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Dear President Yudof,

As you know for the last several years I have been researching, documenting, and educating the Jewish community and the general public about the threats facing Jewish students on university campuses today – threats that I believe are serious and growing.

You are also aware that I have recently come under a vicious and unjustified personal attack from a pro-Palestinian student group on my campus, the Committee for Justice in Palestine (CJP) and members of affiliated Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) groups on other UC campuses. They claim that I made "openly racist" and "Islamophobic" comments about the SJP and Muslim Students Association (MSA) during a talk I gave at a synagogue near Boston last summer.

The CJP/SJP students' claims are false and dishonest. As a scholar of contemporary antisemitism in higher education, I based my characterizations of the behavior of some pro-Palestinian and Muslim student groups and their members on fact-based evidence. Nevertheless, in the current campaign being waged against me by CJP/SJP students, my words are being misconstrued as attacks on all Muslims and on Islam, in general, and thus "racist" and "Islamophobic." As you will see in the evidentiary material provided in the Appendix, labeling factual statements about their behavior as "racist" and "Islamophobic" is a common tactic for members of these groups used to demonize their critics and shut down freedom of speech.

I am writing to you now to express my extreme concern for the level to which these matters have escalated. I am a firm proponent of freedom of speech and believe that we should all feel free to voice disagreement and dissent. However, these student groups have gone well beyond free expression to the point of intolerable and impermissible intimidation, harassment, and defamation.

Most recently, in response to a 2-minute video clip taken from a much longer video of my talk last summer, the UCSC CJP and affiliated SJP groups on other UC campuses have not simply voiced dissent but waged a virulent and harmful campaign to assassinate my character that includes: posting and promoting a defamatory [on-line petition](#) accusing me of racism and censorship and calling on you to condemn me; widely posting [defamatory flyers](#) about me on the UCSC campus; launching [over a dozen videos](#) about me on YouTube that wrongfully accuse me of being "hateful," "dangerous," and "Islamophobic;" [instructing SJP students](#) UC-wide to fill out hate/bias reports against me on their respective campuses; passing libelous resolutions condemning me for my "inflammatory, hateful, and racist assumptions" in the [UC Berkeley](#), [UC Santa Barbara](#), [UC Davis](#), and [UC Irvine](#) student senates; and, perhaps most egregiously, appearing to collaborate with groups sympathetic to terrorists (e.g. the [International Solidarity Movement](#)) and associated on-line publications (e.g. [Electronic Intifada](#) and [Mondoweiss](#)) to more widely

circulate these defamatory materials about me.

Please understand that the CJP/SJP's targeted and well-orchestrated campaign of intimidation, harassment, and defamation has caused me to feel real concern for my safety and my ability to carry out my responsibilities as a faculty member at UCSC.

Moreover, the disturbing message these students are sending with their actions is that anyone who attempts to speak out against campus antisemitism, as I have, will be vilified, harassed, intimidated, and bullied into silence. And my experience is not unique.

Just last month a UC Santa Barbara student senator wrote a [letter to the editor](#) in the UCSB weekly newspaper expressing fear for her safety in the days leading up to the student senate's vote on the SJP-sponsored divestment resolution. In her letter, she states that she was forced to request secret ballots due to "intimidating forms of coercion and fear tactics used to sway senator decisions...threats and accusations from students and community members...and slanderous and untrue accusations on social media sites," which made her feel that "not only was [her] personal and mental well-being being jeopardized, but [her] individual safety as well."

Other students who opposed the divestment resolution at UCSB [reported](#) being spit on, having their bike tires tampered with, and being refused service at the university bookstore. At UC Irvine, a former Chair of the Student Judicial Board, who was the sole member of that committee to vote "no" on the SJP-sponsored divestment resolution, [expressed](#) feeling "continuously intimidated" and "repeatedly threatened" as a result of her vote. And most recently, two UC Berkeley Student Action senators who voted against the SJP-sponsored divestment resolution were [allegedly](#) subject to "death threats and vitriolic accusations."

