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Evan Mandery

Chairperson

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

524 W. 59th St.

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Dear Chairperson Mandery,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the presence and activities of the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapter at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Recent findings from the Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) by CAM have raised alarming issues about the content promoted by the SJP chapter on social media, specifically on their Instagram account, which has shown unambiguous support for U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The ARC has documented that the John Jay College SJP chapter has not only glorified these terrorist groups but also expressed sympathy for Hamas' heinous attack on Israel on October 7 and other violent acts. This chapter stands out among other SJP chapters in the United States for its blatant and unapologetic support for these organizations, which are committed to the killing of Jewish civilians.

According to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism, such expressions of support are considered antisemitic, as they justify or call for the harming of Jews in the name of radical ideologies. This is in direct contradiction to the values that John Jay College seeks to uphold.

Moreover, it is concerning that the SJP chapter is still recognized as a student organization on the college's website, and that student activity fees—paid by all John Jay students—may be used to fund a group that promotes violence and hatred. This raises serious questions about whether the administration is aware of the chapter's activities and, if so, why it continues to allow this organization to operate under the college's banner.

In light of these troubling developments, I urge you to take immediate action to remove the SJP chapter from campus. It is imperative that the leadership of John Jay College takes a firm stance against antisemitism and the promotion of terrorism.

If the administration is unaware of these activities, it is crucial to sever all funding and strip the SJP of its status as a student organization. If the administration is aware and has not acted, it owes an explanation to the students and faculty as to why such an organization is being allowed to operate and potentially be funded by student fees.

For further details and documentation on the cases reported, I encourage you to review the comprehensive findings linked [here](#).

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I trust that John Jay College, as an institution committed to justice, will take the necessary steps to ensure that hatred and violence are not given a platform on its campus.

Yours sincerely,



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