

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

**Bill Number:** SR #2020-16  
**Title:** Condemn Rising Antisemitism and Affirm Support for Jewish Students  
**Sponsored by:** Senator for the College of Education Isabel Douvan and Senator for the College of Business Taryn Williams  
**Date Submitted:** March 6, 2020  
**Date Approved:** March 25, 2020

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and
- WHEREAS** CSULB is composed of a diverse student population that includes a significant and active Jewish community; and
- WHEREAS** despite common misconceptions that Jews are only a religious group, most Jews see their Jewish identity as primarily a matter of ancestry and culture (62%), while only a minority see it primarily as a matter of religion (15%);<sup>1</sup>and
- WHEREAS** antisemitic incidents have increased rapidly in the past few years, with 56.9% of religious hate crimes being motivated by anti-Jewish bias in 2018, the highest of all other motivations combined;<sup>2</sup>and
- WHEREAS** the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reported 1,879 antisemitic incidents in 2018, including deadly attacks in synagogues and Jewish Community Centers across the United States, leaving American Jews feeling targeted and vulnerable;<sup>3</sup>and
- WHEREAS** Jewish students at CSULB have expressed concerns over this growing wave of antisemitism; and
- WHEREAS** CSULB ASI has used their unique position as the primary voice of students to condemn hatred in the past;<sup>4</sup>and
- WHEREAS** CSULB affirms that students, employees, volunteers, members of the public, and recipients of services and/or benefits provided by CSULB have the right to a University free from discrimination and harassment, including hostile environment, on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national origin, and religion;<sup>5</sup> and
- WHEREAS** the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is an intergovernmental organization which “unites governments and experts to strengthen, advance and promote Holocaust education, research and remembrance;<sup>6</sup>”and
- WHEREAS** the IHRA member states are Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania,

<sup>1</sup> [Pew Research Center, A Portrait of Jewish Americans, October 2013](#)

<sup>2</sup> <https://ucr.fbi.gov/hate-crime/2018/topic-pages/victims>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.adl.org/what-we-do/anti-semitism/anti-semitism-in-the-us>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2017-2018/SR-2018-12-ASI\\_Against\\_White\\_Supremacy.pdf](https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2017-2018/SR-2018-12-ASI_Against_White_Supremacy.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/policy-statement-07-03-discrimination-policy-promoting-access-and-opportunity-and>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/about-us>

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Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America;<sup>7</sup>and

**WHEREAS** on May 26, 2016, at its plenary in Bucharest, the IHRA adopted a non-legally binding “working definition” of antisemitism, which defines antisemitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews, rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities,” as well as outlines manifestations of antisemitism;<sup>8</sup>and

**WHEREAS** Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance;<sup>9</sup>and

**WHEREAS** it is the policy of the executive branch of the United States to “enforce Title VI against prohibited forms of discrimination rooted in antisemitism as vigorously as against all other forms of discrimination prohibited by Title VI;<sup>10</sup>”and

**WHEREAS** the executive branch has ordered all executive departments and agencies, including public universities, to consider the non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism adopted on May 26, 2016, by the IHRA when identifying evidence of discrimination based on race, color, or national origin;<sup>9</sup> now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI acknowledges the First Amendment right to free speech and encourages the exercise of this right while also unequivocally condemning any form of expression that targets, threatens, or incites violence on our campus, our community, and throughout the world; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI will consider utilizing the IHRA’s non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism as a guide to further educate the CSULB student population, and as an instructive tool to inform further advocacy; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI affirms the validity and identity of all religious and ethnic populations, including the Jewish people, and reaffirms its commitment to ensure that all students regardless of their religious affiliation should be able to attend CSULB without fear of hatred, physical violation, fear of anti-Semitism, or fear of any anti-religious or anti-ethnic tropes; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI takes a firm stance against antisemitism and will continue to work on programming, ally trainings, and condemning anti-Semitic hate and/or bias-related incidents should they arise; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that should future instances of alleged antisemitism take place at California State University, Long Beach, the CSULB ASI Senate may respond by engaging in further legislative statements, actions, or education efforts; and be it further

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.holocaustremembrance.com/about-us/countries-membership>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.holocaustremembrance.com/working-definition-antisemitism>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/crt/fcs/TitleVI-Overview>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-combating-anti-semitism/>

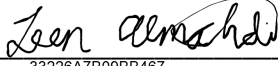
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**RESOLVED** that CSULB ASI stands in solidarity with the Jewish students of California State University, Long Beach; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to the CSULB President Jane Close Conoley, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Anne Takemoto, Dean of Students Piya Bose, the Cal State Student Association, all current ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Magazine.

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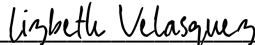


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Leen Almehdi, Vice President &  
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:

4/28/2020

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Lizbeth Velasquez, Associated Students President

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