

Over 10,000 UC Stakeholders and Supporters Urge Rejection of Ethnic Studies Council's Proposal Following Condoning of Hamas Massacre

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Dear University of California Board of Regents, President Drake, and UC Chancellors,

We, the undersigned University of California stakeholders and supporters, strongly condemn the UC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council's appalling [letter](#) justifying Hamas' massacre, torture and kidnapping of Israeli citizens and "celebrating" BDS. We stand united with 115 organizations that [wrote to you](#) recently, urging you to reject the Faculty Council's proposal for a UC ethnic studies admissions requirement. If approved, the proposal will force every high school in the state to offer ethnic studies courses based on criteria developed by members of the Faculty Council, which has also openly [declared](#) that anti-Zionism should be one of the "animating commitments" of high school ethnic studies curricula.

We wholeheartedly agree with the 115 groups that, "UC faculty who cannot acknowledge that the Hamas massacre is terrorism and a crime against humanity, and who state that anti-Zionism and the elimination of the Jewish state is a core value of their discipline, **must not be trusted to establish state-wide ethnic studies standards for California students.**"

We urge you to immediately reject the Ethnic Studies Faculty Council's proposal for a UC ethnic studies admissions requirement (Area H Ethnic Studies).

Sincerely,

The Undersigned **10,227** University of California Stakeholders (UC faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, parents and relatives of students, and California taxpayers) and Supporters

[See full list of signatories below]

CC: Chair of UC Academic Senate James Steintrager
Vice Chair of UC Academic Senate Steven Cheung
UC Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)
Governor of California Gavin Newsom

California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond
California Legislative Jewish Caucus

List of signatories (UC Stakeholders marked with *):

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