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ACKNOWLEDGING, DEFINING, AND CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM*

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WHEREAS, Associated Students, University of California San Diego was created as a forum to “represent a diverse but unified voice, provide support for those within our community, and focus on the issues that directly affect the people with whom we have the responsibility to serve”¹; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Association, University of California San Diego exists to “advocate for the rights and interests of our diverse community, to provide for the enjoyment of social, cultural, and service-oriented events, and for the betterment of academic and non-academic life of all graduate and professional students at UC San Diego”; and

WHEREAS, our campus abides by the UC San Diego Principles of Community which acknowledges that “our society carries historical and divisive biases based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, and political beliefs. Therefore, we seek to foster understanding and tolerance among individuals and groups, and we promote awareness through education and constructive strategies for resolving conflict.”²; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people are an ethnoreligious group - defined as an ethnic people with a shared belief system - and as such are subjected to both ethnic *and* religious discrimination; and classifying anti-Semitism as a form of both ethnic *and* religious discrimination and prejudice towards Jews; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has released the 2019 hate crime statistics for the United States and reports that 60.3 percent of all hate crime motivated by religious bias is targeted towards the Jewish community³, despite being less than two percent of the total population - this is statistically represented as an outlier to all other hate crime by religious bias; and

WHEREAS, the city of La Jolla has a history of anti-Semitism, including the racially restrictive housing covenants that did not permit the owning of property in La Jolla by Jewish residents until the Supreme Court case *Shelley v. Kraemer*⁴; and

WHEREAS, UC San Diego has a history and present-day existence of anti-Semitism, including swastika vandalizations on campus, the denial of Jewish history in events hosted on campus, and the lack of representation of the Jewish community’s history of oppression in relevant academic and social justice circles⁵; and

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