



## **ASUCSD Association-Wide Boycott and Divestment**

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### **Background**

**WHEREAS**, UCSD student organizations and collectives, namely Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Middle Eastern & North African Student Association (MENA), Muslim Student Association (MSA), Ahlul-Bayt Student Association (ABSA), Jewish Voices for Peace (JVP), Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP), Asian and Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APSA), Afghan Student Association (ASA), Beautiful Mind Project (BMP), Black Student Union (BSU) Alpha Lambda Mu Fraternity (ALM), Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx Por Activismo (MEChA), Ethnic Studies Undergraduate Community (ESUC), Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA), Society of Hispanic Students in Law (SOHIL), Partners in Health Engage (PIH Engage), Tijuana Youth Migrant Mentor Network (TYMMN), United Student Labor Action Coaliton (USAS Local 619), Food Cooperative, Groundwork Books Collective, Bengali Student Association (BSA), Pakistani Student Association (PSA), Students for Socialism (SFS), Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance (NAISA), Healthy Skin Initiative (HSI), The General Store Co-op, Triton Melee and Kaibigang Pilipono (KP). have supported this legislative bill and stand firm in the collective support of this legislation;

**WHEREAS**, On November 29, 2023, the ASUCSD Senate passed the “Resolution Reaffirming the “Resolution in Support of University of California San Diego Corporate Accountability through Divestment from Corporations Profiting from the Illegal Occupation, Siege, and Blockade of Palestine” (originally passed in March 2013 by ASUCSD)”.<sup>1</sup> This resolution served as an urgent call for the university to promptly divest;

**WHEREAS**, ASUCD Senate passed Senate Bill #52 “Association-wide Boycott and Divestment from Israel and Corporations Complicit in the Ongoing Genocide in Gaza”<sup>2</sup> on February 15, 2024, by a 12-1-1 roll call vote after being considered by the Ethnic and Cultural Affairs Commission with a recommendation of Do Pass with a unanimous 6-0-0 YES vote on February 9, 2024. This divestment bill was the first one passed by a UC Associated Students and established a Special Committee on Ethical Spending with a Policy on Ethical Spending to ensure Association-Wide Divestment in alignment with the principles espoused in the bill.

**WHEREAS**, within the form titled "On Campus Establishments," created and disseminated by Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), a substantive and resounding sentiment has been

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<sup>1</sup> <https://as.ucsd.edu/DownloadDocument?id=1496&view=True>

<sup>2</sup> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Y4L2hPSX2YW-pPK6lThADceupqzt5Px2org3E0iEkgs/edit>



expressed by our UCSD student body. Notably, 1200 and counting students at UCSD have unequivocally responded YES to the question, "Would you like associated students to divest funds?" This overwhelming and collective endorsement serves as a compelling testament to the pressing request from the very constituency we, as representatives, are entrusted to advocate for. It underscores a clear mandate from our diverse student population, affirming their conviction in the imperative to divest funds and align the Association's financial practices with ethical considerations and global justice. This resonant response, as evidenced by the significant number of participants, underscores the urgency and importance of heeding the call for divestment.

**WHEREAS**, On November 29, 2023, the ASUCSD Senate, in its adoption of the "Resolution reaffirming the Resolution in Support of University of California San Diego Corporate Accountability through Divestment from Corporations Profiting from the Illegal Occupation, Siege, and Blockade of Palestine" ( passed March 2013 by ASUCSD)", notably included a significant clause. This particular clause explicitly declared: "

**WHEREAS**, this new resolution formally acknowledges the 'Israel-Hamas war' as a genocide on the people of Palestine". With this statement, ASUCSD has officially recognized the 'war' as a genocide, thereby emphasizing the gravity of the situation and the imperative for consistent and unwavering efforts in line with its commitment to ethical and principled practices. Therefore, ASUCSD should take measures to ensure it does not inadvertently contribute to the genocide. ASUCSD must maintain steadfast dedication in its ongoing endeavors to address and rectify the impacts of such violations, ensuring alignment with the values of justice and human rights. This acknowledgment underscores the responsibility to uphold a stance against humanitarian atrocities and further reinforces the need for continuous advocacy by ASUCSD in the pursuit of a just resolution.

