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Joint Statement in Support of UC Regents Policy Against Intolerance

San Francisco, CA – The undersigned organizations commend the Regents of the University of California (UC) for today’s adoption of the Working Group’s Report on Principles Against Intolerance. These principles enhance existing policies against bias and discrimination and specifically address the growing and urgent challenge of anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry on UC campuses.

The Working Group – which included regents, the student regent, a faculty member, chancellor and vice provost – did an excellent job in balancing the protection of free speech with the need to address growing intolerance.

Many regents spoke eloquently about why the document was needed at this time and the tools it will provide campus administrators to help them focus on and respond to incidents of “anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination.” Such incidents, if left unchecked will grow and increase the potential that not all students will feel safe on campus.

Importantly, the document – in referencing anti-Semitic forms of anti-Zionism – makes clear an ugly reality: that the demonization of Israel, and of Jews and others supportive of Israel, contributes greatly to the rise of anti-Semitic acts on campus and elsewhere.

We strongly support and endorse the newly adopted principles and hope that they will serve as a model for campuses around the country that have seen a rise in anti-Semitic actions, racism and other forms of bigotry.

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