



REAFFIRMING SOLIDARITY: ONE YEAR OF THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

From: Ariana Lacson, Associated Students President & CEO

Dear Fellow Spartans,

Today signifies a year of unspeakable horror, grief, and outrage. As we reflect on this past year, we remember the countless lives lost, the communities torn apart, and the immense suffering endured by innocent civilians. We mourn the at least 42,000 Palestinians murdered by the Israeli military, the 1,200 Israelis killed in Hamas' attacks, and the 2,000 Lebanese killed by Israeli bombardment. It is a heavy burden to mourn the loss of one another and I want to extend my deepest condolences and utmost solidarity to any student affected by this conflict.

While we commemorate the lives lost and stand with the survivors of this conflict, we also recommit ourselves to the pursuit of peace, justice, and the protection of human rights. Last semester, Associated Students passed a [resolution to divest](#) from companies that support the Israeli military-industrial complex and adopted the Cal State Student Association (CSSA) [Ceasefire Resolution](#), which calls for an immediate ceasefire and safe return of all hostages and unduly imprisoned civilians from Palestine and Israel and for the protection of students' rights to freedom of speech as students across the nation resist violence and promote peace.

During October, A.S. honors SJSU's rich legacy of student advocacy and strives for social justice by commemorating notable alumni Tommie Smith and John Carlos. As we highlight activism and advocacy on campus, I urge you all to take it upon yourself to revitalize this legacy at a time when a national movement is needed now more than ever to support the victims of this ongoing conflict and call for its end. I urge you all to contact your elected officials and call for an immediate ceasefire, spread awareness and bring attention to what is happening in the Middle East, and donate, if you can, to charities and organizations providing relief to the affected communities.

As we enter a national Week of Rage, I want to reaffirm that Associated Students is for the students, by the students, and with the students. Above all, we are servants to the student voice and extend ourselves to you all as resources for advocacy to administrators, staff, and faculty across campus. If you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns across campus, please utilize our [myVoice SJSU survey](#) to express them.

In addition to advocating for students, your safety and well-being are among our top priorities. As you engage in advocacy efforts, it is crucial that you are aware of your rights on this campus. I urge you to review the [Interim CSU Systemwide TPM Policy](#) and [SJSU Addendum](#). Again, A.S. is here to gauge any feedback and wants to hear from you all. Please use this [anonymous feedback survey](#) on one or both policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at as-president@sjsu.edu. Below, I have listed the resources hyperlinked in this statement and additional resources for those needing support or solidarity.

Sincerely,

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Resources:

- [A.S. Divestment Resolution](#)
- [A.S. Ceasefire Resolution](#)
- [myVoice SJSU Survey](#)
- [Anonymous TPM Feedback Survey](#)
- [Interim CSU Systemwide TPM Policy](#)
 - [SJSU Addendum Policy](#)
- [Counseling & Psychological Services](#)
- [Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)
- [MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center](#)