**WHEREAS**, The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement is a nonviolent global campaign initiated by the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC) to advocate for targeted consumer boycotts of Israeli and international companies complicit in violations of Palestinian rights. Taking inspiration from the South African apartheid fight, the United States civil rights movement, and the Indian anti-colonial struggle, BDS utilizes economic and cultural boycotts in an attempt to pressure the Israeli government to abide by international law and put an end to its apartheid policies. The movement focuses on a select number of companies and products with a clear and direct role in the Israeli occupation, while discouraging extensive nonspecific boycotts.

**WHEREAS**, BDS advocates for nonviolent pressure on Israel until it complies with international law by fulfilling three demands: ending the occupation and colonization of Palestine, recognizing the rights of Palestinian refugees to full equality, and respecting the rights



of Palestinian refugees to return to their home land. The movement itself has organized its targets into four distinct categories. The University's stance is not solely based on the fact that Israel is the state in question, but rather on the principle of opposing apartheid practices, as documented by numerous reputable human rights agencies.

**WHEREAS**, BDS' targeting practices include:

1. Consumer boycott targets: Brands chosen for a complete boycott due to their documented involvement in Israeli genocide and apartheid.
2. Divestment and exclusion targets: Pressuring institutions and organizations to divest from companies listed in reliable sources such as the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) list and database of companies enabling the occupation, the United Nations (UN) database of businesses involved in illegal settlements, the WhoProfits database of companies profiting off the occupation, and the Don't Buy Into Occupation list of businesses involved in the illegal Israeli settlement enterprise.
3. Pressure targets: Pressuring targets enabling the genocide and occupation through boycotts when alternatives do not exist, lobbying, and social media.
4. Organic boycott targets: Grassroots campaigns supported by BDS due to various brands' complicity in the current ongoing genocide.

**WHEREAS**, from the above categories, BDS identifies its targets for boycotts based on the corporation's level of complicity in the occupation, potential for cross-movement coalition-building, media appeal, and potential for success.

**WHEREAS**, currently, as the genocide in Gaza surpasses the 140-day mark, the need for boycott, divestment, and sanctions is more pressing than ever. With over 28,000 Palestinians killed, 67,000 injured, 1.8 million displaced, and 2.2 million put on the brink of catastrophic hunger and starvation by Israel it is imperative that we not only acknowledge these atrocities but also undertake collective action to advocate for a halt to such grave violations of human rights and international law.

**WHEREAS**, in the context of the ongoing genocide in Gaza, the 16-year-long blockade on Gaza, the 56-year brutal occupation of Palestine, and the 75-year-long apartheid, this bill calls for an organization-wide divestment from corporations complicit in the human rights violations against Palestinians. More specifically, this bill prohibits the purchase of products from corporations identified as profiting from the genocide and occupation of the Palestinian people by the BDS National Committee and grassroots boycotts supported by the BDS movement (published on the BDS website).



**WHEREAS**, ASUCSD’s substantial ongoing operations prevent an immediate boycott and divestment, and thus a comprehensive but expedient transition is required. Additionally, this bill establishes the Special Committee of Human-Rights Advisory (SCOHRA) under the supervision of the AS Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to facilitate and create policies for this transition toward a complete boycott and divestment from companies found to be complicit in and/or benefit from ongoing human rights abuses against the Palestinian people.

**WHEREAS**, this bill seeks to address the human rights violations of the nation-state and government of Israel and establish a guideline of ethical spending. By no means does this legislation target any group of people based on identity of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. Therefore, ASUCSD resolves that Israel’s violation of Palestinian human rights must be recognized. It is the principle of Apartheid and Genocide we must stand against.

**WHEREAS**, Israel has killed over 28,000 Palestinians in its military operation in Gaza since October 7, 2023, including 12,000 children, and;

**WHEREAS**, Israel has prevented the entry of adequate humanitarian aid into Gaza which has dire consequences including but not limited to: the collapse of its healthcare system, widespread famine and hunger, and overall inaccessibility to basic health and hygiene products, and;

**WHEREAS**, the UN Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Craig Mokhiber stepped down from his position, calling for the immediate ceasefire, “stand[ing] up against the ethnic cleansing”, and demanding that the High Commissioner and other UN officials “fight like hell for a principled approach in the UN’s political offices”, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary-General of the UN Antonio Guterres has called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza that includes the unconditional release of all hostages, and;

**WHEREAS**, a majority of countries voted for a ceasefire resolution during the tenth emergency session of the UN General Assembly, and;

**WHEREAS**, the International Court of Justice has issued provisional measures based on the Republic of South Africa's case against Israel in which South Africa has pleaded a plausible case of genocide based on assertions that:

1. Israel “has breached and continues to breach its obligations under the Genocide Convention.”
2. Israeli government officials have expressed genocidal intent on numerous occasions.
3. Israel has caused “serious bodily and mental harm to Palestinians in Gaza.”



