

## **A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**WHEREAS** on October 27, 2018, a white nationalist opened fire during a Shabbat service at the Tree of Life Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, killing 11 Jewish individuals, including one Holocaust survivor, and wounding four others<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS** though anti-Semitism has an extensive history, 2017 saw a nearly 60 percent increase in reported anti-Semitic incidents, including the Charlottesville, VA “Unite the Right” rally, on top of a 35 percent increase the year before<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS** FBI hate crime statistics for 2016, the most recent year available, show that more than half of reported anti-religious hate crimes in the United States were motivated by anti-Semitism<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS** social media platforms have shown a sustained increase in anti-Semitic content among alt-right white nationalists since President Trump’s 2016 election, and this is exacerbated for queer Jews and Jews of color<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS** there have been 293 mass shooting events in the United States in 2018 so far, along with a total of 346 in 2017, many of which have involved semi-automatic weapons<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS** gun violence disproportionately impacts marginalized communities and communities of color<sup>6</sup>;

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the 2018-19 Undergraduate Students Associated Council (USAC) unequivocally condemns anti-Semitism in all forms and stands with the Jewish community on and off campus.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the USAC will continue to organize against gun violence and in support of sensible gun violence prevention legislation.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2018/10/27/pittsburgh-police-responding-active-shooting-squirrel-hill-area/?utm\\_term=.6526b2058d82](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2018/10/27/pittsburgh-police-responding-active-shooting-squirrel-hill-area/?utm_term=.6526b2058d82)

<sup>2</sup><https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/10/pittsburgh-synagogue-comes-amid-surge-anti-semitism/574180/>

<sup>3</sup> Ibid (The Atlantic)

<sup>4</sup><https://www.adl.org/resources/reports/computational-propaganda-jewish-americans-and-the-2018-midterms-the-amplification#conclusion>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/23/health/gun-deaths-in-men-by-state-study/index.html>

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the USAC condemns all instances of identity-based intolerance and violence and stands in solidarity with the marginalized communities who are often targeted.

**LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED** that the USAC reiterates its commitment to fighting against anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and intolerance at UCLA and beyond.