

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF FOOTHILL COLLEGE

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RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ORI NIRPAZ

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*A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM AND CALLING FOR INSTITUTIONAL
REPRESENTATION FOR JEWISH STUDENTS*

WHEREAS, Foothill College educates students from diverse backgrounds that represent the demographics of the Bay Area, with particular attention to underserved and underrepresented populations.

WHEREAS, FOOTHILL COLLEGE assumes fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.

WHEREAS, Jewish students constitute an important part of the broader Foothill College community, yet remain distinguishable from the majority by common ethnic and cultural characteristics.¹

¹ <https://azjewishlife.com/how-can-jews-be-both-an-ethnic-group-and-a-religion/>

NOTING THAT the Foothill College Jewish community is thus a distinct and significant cultural community within Foothill College which Foothill College is charter-bound to support, protect, and defend.

FURTHER NOTING THAT the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance defines antisemitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”²

RECOGNIZING THAT this takes place amidst a national context where hate crimes against Jewish individuals and institutions have reached record levels.³

NOTING THAT due to the aforementioned incidents this aspiration is not yet a reality for Jewish students among other minority groups.

NOTING THAT Jewish students constitute a part of a diverse⁴ ethnic group at Foothill College not currently protected by student government appropriately.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Foothill College unreservedly condemns all acts of racism, bigotry, and violence against the Jewish community, both on and off the Foothill College. The Associated Students of Foothill College stands by the Jewish

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

⁴ <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/jewish-and/why-diversity-matters-to-the-next-generation-of-jews/>

community and condemns all acts of racial, ethnic, or religious discrimination against members of the student body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Foothill College calls upon Foothill College to adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism listed above⁵ as Foothill College's official definition of antisemitism.

BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to implement the above clauses the President of Associated Students of Foothill College shall send a copy of this resolution to Dean of Students Leticia Maldonado, Dean of Institutional Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Melissa Cervantes, and Foothill College President Thuy Nguyen.

⁵ <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definitions-charters/working-definition-antisemitism>