4. Many Palestinians have been forcibly expelled from their homes.
5. Palestinians in Gaza have been deprived of access to adequate food, water, and shelter.
6. “Premature births have reportedly increased by between 25-30 percent” in Gaza.

**WHEREAS**, the ASUCD has a responsibility to represent student interests and uphold principles of justice to the best of its ability and should commit its funds, which originate from student fees, to ethical uses only, and;

**WHEREAS**, in the UC San Diego Ethnic Studies Department’s “Statements and Commentaries”, a statement was released stating: “The Ethnic Studies community at UC San Diego supports the unequivocal right of Palestine and of the Palestinian people to self-determination, clean-water, safe schools, secure housing, economic justice, freedom from violence, and freedom from an apartheid system that seeks to dehumanize them in unconscionable ways” and “We call for an immediate end to the war crimes and genocide taking place against the Palestinian people (50% of whom are children)”.<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned statement was released in concurrence with a statement released by Jewish Voices for Peace (JVP) who state: “We call on all people of conscience to stop the imminent genocide of Palestinians. We demand our government work towards de-escalation, that it immediately stop sending weapons to the Israeli military. A future of peace and safety for all, grounded in justice, freedom and equality for all, is still the only option”<sup>4</sup>, and;

**WHEREAS**, academic workers and researchers in the UCSD Literature Department released a letter “in solidarity with the Palestinian people’s struggle for liberation against a genocidal settler colonial military occupation”.<sup>5</sup> One of the demands listed in this letter stated: “Urge the university to support the BDS (Boycott, Divestments, Sanctions) movement”, and;

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Student Association Board of Directors passed a resolution calling for the university to divest from companies violating Palestinian human rights in 2015<sup>6</sup>, and;

**WHEREAS**, as leaders who represent the student body, it is imperative that we uplift the dignity of Palestinian students and stand in solidarity with them as they face and continue to undergo an incredibly traumatic experience that cannot be undermined; Therefore,

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<sup>3</sup><https://ethnicstudies.ucsd.edu/about/statements-commentaries.html#A-DAY-OF-ACTION,-WE-GOT-YO-BACK>

<sup>4</sup> <https://twitter.com/jvplive/status/171249824906653507>

<sup>5</sup> <https://triton.news/2023/12/submission-letter-for-palestine-from-members-of-the-literature-department/>

<sup>6</sup><https://ucsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ResolutionCallingfortheUCRegentstoDivestfromCorporationsViolatingPalestinianHumanRights.-01.2015.pdf>



**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the initial PES list mentioned in the proposed legislation shall be accessed through the [linked document](#), made available to all ASUCSD Members. In accordance with the proposed legislation, this list may be amended by SCOHRA as the official BDS list is updated, and distributed accordingly by the SCOHRA chair.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, The ASUCSD Senate hereby approves the [Charter](#) for SCOHRA (as an initial separate non-governing document) as below:

### **Special Committee on Human-Rights Advisory**

#### **Section 1 | Establishment**

The Special Committee on Human-Rights Advisory is hereby established (hereinafter referred to as SCOHRA) as a special committee of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

#### **Section 2 | Composition**

- A. Composition of SCOHRA.—SCOHRA, in its purpose of ensuring ethical spending in alignment with human rights and the presented concerns of the undergraduate student body, shall be composed as follows:
  - B. The AVP of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (AVP of EDI)
  - C. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or a designee appointed by the CFO.
  - D. Three (3) senators appointed by joint agreement of the AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee)
    - a. The AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee) shall strive to appoint Senators with a wide range of views and backgrounds to ensure thorough consideration of all policies.
    - b. The AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee) shall appoint the Senators at the beginning of each quarter, or within a week following any vacancy in position.
    - c. If the AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee) cannot agree on three appointments, the ASUCSD Senate shall, through a majority vote, appoint three senators as recommended by each of the AVP of EDI or the CFO (or their designee).
- E. Appointment of Members.— AS Senators shall be appointed by the AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee) in joint agreement.
- F. Designation of the Chair.— The committee chair shall be the AVP of EDI, and the co-chair shall be the CFO (or their designee),



G. Proxies.— If needed or desired, SCOHRA committee members may appoint ASUCSD members to represent them as proxies if they are unable to attend a hearing.

