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To the Council of the Associated Students of the University of California, San Diego:

As elected officials of UCLA's Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC), we are writing to you to urge you to reject the "Resolution in Support of the University of California, San Diego Corporate Accountability through Divestment from Corporations Profiting from the Illegal Occupation, Siege, and Blockade of Palestine" on March 6, 2013.

We deem this resolution inappropriate and unacceptable because, based on over four hours of public comments made last week, it is clear that the resolution is not representative of the views of the majority of the student body and marginalizes a significant number of your constituents. As your students explained, the resolution contains many accusations about Israel that are factually incorrect, taken out of context, and can be regarded as genuine attacks on institutions many UCSD students value. Furthermore, this resolution explicitly delegitimizes aspects of Jewish and pro-Israel students' identities. The adoption of this resolution sends a clear message that these students are unwelcome on such a respected institution's campus.

In response to UCSA's September 17, 2012 "A Resolution Regarding California Assembly Bill HR 35," sixty undergraduate elected student officials across the University of California signed a letter to the UCSA Board of Directors about the divisiveness and harm that such resolutions cause amongst students.

As elected officials ourselves, we understand the careful balance between doing what is right for our campus and making our constituents feel safe. We understand that each campus is different and it is your decision as to what is best for your students. However, we strongly urge you to take into account the opinions of many of your constituents and fellow UC elected officials who feel the resolution at hand is not appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Andrea Hester, Internal Vice President
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