The intent of my talk at the synagogue near Boston was certainly not to defame the students in MSA or SJP groups (nor did I defame anyone). Rather my intent was to educate members of the Jewish community about how difficult it can sometimes be, on some campuses, for Jewish students who identify with the Jewish state. My words were neither "racist" nor "Islamophobic," but rather accurate and educational. The Jewish community has every right to know, indeed *needs to know*, what Jewish students who identify with the Jewish state are facing on some university campuses, including at the University of California.

The CJP/SJP students' virulent response to my talk is just one example of many in the intense war being waged against anyone who would speak out against campus antisemitism or in support of Israel. And this war was precisely the topic of my talk.

I do not believe that all members of SJP and MSA groups are antisemitic or engage in worrisome behavior. But the fact remains that a number of extremely alarming and disturbing incidents continue to be perpetrated by these groups and a number of their members. For example, as I brought to light in my talk:

- A number of MSA and SJP members have been responsible for physically

harassing and assaulting Jewish students, vandalizing Jewish communal property, disrupting pro-Israel speakers, and aggressively confronting Jewish students at pro-Israel events.

- Some MSA and SJP chapters consistently sponsor speakers, films, and exhibits that engage in discourse or use language considered antisemitic by the U.S. State Department.
- Some MSA and SJP chapters have associated with individuals and organizations that are linked to terrorist activity and call for violence against Jews.
- As a result of the hostile environment created by these chapters and their members, Jewish students have reported feeling physically unsafe, harassed, and intimidated while on campus, and some have even reported leaving the university, avoiding certain parts of campus, and hiding symbols of their Jewishness.

Students can be pro-Palestinian without resorting to physically confrontational, disruptive, and virulently aggressive behavior, and it is this behavior, which continues to escalate, that deeply concerns me. Expressing support for the Palestinians is not the same as [chanting](#) “Death to Jews!” “Death to Israel!” “O Jews, the army of Mohammed is coming for you,” or holding [banners](#) that read “Death to Zionism” and “Long Live the Intifada.”

And now in my attempt to bring this alarming behavior to light, my statements have been distorted by the CJP and SJP groups in order to demonize me – I believe in retaliation for my speaking out against campus antisemitism in general, and for my initiating a Title VI complaint in particular.

I hope the information in this letter serves to make you aware of the disturbing state of affairs on UC campuses today and alerts you to my continuing professional and personal distress regarding the level to which Jewish students (and faculty – i.e. me) feel harassed, intimidated, and afraid to speak up against antisemitism or in support of Israel. These concerns are especially poignant after seeing what happened to me when I began to speak up.

I’ve detailed in the attachment to this letter the specific incidents that have caused me concern, and as you will see, they are deeply distressing.

In sum, SJP/CJP and MSA (known as MSU at UC Irvine) chapters and their members continue to harass and intimidate Jewish and pro-Israel students, to sponsor hate-filled events, to promote and express antisemitic campaigns and rhetoric, and to associate with individuals and organizations that are linked to terrorist activity and call for violence against Jews. Therefore, it is repugnant that these groups are allowed to maintain themselves as registered student organizations on UC campuses, receiving tax payer dollars to perpetuate these wrongs.

Unlike other university-sponsored and funded organizations, SJP/CJP and MSA/MSU groups continue to engage in behavior which potentially violates UC rules and policies -- including those prohibiting harassment (102.09), physical assault (102.08), terrorization

(102.24) and harmful behavior which targets individuals on the basis of their ethnic origin or religion (104.90) -- as well as behavior which potentially violates California and US law, including, without limitation, laws pertaining to assault and battery, disturbing the peace, aiding and abetting terrorist organizations, defamation, civil rights of ethnic minorities, and freedom of expression and assembly.

The UC policy on [Student Conduct and Discipline](#) (70.30) calls for "revocation of registration, loss of privileges, or other sanctions" for any registered campus organization which does not "comply with University policies and campus regulations as well as applicable laws." So while SJP/CJP and MSA/MSU students have the same rights of expression and assembly as all other students, this policy makes clear that when members of these groups engage in behavior which egregiously violates university policy and state and federal law, they are not protected under the doctrine of free speech, and the groups themselves are subject to serious disciplinary measures up to and including revocation of their official student group status.

