

## Club Constitution

JVP at UC San Diego Constitution:

### **JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE (JVP) AT UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION – 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

#### ARTICLE I. NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

*The organization shall be called Jewish Voices for Peace (JVP) at UC San Diego.*

#### ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

##### *Section 1:*

*Jewish Voice for Peace at UC San Diego opposes anti-Jewish, anti-Muslim, anti-Arab and all forms of bigotry and oppression in the world. JVP at UC San Diego specifically seeks: the end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem; the security and self-determination for all Palestinians and Israelis; a just and equitable solution for Palestinian refugees based upon principles that are established in international law; and an end to all violence against civilians.*

*Section 2: In agreement with JVP national, JVP at UC San Diego states that there is a difference between antisemitism and criticism of the country of Israel. Israel and Judaism are not synonymous, they are separate entities and are addressed as such by this organization. JVP at UC San Diego believes that antisemitism is totally incompatible with movements for collective liberation. As Jews, we are harmed by it and stand against it in any form. We understand antisemitism as historically contextual, situated amidst interrelated conditions and struggles. We believe our safety is bound together with the safety of all people, and none of us is free if we aren't all free. Thus, JVP at UC San Diego is guided by a vision of justice, equality and freedom for all people.*

##### *Section 3: JVP at UC San Diego aims to:*

- Create a community space for students and others at UC San Diego who are experiencing alienated Jewish identities / not belonging in the mainstream.*
- Uplift the voices of those who feel unheard in traditional spaces and the voices of the oppressed.*
- Promote dialogue and create a space in which people feel comfortable engaging in discourse, and hosting events, fundraisers, and discussions that contribute to our mission.*

*- Promote education on and off campus about Palestine and Israel, the importance of the Palestinian led call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) and non-violent activism and about other globally issues tied to oppression.*

### ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT\*

*JVP at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.*

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### ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP\*

*Section 1: There are no membership requirements or restrictions. Anyone who decides to attend our meetings is free to do so. Jewish and non-Jewish identifying people welcome.*

*Section 2: Once an individual attends one GBM and wishes to be a member they can through signing up through a google form through the Member Board.*

*Section 3: The leadership board shall be made up of six roles: National and Communications Liaison, Treasurer, Event planner, Religious Outreach, Membership Officer, and Supplies Coordinator.*

*Section 4: The addition of new board roles is the discretion of the leadership board.*

### ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS\*

*The broader organization will meet on the Last Friday of every month, at the least. The leadership board will meet biweekly. Minutes will be taken at leadership board meetings.*

### ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS\*

*Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.*

*There are no officers within the organization; JVP at UC San Diego is a democratic non-hierarchical organization, where the only coordinating body is the Leadership board. Anyone from inside the larger group who is willing to commit to the level of organizational work required of a Leadership board member is welcome to join (this entails biweekly meetings, organizing the general Friday meetings, leading a particular project). They will have a meeting with the existing leadership board members to understand the requirements associated with the position and for the board to assess interest.*

### ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT\*

*Jewish Voices for Peace at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.*

**Jewish Voices for Peace at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.**

*JVP at UC San Diego does not foresee any risk posed by involvement in the organization.*

*Peaceful action declaration:*

*JVP at UC San Diego is a peaceful group. We are strictly dedicated to nonviolent action. We consider any attempt at or instigation of violent behavior as antithetical to our group's goals and we will exclude any individuals who engage in such behavior from our organization.*

#### **ARTICLE VIII. COMMUNITY ADVISOR**

*Professor Adam Aron of the UCSD Psychology is our faculty mentor.*

*Only registered UC San Diego students, current staff and faculty, and alumni may be on the Leadership board of the organization.*

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#### **ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

*The organization would raise funds through the University's online giving portal, and this would be managed by a host department, to be determined.*

*Our chapter is (or is in process of becoming) an authorized student organization at UCSD. We will comply with the university's rules for campus organization funds and will not open a bank account under the name of JVP outside of the University.*

#### **ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS**

*JVP at UC San Diego plans to become involved with other groups on campus with whom we share aims and goals related to Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem, such as social justice groups. The only anticipated external affiliation is with the JVP national branch and other JVP branches in California. This affiliation means that we will be guided and supported by the members of JVP for educational training, funding, and guidance on action items.*