

Office of the President

TO THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of November 14, 2024

CAMPUS CLIMATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Regents will have the opportunity to discuss reports of two task forces convened to address incidents of antisemitism and anti-Muslim bias on the UCLA campus during the 2023-24 academic year.

BACKGROUND

In the wake of reported growing incidents of antisemitism and anti-Muslim bias on the UCLA campus following the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel and the subsequent war in Gaza, the UCLA leadership established in January 2024 the Task Force to Combat Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Bias and the Task Force on Anti-Palestinian, Anti-Muslim and Anti-Arab Racism. The task forces were charged with issuing recommendations for improved climate and coming together under Dialogue across Difference to model civil discourse concerning a difficult issue.

In May 2024, the Task Force on Anti-Palestinian, Anti-Muslim and Anti-Arab Racism published a [report](#) which documented instances of bias and violence directed at Palestinians, Muslims, Arabs and others who expressed opposition to the war in Gaza and in defense of Palestinian rights. In June 2024, the Task Force issued a [second report](#) which condemned the “militarization of [the UCLA] campus.”

In October 2024, the Task Force to Combat Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Bias released its report, “[Antisemitism and Anti-Israeli Bias at UCLA](#),” that included findings and recommendations and the results of a survey that solicited feedback from Jewish and Israeli community members at UCLA.

The reports provide an opportunity to assess the experience of members of the UCLA community and the campus’ response to protests as well as to support its efforts to combat antisemitism and anti-Muslim bias and foster an academic environment where all people feel safe, welcome, and respected while protecting freedom of expression.