Resolution in Support of Divestment from Human Rights Violations

WHEREAS, the students at San Francisco State University, and Associated Students (AS) as their representative body, have a rich history of standing up for social justice and equity; and

WHEREAS, international organizations such as Human Rights Watch and the United Nations have documented incidents that amount to war crimes committed by Israel [1]; and


WHEREAS, the United Nations published a database of companies with business ties to Israeli settlements in the West Bank in a global effort to ensure businesses end complicity in rights abuse and respect international law; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco State's investment in these companies would show implicit support for human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, international humanitarian law recognizes the right of all people, including Palestinians, to life, security [3], and of all peoples to political and economic self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Israel has been recognized by international law since 1967 as an occupying power in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza [5], hereafter referred to as
the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and

WHEREAS, these investments harm San Francisco State's Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students, many of whom have families who currently live under Israeli occupation, or are descendants of Palestinians who have been killed or forcibly relocated as a result of Israel's occupation of Palestine; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is a non-violent call for targeted divestment from multinational corporations causing substantial social injury, violating international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, regardless of which countries contract said corporations; and

WHEREAS, our peers in many university student associations, including San Jose State University, CSU Long Beach, CSU East Bay, De Anza Community College, Wesleyan University, Oberlin College, DePaul University, Evergreen State College, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UCLA, UC Davis, and Stanford University have passed resolutions calling for divestment from companies that violate international law and human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, the Associated Students at San Francisco State University, exercising its representative authority on behalf of all students, calls upon and will work to ensure the SF State Foundation, University Corporation, and all other campus auxiliaries to review their investments and ensure no investment exists in companies that violate international humanitarian law by any of the following:

1. Maintain the illegal infrastructure of the Israeli occupation, in particular, settlements and separation walls.
2. Facilitate Israel's collective punishment of Palestinian citizens.
3. Facilitate state repression against Paelstnians by Israeli security forces; and

RESOLVED, Associated Students of San Francisco State University calls upon and will work to ensure the SF State Foundation, University Corporation, and all other campus auxiliaries of San Francisco State University withdrawal investments in securities, endowments, mutual funds, and other monetary instruments with holdings in all corporations that are complicit in violating these criteria, at such time and in such manner as to be determined by these organizations with the goal of maintaining the divestment until they cease these specific practices deemed as unethical by the San Francisco community; let it be

RESOLVED, Associated Students of San Francisco State University calls upon and will work to ensure the SF State Foundation, University Corporation, and all other campus auxiliaries
prevent future investments in corporations deemed complicit in the violation of Palestinian human rights; let it be

RESOLVED, that the copies of this resolution are made public and distributed widely, including but not limited to the following: Lynn Mahoney (President, SFSU), Jeff Wilson (Interim VP of Administration & Finance, CFO, SFSU), Jeff Jackanicz (President, SF State Foundation), Jason Porth (Executive Director, University Corporation, SF State), and Tonee Sherrill (Executive Director, Associated Students).