After you assess the evidentiary basis for my concerns about SJP/CJP and MSA/MSU groups on UC campuses presented in the attached Appendix, I ask you and every UC Chancellor to take the following actions:

1. Carefully investigate these two student organizations to determine if their behavior violates any university policies or state or federal laws, and if so, to take appropriate disciplinary measures that ensure the safety and well-being of all members of the campus community.
2. Publicly affirm the right of all members of the campus community to speak out against anti-Jewish bigotry without fear of harassment, demonization, and defamation.

Please help ensure that UC campuses are not a hostile environment for any student or faculty member and that they remain safe for people of all beliefs.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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## APPENDIX

### **Specific Concerns about SJP/CJP and MSA/MSU Groups on University of California Campuses**

The Muslim Students Association (MSA)/Muslim Students Union (MSU) at UC Irvine, and the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)/Committee for Justice in Palestine (CJP) at UC Santa Cruz, are the only university-sponsored and funded student groups on UC campuses with a well-documented history of engagement in the following behaviors:

1. Targeting Jewish (and other) students who identify or sympathize with the Jewish state for harassment, intimidation, terrorization, and, on occasion, physical aggression;
2. Expressing religious and political animus and intolerance towards another national identity and ethnic group on campus;
3. Attempting to shut down free speech;
4. Retaliation for speaking out against antisemitism;
5. Hosting events that include speakers, exhibits, and behaviors that are antisemitic;
6. Associating with individuals and organizations that are linked to terrorist activity or call for violence against Jews.

Examples for each of these egregious behaviors engaged in by MSA/MSU and SJP/CJP groups or their individual members are provided below:

#### *1. Targeting and Intimidation of Fellow Students*

- a. In November 2012, Jewish and pro-Israel students were physically [assaulted and harassed](#), with one student being the victim of physical battery, during the takeover of an administration building on the UC Davis campus by members of SJP and Occupy UC Davis. When one student expressed concern about the antisemitic banners displayed during the protest, a protester screamed in his face that he is "a racist" who should "die in hell." Other protestors [screamed](#) at a group of Jewish students, "Leave our space," "Death to Israel," "Fuck Israel," and other curses until they left the building.
- b. In March 2010, the head of the UC Berkeley SJP [rammed](#) a full shopping cart directly into a pro-Israel Jewish student participating in a pro-peace rally, injuring her.
- c. Two UCB Student Action senators who voted against the recent SJP-sponsored divestment resolution were [allegedly](#) subject to "death threats and vitriolic accusations."
- d. In [this video](#), Jewish students at UC San Diego describe feeling targeted,

threatened and unsafe as a result of the SJP's divestment campaign on their campus in February 2012. Statements from the video include: "The atmosphere among Jewish and Israeli students has been one of apprehension and fear;" "I'm here to tell you that I have never felt this threatened throughout my entire time here as a student;" "I have been dealing with serious problems I feel are directly related to this issue...students having multiple panic attacks in a week...students changing their license plates and fearing being on campus after dark;" "The first time I felt threatened, targeted, unsafe...was when this resolution came up;" "I'm Jewish, and I'm Israeli, and I feel alienated and threatened and unsafe on this campus since this divestment resolution was brought up."

- e. At UC Santa Barbara, due to [fear for her physical safety](#), a student senator was forced to ask for a secret/written ballot regarding the final vote on the SJP-promoted Resolution to Divest from Companies that Profit from Apartheid. She affirmed "intimidating forms of coercion and fear tactics used to sway senator decisions...threats and accusations from students and community members...and slanderous and untrue accusations on social media sites" have made me feel "that not only was my personal and mental well-being being jeopardized, but my individual safety as well."
- f. A Jewish UCSB student [withdrew from the university](#), citing his reason as the degradation of the campus climate, especially during the divestment talks. He stated that he was "intimidated while in the A.S. Senate office," "a student was spit on while on her way to class," "someone let the air out of [his] bike tires while at the senate office," and "a friend of [his] was even denied service at the book store, all for opposing the [divestment] resolution." As a result, he felt he had no other choice but to withdraw from UCSB.
- g. The former Chair of the Student Judicial Board at UC Irvine was the sole person on the board to vote "No" on the divestment legislation. As a result and since that time, she [expressed](#) feeling "continuously intimidated" and "repeatedly threatened."

