



**Associated Students, SJSU, Board of Directors' Resolution 23/24-06
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BOYCOTT FROM COMPANIES
THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS IN PALESTINE**

Whereas, It is the mission of Associated Students at San José State University to represent the students of San José State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunities and experience; and

Whereas, Associated Students (A.S.) is the official voice of over 36,000 students at San José State University (SJSU); and

Whereas, The purpose of Associated Students is “to promote educational, social, and cultural opportunities; to govern and finance student activities; to facilitate participation in the University community; and to discharge the authority vested in the Association by the State of California and the President of the university, do hereby declare that equal opportunities shall be afforded to all students without regard to race, religion, creed, gender, sexual or affectional preference, age, ethnic origin, nationality, physical disability, or any other basis protected by law”¹; and

Whereas, Israel has imposed a state of oppression and domination against Palestinians that amounts to apartheid according to International Law. Israel’s policy of displacing the local population violates Article 49 of the Geneva Convention, “The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies.” It also prohibits the “individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory”²; and

Whereas, In the last 52 years, the Israeli government has transferred between 600,000 and 750,000 Israelis to the West Bank and East Jerusalem. They live in at least 160 settlements and outposts³; and

Whereas, Israel has breached the 1907 Hague Relations by extensive appropriation of land and destruction of property to build and expand settlements⁴; and

¹ AS Bylaws

<https://www.sjsu.edu/as/docs/gov/Bylaws%20Final%202023%20Version.pdf>

² Israeli Settlements and International Law

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2019/01/chapter-3-israeli-settlements-and-international-law/>

³ Israel's settlements: Over 50 years of land theft explained

<https://interactive.aljazeera.com/aje/2017/50-years-illegal-settlements/index.html>

⁴ Israeli Settlements and International Law

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2019/01/chapter-3-israeli-settlements-and-international-law/>



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Whereas, Since the founding of Israel in 1948, by 1982, Israel expropriated over 52% of the West Bank, most of its prime agricultural land, and by the eve of the 1993 Oslo Accords, these confiscations had encompassed over three-quarters of the territory⁵; and

Whereas, There have been no elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for Palestinian Authority offices since 2006, and Palestinians there do not have the right to vote in Israeli elections⁶; and

Whereas, Israel retains full security and administrative control of approximately 60 percent of the West Bank⁷. In these controlled areas, Palestinians are subject to Military Court procedures, whereas Israelis living in the West Bank are subject to civil and criminal courts. This military court system falls short of international standards for the fair conduct of trials and administration of justice.⁸

Whereas, In 2020, Associated Students passed a resolution condemning police brutality and violent policing against Black Americans and people of color⁹. Many law enforcement officials and agencies from the United States have participated in exchanges of training and law enforcement strategies/tactics with Israeli police and military forces,¹⁰ whose methods are informed by the ongoing repression and surveillance of Palestinian civilians under blockade and (after

⁵ A Survey of Commuting Labor from the West Bank to Israel

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/4329251>

⁶ 2022 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: Israel, West Bank and Gaza

<https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/israel-west-bank-and-gaza/west-bank-and-gaza/>

⁷ 2022 Report on International Religious Freedom: Israel, West Bank and Gaza

<https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-report-on-international-religious-freedom/israel-west-bank-and-gaza/west-bank-and-gaza/>

⁸ Israeli Settlements and International Law

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2019/01/chapter-3-israeli-settlements-and-international-law/>

⁹ Associated Students SJSU, Board of Directors' Resolution 23/22-03 Policing and Safety

<https://www.sjsu.edu/as/docs/gov/Final%20AS%20Policing%20Resolution.docx.pdf>

¹⁰ How the US and Israel exchange tactics in violence and control

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/6/12/how-the-us-and-israel-exchange-tactics-in-violence-and-control>



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October of 2023) formal siege¹¹, including tactics to repress and intimidate those engaged in public protests, such as those used by American law enforcement agencies against peaceful protestors throughout the #BlackLivesMatter movement of 2020¹², thus illustrating the international interconnectivity of police forces and of police violence/brutality as a social problem; and

Whereas, Many human rights organizations¹³ have cited Israeli police for carrying out extrajudicial executions and other unlawful killings¹⁴, using ill-treatment and torture,¹⁵ suppressing freedom of expression¹⁶, including through government surveillance¹⁷, and excessive use of force against peaceful protesters¹⁸; and

Whereas, In 2015, the Associated Students of San Jose State was the first Cal State¹⁹ to pass a Divestment resolution targeting the Tower Foundation investments in companies that contribute to the human rights violations of Palestinians²⁰; and

