Resolution Against Police Deployment Against Student Demonstrations

Be it resolved that the UC Santa Cruz Senate Faculty calls on our Administration to refrain from bringing police to campus to break up, disperse, or arrest participants in the Gaza Solidarity Encampment or related demonstrations. Painful lessons from campuses across the country, including at UCLA, UC Irvine, and UC San Diego, have shown clearly that bringing police force to bear on political demonstrations has led to increased violence, and considerable harm to members of our community. Political protest is a valued tradition at the University of California, and the protection of this freedom, and of the health and well-being of members of our community, is all of our responsibility. We call on our administrators to commit to peace and dialogue when engaging with demonstrators, and to refrain from bringing armed law enforcement personnel to demonstration sites.

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