H. Proxies shall be recognized as full representatives for their office within SCOHRA

I. Vacancies.— Any vacancy in SCOHRA shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

### **Section 3 | Purposes**

- A. Provide infrastructure to ASUCSD for implementing Association-wide Boycott and Divestment from Israel and Corporations Complicit in the Ongoing Genocide in Gaza.
- B. Provide cases of violations of the Policy on Ethical Spending (PES) and Association-Wide Boycott to all AS Offices, Units, and Senate members for the following purposes:
  - a. To ensure that the undergraduate body’s concerns of the Association’s spending are brought forth to the Senate in an efficient manner
  - b. To enforce and moderate the Policy of Ethical Spending for all Associated Students units, offices, and members.
- C. Create a Policy on Ethical Spending (PES) for the Associated Students UC San Diego within three academic weeks of its formation. The PES shall include the following:
  - a. Requirements for assessing Senate spending bill compliance with the PES. The requirements shall specify which ASUCSD officer or body is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policy;
  - b. A plan to transition existing investments away from companies subject to the PES. The PES shall specify a timeline for the transition and an acceptable level of compliance;
  - c. Comprehensive but concise guidance to ASUCSD units, committees, commissions, and offices on spending requirements. The PES shall also be responsible for the distribution of this guidance following the passage of the legislation;
  - d. Requirements, if any, for a monthly audit of spending by each ASUCSD unit, committee, commission, and office.
  - e. A report, linked to the PES, on current levels of investment or spending with companies subject to the PES;
  - f. Documentation, linked to the PES, of consultation with the Chief Financial Officer or their designee on the implementation of the PES;





- g. The resources used to compile the lists and policies, which shall include but is not limited to, the BDS website.
- D. Drafting and implementing ASUCSD policies which shall limit, or when possible eliminate, expenditures to companies that aid in human rights abuses.
- E. The committee shall present to the Senate, in writing, a list of companies subject to the ASUCSD Policy on Ethical Spending. The list may include several tiers of coverage to ensure effective targeting of the policy. The list may be amended only by a majority vote of the Special Committee on Human-Rights Advisory (SCOHRA), which can be overturned by the Senate through a two-thirds vote. No vote shall be required to establish the list.
- F. Enforcing the following repercussions to agreed-upon violations of the PES:
  - a. First-time violation: formal warning
  - b. Second-time violation: freezing of the account
    - i. This is following Section 5 of Article VI (Finance & Resources) of the AS Constitution, as a PES violation would be a violation of the AS Constitution thus the Chief Financial Officer, upon approved recommendation by SCOHRA, may freeze the account.
    - ii. The Senate may overrule the decision to freeze the account by a majority vote
    - iii. The account may be unfrozen by the CFO after the violating party agrees to:
      - 1. Engage in an educational teach-in hosted by SCOHRA
      - 2. Sign a waiver vowing to not violate the PES again
  - c. Third-time violation: the violator will be subject to impeachment for misuse of funds and willful violation of the Association's rules, policies, or procedures

#### **Section 4 | Rules and Procedure**

- A. Regular Meetings
- B. The committee shall meet at least once every academic month in meetings scheduled by the Co-Chairs. All meetings of the committee shall be held in private and all policies on open meetings and public documents shall be followed.
- C. Quorum shall be 3/5 of the participating members of the Select Committee.
- D. Voting shall occur only:
  - a. To recommend cases to the Senate when deemed as violations of the PES after careful review of financial records.





- b. To bring forth students' concerns regarding Association spending.
  - c. To amend the list of companies on BDS.
- E. Special Meetings
- F. Special meetings shall only be called by the chair for the following reasons:
    - a. A pressing concern is raised by the undergraduate student body before the scheduled meeting.
    - b. The official BDS list has been updated, thus necessitating SCOHRA to update the Association's BDS list and spending protocols.
    - c. Evidence of PES violations is submitted to members of SCOHRA during the month.
  - G. Voting shall occur during Special Meetings only if the necessary quorum ( $\frac{3}{5}$ ) is achieved.
    - a. If quorum is not achieved, an open vote shall be held where members of SCOHRA shall submit their votes to the AVP of EDI within 48 hours of the meeting being held.
- H. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings where they are not in conflict with this document.