¹¹ Israeli authorities are using facial recognition technology to entrench apartheid
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/05/israel-opt-israeli-authorities-are-using-facial-recognition-technology-to-entrench-apartheid/>

¹² The Legal and Constitutional Consequences of U.S. Police Collaborating with Israeli Security Forces
The Legal and Constitutional Consequences of U.S. Police Departments Collaborating with Israeli Security Forces
<https://lawcommons.luc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1599&context=pilr>

¹³ With Whom are Many U.S. Police Departments Training?
<https://www.amnestyusa.org/updates/with-whom-are-many-u-s-police-departments-training-with-a-chronic-human-rights-violator-israel/>

¹⁴ Evidence indicates West Bank killing was extrajudicial execution
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde15/2529/2015/en/>

¹⁵ TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT
<https://www.hrw.org/reports/pdfs/i/israel/israel946.pdf>

¹⁶ Palestine (State of)
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/middle-east-and-north-africa/palestine-state-of/report-palestine-state-of/#:~:text=Palestinian%20authorities%20in%20the%20West,human%20rights%20violations%20remained%20elusive.>

¹⁷ Israel's ongoing surveillance of Palestinians
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/5/7/chilling-effect-israels-ongoing-surveillance-of-palestinians>

¹⁸ Israel: Abusive Policing in Lod During May Hostilities
<https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/12/14/israel-abusive-policing-lod-during-may-hostilities>

¹⁹ SJSU becomes first CSU to pass student government BDS resolution
<https://mondoweiss.net/2015/12/university-government-resolution/>

²⁰ In Support of Divestment from Companies That Profit from the Israeli Occupation of the Palestinian Territories



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Whereas, In the past, Associated Students has purchased equipment that directly correlated with the Israeli military-industrial complex and the systemic violence inflicted upon Palestinians²¹; and

Whereas, Who Profits is an Independent Research Center dedicated to revealing corporate involvement. Their methodology of research is based on “Public records and information sources open to the public, including company publications, news articles, official government documents, and court verdicts. Who Profits also conducts investigative field tours to collect evidence and submit Freedom of Information requests to official government bodies”²²; and

Whereas, All company profiles and publications undergo a peer review process and all companies are contacted prior to publication and given the opportunity to comment. This ensures that Who Profits' information is verified at various stages and that information is of the highest accuracy possible²³. The information derived from Who Profits will help determine the impact of the equipment Associated Students has purchased; and

Whereas, From September 28, 2005, until October 17, 2016 the Associated Students have purchased 41 Dell products; and

Whereas, Since 2006, Dell has been one of Israel's army's biggest computer tenders;²⁴ and

Whereas, In 2023, Dell Technologies won the Israeli Ministry of Defense's server tender. The scope of the tender is over USD 150 million for a period of two years, during which Dell will provide servers, maintenance services, and related equipment to the Israeli military, the Israeli Ministry of Defense (IMOD), and other security bodies²⁵; and

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UJ00_3YLlvVi8VMb4eKVL3OPHiLu6fLB/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101881011256644528918&rtpof=true&sd=true

Who Profits

²¹ About Who Profits

<https://www.whoprofits.org/>

²² <https://www.whoprofits.org/sections/view/3?who-profits-research-center>

²³ <https://www.whoprofits.org/sections/view/3?who-profits-research-center>

²⁴ Dell Day: Won Israeli Army Tender Too

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/business/2006-05-24/ty-article/dell-day-won-israeli-army-tender-too/0000017f-e7a8-df2c-a1ff-fff9ec4b0000>

²⁵ Dell Technologies



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Whereas, Dell Technologies' fully owned subsidiary, VMware, began supplying the Israeli Military of Defense with virtualization systems in 2003²⁶ for many years to come; and

Whereas, A contract between VMware and IMOD would ensure that the military would use the company's systems and products for all its new and future technological projects almost without limitation²⁷; and

Whereas, In May 2021, VMware Israel won a tender for the provision and maintenance of VMware products for the Israel Police from August 2021 until January 2027²⁸; and

Whereas, Associated Students purchased HP products before the company split from Hewlett Packard and HP in 2015.²⁹ Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) was founded following the split³⁰; and

Whereas, Associated Students purchased HP products from August 7, 2002 until June 18, 2009; and

Whereas, Associated Students purchased an HP Inc. product on July 29, 2021; and

Whereas, HP Inc. is no longer involved in these activities; and

Whereas, HP has, in the past, held a contract with the Israeli Ministry of Defence under which it developed and maintained the Basel System—the

<https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/7370?dell-technologies>

²⁶ Dell Technologies

<https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/7370?dell-technologies>

²⁷ Dell Technologies

<https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/7370?dell-technologies>

²⁸ Dell Technologies

<https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/7370?dell-technologies>

²⁹ Has the Split Worked for HP & Hewlett Packard Enterprise?