## 2. *Religious and Political Animus and Intolerance*

- a. [According to students](#) who attended a demonstration outside the Israeli Consulate in Los Angeles at the start of the Second Intifada, members of the UCLA MSA, including the group's president, led a crowd of protestors in chanting: "Victory to Islam!" "Death to Jews!" and "Death to Israel." The MSA president also burned an Israeli flag while protestors chanted: "Khaybar, Khaybar, O Jews, the army of Mohammed is coming for you."
- b. During the illegal occupation of the UC Davis administration building by members of SJP and Occupy UC Davis, several students [held banners](#) that read "DEATH TO ZIONISM" and "LONG LIVE THE INTIFADA."
- c. In the [UC Jewish Student Campus Climate Report](#) issued by Richard Barton and Alice Huffman following their Campus Climate meetings on UC campuses, they describe the concerns that Jewish students shared with



them: “Jewish students are confronting significant and difficult climate issues as a result of activities on campus which focus specifically on Israel, its right to exist and its treatment of Palestinians. The anti-Zionism and Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movements and other manifestations of anti-Israel sentiment and activity create significant issues through themes and language which portray Israel and, many times, Jews in ways which project hostility, engender a feeling of isolation, and undermine Jewish students’ sense of belonging and engagement with outside communities.”

### 3. *Attempts to Shut Down Free Speech*

- a. In February 2010, MSU students at UC Irvine carefully [planned](#) the attempted shutdown of [a talk](#) by Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren and [congratulated themselves](#) afterward for their coordinated effort. At an [Al-Awda Convention](#) less than a week later, UC San Francisco Professor Jess Ghannam praised the MSU students at UCI for their "heroic efforts" to disrupt Ambassador Oren's talk, saying: "Now, every single Israeli military official and politician will be afraid to speak publicly. It's huge!"
- b. In [this video](#), you can see dozens of MSA, SJP and MeChA students at UC Davis preparing to disrupt a Jewish student event consisting of two Israelis --a Jewish man and a Druze woman -- held in February 2012. Before heading off en masse to disrupt the event, the leader of the protesters said, "Events like these are not welcome on our campus anymore," and his statement was met with a round of applause.
- c. During the illegal “occupation” of a UC Davis administration building, in which some SJP students participated, Jewish and pro-Israel students were [prevented from speaking](#) and effectively forced to leave the building.
- d. One of the protest leaders at the [UCD “occupation”](#) said that "Zionist viewpoints" should be "excluded and not be tolerated," and he compared speaking with "Zionists" to speaking with Hitler or the KKK. Another protester said, “The 1st amendment is worthless and meaningless because it was written by upper class white slave owners.” Another protestor expressed the view that freedom of speech should be given to the "oppressed" Palestinians but not to the Zionist “oppressors,” saying: “Free speech is not a goal. Free speech is a tool of the oppressed. It is one of their tools. They may use any tool at their disposal. They will use free speech if needed, but they do not need to give power to the oppressor of any kind. It is a tool to be used by the oppressed.”

### 4. *Retaliation for Speaking Out about Antisemitism*

- a. A leader of the CJP at UCSC, who had written [an article](#) in March 2011 harshly criticizing a federal complaint regarding antisemitic behavior at her university filed by UCSC lecturer Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, launched a

