not have the emotional empathy suitable for the position. About 10% of Stanford students are Jewish; some even come from Israel. Would a freshman potentially thousands of miles from home feel comfortable with an RA like Hamzeh? It is easy to see why a Jewish student wouldn't be comfortable expressing his/her faith in the presence of Hamzeh. Stanford has an obligation to provide a home for its students and Hamzeh's shocking rhetoric would make this impossible. Anyone who is hesitant to fire an RA for threatening violence should remember that Kairos RAs were *fired* for carrying out such a threat.

**\*\*Note**: Daoud was recently PRAISED for threatening Jewish students by the white supremacist website, The Daily Stormer.

### What you can do:

## (1.) Email these Stanford Admins:

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#### Send an email like this:

# Dear [title and name]

I am a current student at Stanford and I urge you to remove Hamzeh Daoud from his position as a Norcliffe RA. I am shocked at Hamzeh Daoud's threats. Stanford itself says that its RAs are "serve as role models for responsible behavior and personal integrity...and exercise good judgment." Hamzeh, when publicly posting that he would "physically fight" people who believe that the Jewish people have a place in Israel, disgraced this standard. A white nationalist website even praised his statement. Would a freshman potentially thousands of miles from home feel comfortable with an RA as prejudiced as Hamzeh? 10% of Stanford students are Jewish; some even come from Israel. A Jewish student would not be comfortable expressing his/her faith around Hamzeh, violating the dorm community. Stanford has an obligation to provide a home for its students and Hamzeh's shocking rhetoric would make this impossible.

#### (2.) Share this document with friends

#### (3). Thank you!!! Every email makes Stanford safer.