<https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/has-the-split-worked-for-hp-hewlett-packard-enterprise-2017-01-17#:~:text=The%20split%20took%20effect%20on.facing%20hardware%20and%20cloud%20business.>

³⁰ Hewlett Packard Enterprise

<https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/3774>



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biometric identification system installed on checkpoints in the occupied Palestinian Territory, which controls Palestinians' mobility.³¹The system was first installed in 2004 at the Erez checkpoint in the northern Gaza Strip. HP maintained control until 2016-2017, when Israel stopped using the Basel System³²; and

Whereas, The Basel System subjected Palestinians to a tiered system, subjecting them to restriction of everyday movement, limiting where Palestinians could live, and making access to social services challenging³³; and

Whereas, Between 2017 and 2022, HPE was the sole provider of Itanium servers for Israel's Population Registry– the Aviv System, a computer system of the Israeli Administration of Border Crossings, Population and Immigration³⁴; and

Whereas, In May 2023, HPE was contracted by the Population and Immigration Authority to provide three Itanium servers for the Aviv System from June 2023 until June 2026. The Aviv system will be gradually phased out and taken over by IBM³⁵; and

Whereas, In March 2021, HPE was contracted by the Israel Police (with an exemption from a tender) to provide proactive maintenance services for HPE-manufactured server systems until December 2023³⁶; and

Whereas, In February 2023, the company was contracted by the Israel Prison Services to provide maintenance for HPE equipment until February 2024³⁷; and

Resolved, That once these products expire in their life cycle, Associated Students will no longer purchase Dell and HPE equipment and must find

³¹ Hewlett Packard (HP)

<https://bdsmovement.net/boycott-hp#tab3>

³² The humanitarian crisis of the Israeli occupation

<https://commons.emich.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1772&context=honors>

³³ Restrictions on Movement

https://www.btselem.org/freedom_of_movement

³⁴ Hewlett Packard Enterprise

<https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/3774>

³⁵ Hewlett Packard Enterprise

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³⁶ Hewlett Packard Enterprise

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³⁷ Hewlett Packard Enterprise

<https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/3774>



replacements. Associated Students should follow the guidelines of the Boycott, Divestment, Sanction Movement list to adhere properly³⁸; and be it further

Resolved, That the instruction to no longer buy equipment or any other future equipment that assists in the Israeli military-industrial complex will be included in the Budget Policy and must be adhered to; and be it finally

Resolved, That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including, but not limited to: all board members of the **CSU Board of Trustees**, **Mildred Garcia** (*Chancellor, CSU*), **Cynthia Teniente-Matson** (*President of San José State University*), *Members of the President's Cabinet*, **Jennifer Malutta** (*Chief of Staff*), **Mari Fuentes-Martin** (*Interim Vice President for Student Affairs*), **Jahmal Williams** (*Director of Advocacy for Racial Justice*), **Patience Bryant** (*Interim Deputy Diversity Officer*), **Kristin Dukes** (*Chief Diversity Officer*), **Jon Tucker** (*Director of Student Involvement*), **Mai Mai Cantos** (*Director of Strategic Initiatives*), **Nnenna Abaeze** (*Director of Health Services*), **Jeff Konya** (*Director of Athletics*), **Vincent Del Casino** (*Provost of San José State University*), **Charlie Faas** (*Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*), **California State Student Association Board of Directors**, **Ro Khanna** (*U.S. Congressman, 17th District*), **Zoe Lofgren** (*U.S. Congresswoman, 19th District*), **Alex Padilla** (*CA Senator*), **Laphonza Butler** (*U.S. Senator*), **Ash Kalra** (*CA State Assemblyman, 25th District*), **Alex Lee** (*CA State Assemblyman, 24th District*), **Evan Low** (*CA State Assemblyman, 26th District*), **Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors**, **Cindy Chavez** (*Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President, District 2*), **Omar Torres** (*San José Councilmember, District 3*), **Matt Mahan** (*Mayor, San José*), New Student and Family Programs, Mercury News, San José Spotlight, and The Spartan Daily.

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³⁸ BDS Movement

<https://bdsmovement.net/get-involved/what-to-boycott>



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**Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State
University Board of Directors at a regular meeting held April
24, 2024
by a vote of 12-Yea 0-Nay 0-Abstention 0-Absent**

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