well-orchestrated campaign of harassment and defamation against Rossman-Benjamin beginning in February 2013. Focusing on a 2-minute clip taken from a much longer talk Rossman-Benjamin delivered at a synagogue near Boston last summer, the CJP's campaign has included: posting a defamatory [on-line petition](#) accusing Rossman-Benjamin of racism and censorship and calling on UC President Mark Yudof to condemn her; widely posting [defamatory flyers](#) about Rossman-Benjamin on the UCSC campus; posting [over a dozen videos](#) about her on YouTube that characterize her as "hateful," "dangerous," and "Islamophobic;" [instructing SJP students](#) UC-wide to fill out hate/bias reports against her on their respective campuses; passing resolutions condemning her for her "inflammatory, hateful, and racist assumptions" in the [UC Berkeley](#), [UC Santa Barbara](#), [UC Davis](#), and [UC Irvine](#) student senates; and appearing to collaborate with antisemitic and terrorist-affiliated groups (e.g. the [International Solidarity Movement](#)) and associated on-line publications (e.g. [Electronic Intifada](#) and [Mondoweiss](#)) to more widely circulate these defamatory materials about her.

- b. After a divestment resolution was voted down at UCSD last year, members of the SJP and allied student groups sent a letter to the UCSD administration accusing their opponents of "racism" and "harassment," and claiming that those who had videotaped the student government divestment vote for the purpose of documenting antisemitic activity were "racists, classists, homophobes, sexists [and] bigots."
- c. A letter written by seven students, including the presidents of the SJP and MSA groups at UCSD, [falsely accused](#) Shlomo Dubnov, a UCSD professor who had attended the divestment vote and spoken out against the resolution and had previously spoken out against campus antisemitism, of verbally harassing a female SJP student in the hallway outside the meeting. The SJP and MSA students brought their libelous claims against Professor Dubnov to the UCSD Committee on Campus Climate and convinced an anti-Israel faculty group, the UC San Diego Faculty Association, to write a letter publicly condemning Dubnov.

5. *Hosting of Events that Include Speakers, Exhibits, and Behaviors that are Antisemitic*

- a. [At an SJP rally](#) at UC Berkeley in 2002, UCB Lecturer Hatem Bazian, then a graduate student and co-founder of the first SJP chapter in America, told a large crowd, "Take a look at the type of names on the buildings around campus -- Haas, Zellerbach -- and decide who controls this university."
- b. Former Nation of Islam member [Imam Abdul Malik Ali](#), a frequent speaker on many UC campuses, has railed against the "disproportionate numbers of Jews, Zionist Jews, in the media, in finance and foreign policy."
- c. At an MSU-sponsored speech at UCI in 2001, [Imam Mohammed Al-Asi](#) said: "We have a psychosis in the Jewish community that is unable to co-exist equally and brotherly with other human beings. You can take a Jew out of the ghetto, but you can't take the ghetto out of the Jew." Al-Asi



also actively [promotes](#) the lie that Jews were behind the 9-11 attack, stating: "Where were the 4,000 to 5,000 Israeli Jews that were supposed to be in those two buildings on the 11th... Did they know something we didn't know?"

- d. [Imam Abdul Alim Musa](#), who has spoken for the MSU at UCI, sells at some of his events copies of an antisemitic book, *The Ascendant Qur'an*, which blames Jews for conspiring against Islam.

#### 6. *Associating with Individuals and Organizations that are Linked to Terrorist Activity or Call for Violence against Jews*

MSA and SJP groups on UC campuses are apparently affiliated with several organizations which themselves support or condone terrorism. These include:

