

ASCSM's Stance on the Oppression in Gaza

Approved by the ASCSM Student Senate on Monday, May 6, 2024

We, as the representatives of the student body, have heard your concerns regarding our response, or lack thereof, to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza involving Palestine and Israel. Our position as student representatives has always been amplifying student voices and ensuring the well-being of all our fellow students. In failing to do so, we have disappointed and hurt our community, particularly students who trusted us in utilizing our positions to enact changes on campus. For that, on behalf of the entire ASCSM Student Senate, we deeply apologize for our inaction.

ASCSM reaffirms our dedication to standing against injustice and oppression in Gaza. We stand in solidarity with the lives lost and the suffering that Palestinian people face. We demand a permanent ceasefire and justice for the crimes committed against humanity. ASCSM wants to acknowledge the disastrous impacts this conflict has had on all the civilians, directly or indirectly. We want to specifically emphasize the deliberate displacement of the Palestinian civilians in Gaza by the actions of the Israeli government. They are not only the victims of war but also the targets of genocidal acts committed against them. Palestinians are being completely cut off from essential resources like food, water, electricity, and medical supplies. Over a million victims are suffering from rampant disease and famine without receiving the humanitarian aid they require. With all that being said, we at ASCSM find that a ceasefire is a critical step to stop civilian suffering.

Education, advocacy, and constructive discourse are essential for students to address and process political and social turmoil. We want to ensure that every community can gather and express themselves freely without fear of persecution. It is time for us to reaffirm that no one, regardless of sex, race, religion, or nationality should go through such atrocities. We condemn any form of discrimination, racism, Islamophobia, or Antisemitism on the CSM campus and kindly suggest the general community respect each other's perspectives. We encourage all voices to be heard and welcome all respectful and constructive conversations. ASCSM advocates to divest brands or companies that invest/support the genocidal acts imposed on Palestine.

Here at ASCSM we want to encourage a future where all communities can live in dignity and justice. To work towards this future we stand against injustice and set an example for the students we represent.

If you need any kind of support please utilize any of the following on-campus resources:

Wellness Center - Personal Counseling
Health & Wellness Building 5, Room 302
csmwellness@smccd.edu
(650) 574-6396

Public Safety
Public Safety/Medical Services Building 1, Room 100
(650) 738-7000

Multicultural & Dream Center
North Hall Building 18, Room 110
csmmccdc@my.smccd.edu
(650) 574-6120

Office of the Vice President of Student Services
College Center Building 10, Room 482
csmvpss@smccd.edu
(650) 574-6118

