



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.  
CAL STATE SAN MARCOS**

**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** May 22, 2024

**To:** Students of California State University San Marcos

**From:** Octavio Martinez, ASI President & CEO   
Elaine Pollard, ASI Vice President of Student & University Affairs

  
Elaine Pollard (May 22, 2024 16:23 PDT)

**Re:** Supporting and Investigating Student Concerns

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University, San Marcos does not stand for genocide, ethnic cleansing, or any activities that violate fundamental human rights. As a platform for student representation and advocacy, it is imperative that we not only hear, but respond to the student voices and concerns brought to our attention.

We have listened to our students' call for transparency and are currently working on an action plan. This includes reviewing a CSU International Program – Study Abroad location that denies access to students of a certain heritage as well as advocating for the creation of a taskforce to further investigate how we as a university can ensure we are not inadvertently investing in any causes that may contradict our core values and beliefs.

With student concerns pertaining to divestment, it should be noted that CSUSM has no direct investments in any company that does not align with our values. However, we are looking into \$300,000 (1%) of our mutual funds that we cannot fully verify at this time.

ASI acknowledges that current global issues weigh heavily on our students, especially near the end of the semester. We thank you for bringing these issues to our attention and look forward to further collaboration as we continue these efforts throughout the summer and into the next academic year.

**CC:** Ileana Carmona Chavez, Chair & Chief of Staff  
Ashley Lizarraga, Vice President of Finance and Operations

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