- a. **The Muslim Brotherhood** - According to [a 2008 report](#) on the Muslim Students Association prepared by the Investigative Project on Terrorism, the first MSA chapter was founded in 1963 at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign by the Muslim Brotherhood, a virulently antisemitic organization committed to "the globalization of Islam through social engineering and violent jihad." The Muslim Brotherhood has provided the ideological impetus for all Sunni-based Islamic terrorist groups, including Hamas, Al Qaeda, and Islamic Jihad. In [this video](#) from the 2011 MSA West convention at UCLA, [Abdul Malik Ali](#), an imam affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood-aligned [Sabiqun](#) movement, can be seen leading students in the MSA pledge, which is an apparent restatement of the Muslim Brotherhood Credo calling for Jihad and pledging its adherents to die in order to establish Islam. In addition, [an article](#) in the June 2004 issue of *Al-Kalima*, a publication of the MSU at UCI, praises Hamas, an organization which the author refers to as "an extension of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Egypt," and justifies Hamas' use of terror as a legitimate means of fighting "the evils of Shaytan (Satan) and the enemies of Allah."
- b. **Al-Awda** - MSA and SJP groups on at least 4 UC campuses -- UCLA, UCSD, UCI, and UCR -- have hosted and participated in Al-Awda conferences. Al-Awda is an organization that [opposes Israel's right to exist](#) and [demonstrates support](#) for groups on the U.S. State Department's list of [foreign terrorist organizations](#), for instance by displaying Hamas and Hezbollah flags and signs at their public rallies and promoting on their listserv statements and communiqués in support of terrorist activities by members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Hamas, and Al-Aqsa Brigade. Al-Awda's annual international conventions and regional conferences feature virulently anti-Zionist and antisemitic speakers and films, as well as workshops that teach how to mount successful [boycott and divestment campaigns](#) against Israel. Al-Awda also endorsed the UCSD anti-Israel divestment resolution.
- c. **American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)** - [an organization](#) founded in

2005 by SJP-founder Hatem Bazian, AMP supports and helps coordinate the activity of SJP groups nationally, including by facilitating regional and national SJP conferences. AMP is the effective successor to the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), an antisemitic organization that was established as the main propaganda arm of Hamas in the U.S. Although the IAP was dissolved in 2004, several of its former leaders work closely with AMP and even sit on AMP's board of directors. AMP has endorsed anti-Israel divestment resolutions at UCB and UCSD, and Hatem Bazian, AMP's national chairman, has been a frequent speaker on many UC campuses.

- d. **International Solidarity Movement (ISM)** - ISM has a close relationship with SJP groups on UC campuses. For example: SJP at UC Berkeley has linked directly to the ISM on their [Resources webpage](#); UCB graduate student and SJP leader [Emiliano Huet-Vaughn](#) "has a long history of activism," including with the ISM; ISM has endorsed anti-Israel divestment resolutions at UCB and UCSD; and ISM leaders such as Paul Larudee have been speakers at SJP-sponsored events on UC campuses. ISM is [an organization](#) founded in 2001 that seeks to delegitimize Israel through spreading anti-Israel propaganda and recruiting activists (like college student Rachel Corrie) for anti-Israel activism abroad. The Israeli government has warned that the ISM's activities are sometimes "under the auspices of Palestinian terror organizations." According to the Anti-Defamation League, ISM activists have been [linked](#) to the aiding and abetting of known terrorists, including by donating significant sums of money to Hamas, meeting with suicide bombers shortly before their terrorist acts, and hiding known terrorists in the ISM office. The ISM-sponsored Free Gaza Movement, which sent several boats, illegally, to Gaza, has worked closely with Insani Yardim Vakfi (IHH), a Turkish Islamic charity that serves as a significant [fundraiser for Hamas](#). In addition, several ISM members have met with Hamas members, such as when the participants on the ISM-sponsored Free Gaza Movement, including top ISM leaders, met with Hamas President Ismail Haniyeh and other Hamas leaders on an illegal trip to Gaza in 2008 (see picture [HERE](#)).
- e. **Viva Palestina** - Founded by anti-Zionist British politician [George Galloway](#), [Viva Palestina](#) was established to send aid convoys to Hamas-controlled Gaza. Galloway, who has repeatedly engaged Hamas and Hezbollah leaders, led the third Viva Palestina convoy to Gaza in February 2009, reportedly giving the cash and vehicles directly to the Hamas government. The following month, as a result of his involvement with Viva Palestina and his directly aiding and abetting the terrorist group Hamas, he was [denied entry](#) into Canada on "security grounds" by the Canada Border Services Agency. Nevertheless, in May 2009, Galloway was a featured speaker at an SJP-sponsored event at UCSD and an MSU-sponsored event at UCI at which MSU students raised money for Viva Palestina, in violation of university policy and US anti-terrorism laws. UCB graduate student and SJP leader Emiliano Huet-Vaughn [accompanied](#) Galloway on his Viva Palestina trip to Gaza in July 2009.