### **Section 5 | Chair Responsibilities**

- A. The responsibilities of the chairperson shall include:
  - a. Consulting with the BDS website at the beginning of each month to ensure accuracy to the PES list of companies;
  - b. Striving to notify relevant Registered Student Organizations prior to adoption of any amendment to the PES;
  - c. Reporting any amendment to the PES to the Senate;
  - d. Enforcing repercussions on violators of the PES;
  - e. Share reports of PES changes, amendments or violations to respective AS Offices, Units, Commissions, Senate and Cabinet members.

### **Section 6 | Committee Adoption of Amendments**

- A. The adoption of any amendment to the PES (i.e. list of companies subject to the PES, compliance directives, transition timeline) shall only take effect following a majority vote of the committee. Members of the public shall also be allowed to submit public comments by emailing the chairperson or by other methods determined by the chairperson. The chairperson shall strive to notify relevant Registered Student



Organizations prior to adoption of any amendment. The chairperson shall report any amendment to the PES to the Senate. The Senate may amend the PES or overturn any policy by a majority vote.

### **Section 7 | Records**

- A. Publication of Records from SCOHRA— All records of the SCOHRA shall be made available to members of AS as soon as possible, and shall be included with the Special Presentations presented to the Senate by the chair whenever recommendations are made or evidence of violations is to be presented for Senate’s consideration.

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** The ASUCD Senate hereby approves the appending of the ASUCD Standing Rules TITLE XI SPECIAL COMMITTEES as follows:

## **STANDING RULES**

### **TITLE XI**

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 1 | Special Committee on Human-Rights Advisory (SCOHRA)**

- A. The Special Committee on Human Rights Advisory (SCOHRA or “the committee”) is established as a special committee of the Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion.
- B. The committee shall be responsible for drafting and implementing ASUCSD policies which shall limit, or when possible eliminate, expenditures to companies that aid in human rights abuses.
- C. This committee shall be responsible for enforcing the following repercussions to agreed-upon violations by Cabinet and Senate members of the PES:
  - a. First-time violation: formal warning
  - b. Second-time violation: freezing of the account
    - i. This is following Section 5 of Article VI (Finance & Resources) of the AS Constitution, as a PES violation would be a violation of the AS By-laws, thus The Chief Financial Officer, upon approved recommendation by SCOHRA, may freeze the account.
    - ii. The Senate may overrule the decision to freeze the account by a majority vote



- iii. The account may be unfrozen by the CFO after the violating party agrees to:
  - 1. Engage in an educational teach-in hosted by SCOHRA
  - 2. Sign a waiver vowing to not violate the PES again
- c. Third-time violation: the violator will be subject to impeachment for misuse of funds and willful violation of the Association's rules, policies, or procedures
- D. The committee shall create a Policy on Ethical Spending (PES) for the Associated Students UC San Diego within three academic weeks of its formation. The PES shall include the following:
  - a. Requirements for assessing Senate spending bill compliance with the PES. The requirements shall specify which ASUCSD officer or body is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policy;
  - b. A plan to transition existing investments away from companies subject to the PES BDS List. The SCHORA shall specify a timeline for the transition and an acceptable level of compliance;
  - c. Comprehensive but concise guidance to ASUCSD units, committees, commissions, and offices on spending requirements. The PES shall also be responsible for the distribution of this guidance following the passage of the legislation;
  - d. Requirements, if any, for a monthly audit of spending by each ASUCSD unit, committee, commission, and office.
  - e. A report, linked to the PES, on current levels of investment or spending with companies subject to the PES;
  - f. Documentation, linked to the PES, of consultation with the Chief Financial Officer or their designee on the implementation of the PES;
  - g. The resources used to compile the lists and policies, which shall include but is not limited to, the BDS website.
- E. The committee shall present to the Senate, in writing, a list of companies subject to the ASUCSD Policy on Ethical Spending.
- F. The committee shall meet at least once every academic month in meetings scheduled by the Co-Chairs. All meetings of the committee shall be held in private and all policies on open meetings and public documents shall be followed.
- G. The responsibilities of the chairperson shall include:
  - a. Checking the BDS website at the beginning of each month to ensure accuracy to the PES list of companies;



- b. Striving to notify relevant Registered Student Organizations prior to the adoption of any amendment to the PES;
  - c. Reporting any amendment to the PES to the Senate.
  - d. Enforcing repercussions on violators of the PES
- H. The following or their designees shall be voting members of SCOHRA:
- a. The AVP of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (AVP of EDI)
  - b. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or a designee appointed by the CFO.
  - c. Three (3) senators appointed by joint agreement of the AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee)
    - i. The AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee) shall strive to appoint Senators with a wide range of views and backgrounds to ensure thorough consideration of all policies.
    - ii. The AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee) shall appoint the Senators at the beginning of each quarter, or within a week following any vacancy in position.
    - iii. If the AVP of EDI and CFO (or their designee) cannot agree on three appointments, the ASUCSD Senate shall, through a majority vote, appoint three senators as recommended by each of the AVP of EDI or the CFO (or their designee).
- I. Committee adoption of amendments: The adoption of any amendment to the PES (i.e. list of companies subject to the PES, compliance directives, transition timeline) shall only take effect following a majority vote of the committee. Members of the public shall also be allowed to submit public comments by emailing the chairperson or by other methods determined by the chairperson. The chairperson shall strive to notify relevant Registered Student Organizations prior to the adoption of any amendment. The chairperson shall report any amendment to the PES to the Senate. The Senate may amend the PES or overturn any policy by a majority vote.
- J. A Charter for SCOHRA shall be established, maintained, and updated by the Chair outlining, but not limited to, the following: (1) establishment, (2) composition, (3) purposes, (4) rules and procedures, (5) chair responsibilities, (6) committee adoption of amendments, and (6) records.



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**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT,** The ASUCD Senate hereby approves the appending of the ASUCD Constitution Article VI Finance and Resources as follows:

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **FINANCE AND RESOURCES**

##### **Section 6 | Commitment of ASUCSD Funds**

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###### **6.1 | Policy of Ethical Spending**

- A. The Special Committee on Human-Rights Advisory is hereby established (hereinafter referred to as SCOHRA) as a special committee of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
- B. The ASUCSD Chief Financial Officer is the representative of the ASUCSD elected officials with respect to financial and business responsibilities.
- C. All proposals to engage in contractual relationships require advance approval by the ASUCSD Chief Financial Officer.
- D. No representative of ASUCSD may commit ASUCSD funds to any company on the PES list set forth by SCOHRA (Special Committee on Human-Rights Advisory), to be made available to all Senate members.
  - a. The Office of Student Organizations is exempt from this restriction provided that they abide by an approved vendor list, the determination of which is not made by ASUCSD.
- E. The SCOHRA shall review each office's purchases at the end of the month through financial records and expense reports provided by the CFO or Director of Student Governments, Auxiliaries & Services.
- F. No ASUCSD funds shall be used to purchase products or services of any corporation identified by the PES List as being complicit in the violation of international human rights. Policies and guidelines on this subject shall be set by the Special Committee on Human Rights Advisory (SCOHRA) in the Policy of Ethical Spending (PES).
  - a. Any policy change to the PES shall be reported to the Senate, which shall have the power to overturn or amend the policy by a two-thirds vote.



- b. Any policy change to the PES shall be communicated to all ASUCSD bodies affected by their adopted senators or their Associate Vice President.
- c. Units and committees impacted by the implementation of this boycott or divestment shall receive guidance on a timeline of a buffer period and alternatives from the Special Committee on Human Rights Advisory (SCOHRA). Adopted Senators shall facilitate and disseminate policy directives from the committee. Entities with existing contracts with the companies listed are not required to sever said contracts, but will not be permitted to renew them.
- d. Companies on the boycott list that are added to the “pressure target” category of BDS are up to SCOHRA. At the meeting of each month, they shall determine logistics and feasibility, and if any recommendations are approved by SCOHRA, they shall be presented to the Senate, where the Senate can overturn the addition by a 2/3rds vote. All other companies in other categories are non-negotiable.
- e. This clause shall not apply to university contracts that are imposed upon ASUCSD that the association cannot detract from.

## 6.2 | PES List

- A. The PES list shall be a running list that is made accessible to all ASUCSD units by SCOHRA.
- B. The list may include several tiers of coverage to ensure effective targeting of the policy.
- C. The list may be amended only by a majority vote of the Special Committee on Human-Rights Advisory (SCOHRA), which can be overturned by the Senate through a two-thirds vote.
- D. No vote shall be required to establish the list. Article VI, Section 6, Subsection 6.2, Paragraph D shall be removed on September 1, 2024.