MSA/MSU and SJP/CJP groups on UC campuses have repeatedly hosted several speakers who support or condone terrorism and terrorist organizations, including:

- a. **Imam Abdul Malik Ali** - [a regular speaker](#) for the MSU at UCI and on other UC campuses, such as at UCSC where he is hosted by the CJP. He is the religious leader of an Oakland mosque affiliated with the virulently antisemitic Muslim Brotherhood-aligned [Sabiqun](#) organization. In [this video](#), Ali openly expresses his support for Hamas, Hezbollah, and Islamic Jihad at an MSU-hosted event at UCI in 2010. Ali has [praised](#) suicide bombing against Israeli citizens, and he said at an MSU-sponsored event at UCI: "We [Muslims] will fight you [Israel] until we are either martyred or victorious." At a 2004 MSA West convention at UC Berkeley, Ali openly [advocated](#) the tenets of Islamic Jihad, saying, "When it's all over, the only one standing is gonna be us. ... We must implement Islam as a totality ... [where] Allah controls every place — the home, the classroom, the science lab, the halls of Congress."
- b. **Imam Muhammad Al-Asi** - a regular speaker for the MSU at UCI, affiliated with the virulently antisemitic Muslim Brotherhood-aligned [Sabiqun](#) movement. Al-Asi is an outspoken supporter of Ayatollah Khomeini and the Islamist regime in Iran, whose [state](#) and [religious](#) leaders have called for the annihilation of Israel and the murder of Jews worldwide, and he has [written](#), "The Israeli Zionist are [sic] the true and legitimate object of liquidation." One of Al-Asi's associates is Ahmed Huber, a Swiss Nazi sympathizer who has been implicated in laundering money for Al Qaeda.
- c. **Hatem Bazian** - a senior lecturer at UCB, founder and director of UCB's Center for the Study of Islamophobia, founder and chairman of Americans Muslims for Palestine, and a frequent speaker on many UC campuses. In 2004, Bazian was a [fundraising speaker](#) for [KindHearts](#), an organization whose primary purpose was to provide financial support for Hamas and whose assets were frozen by the federal government after a two-year Senate investigation.
- d. **Norman Finkelstein** - a regular speaker for MSU/MSA and SJP/CJP groups on UC campuses. Finkelstein [has met](#) with the leadership of Hezbollah and openly supports that terrorist organization.
- e. **Paul Larudee** - a leader of the International Solidarity Movement and co-founder of the ISM-affiliated Free Gaza Movement. Larudee, who has spoken at UCB-SJP-sponsored events several times, was honored by Hamas president Ismail Haniyeh and other Hamas leaders at a gathering in Gaza (Larudee is second from left in [this picture](#)). Recently Larudee wrote [an article](#) advocating that "armed struggle" against Israel "must not be discouraged, but rather made as effective as possible."
- f. **Imam Abdul Alim Musa** - founder and director of the antisemitic Muslim Brotherhood-aligned [Sabiqun](#) movement, founder of the pro-Iran, pro-

Hezbollah Institute for Contemporary Islamic Thought, who has spoken for the MSU at UCI on multiple occasions. Musa [advocates](#) an Islamic revolution in the U.S. He [justifies](#) Hamas' use of suicide bombers, saying, "that's not called suicide, that's called martyrdom." He has met with, and frequently praises, Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has [called](#) for the annihilation of Israel, and he is an outspoken supporter of radical Islamist terrorists such as Fort Hood shooter Army Major Nidal Malik Hassan, whom Musa defends as a "target of psychological warfare." In 2009, Musa was one of 16 people banned from the UK for fomenting hatred and extremism.

Although relatively few in number, some former MSA members have been linked to terrorism:

- a. According to an [NYPD police spokesman](#), "some of the most dangerous Western Al Qaeda-linked/inspired terrorists since 9/11 were radicalized and/or recruited at universities in MSAs."
- b. More than a dozen former MSA leaders and members have been convicted of terrorist activities and plots, including UC Davis graduate [Hasan Akbar](#), who is awaiting execution for murdering U.S. soldiers in a terrorist attack in Kuwait.