



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF WASHINGTON TACOMA RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION 2025-01

SUBJECT: Divestment from Companies Profiting from Violations of
International Law and Human Rights in the Violence against Palestine

PRESENTED BY: Hugo Ennis **AUTHOR:** ASUWT Senate

WHEREAS the UW Board of Regents seeks the ethical investment of its endowment and constituent students of this body feel that it is their responsibility to advocate divestment from companies that are involved in and profit from the injustices done to the people and lands of Palestine both historically and currently.

WHEREAS, the people and lands of Palestine are in imminent and grave danger, and the need to examine and deconstruct the complicity of UW endowment funds in what might be considered anti-indigenous genocidal violence is urgent.

WHEREAS, the affirmation of Palestinian freedom is not a denial of any other individual's or group's freedom, and the call to contribute what is in our power for a Free Palestine comes hand in hand with students' desire and commitment to create safe spaces for Jewish students and community members alongside and in community with Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students in an intersectional and human-rights-based framework.

WHEREAS, the University of Washington has set a precedent of divestment in response to student activism against social and environmental justice, including South African Apartheid in 1986, genocide in Sudan in 2005, coal in 2015, and fossil fuels in 2022.

WHEREAS, the following illustrative and non-exhaustive list of companies are knowingly and directly complicit in ongoing human rights violations: Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Hewlett-Packard, Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, G4S, Elbit Systems, and Veolia Environnement; [1-6]

WHEREAS, in recognition of these previously successful divestitures without know satellite campus student government endorsement.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON TACOMA**

THAT, the ASUWT condemns the University of Washington Board of Regents for imposing an inequitable and inconsistent standard by requiring consent from satellite campuses for divestment decisions, a requirement not previously applied to past instances of divestiture since the establishment of Bothell's and Tacoma's campuses.

THAT, the ASUWT condemns the University of Washington Board of Regents for unjustly burdening UW student activists by instituting additional bureaucratic hurdles that serve to delay necessary action on ethical investment and create a double standard that prioritize administrative convenience over moral and social responsibility.

THAT, the ASUWT recognizes the University of Washington Board of Regents is now establishing the precedent that tri-campus student consultation is necessary for divestment decisions.

THAT, the ASUWT condemns the act of genocide perpetuated by the Israeli state against the Palestinian people and Palestinian land, condemns the ongoing occupation, and believes that it is the duty of the University of Washington to avoid any activity which directly or indirectly funds or supports the Israeli occupation and its ongoing military campaigns against the Palestinian people.

THAT, the ASUWT requests the University of Washington to examine its financial assets to identify its investments in companies that provide equipment, funds, or services used to directly maintain, support, or profit from the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, including:

- a. The demolition of Palestinian homes and the development of illegal Israeli settlements;

- b.** The building or maintenance of the Separation wall, outposts, and segregated roads and transportation systems on occupied Palestinian territory;
- c.** Illegal use of weaponry and surveillance technology by the Israeli military against Palestinian civilian populations;
- d.** The recent Israeli military campaign in Gaza, and those findings will be shared with ASUWT.

THAT, the ASUWT requests the University of Washington to instruct its investment managers to divest from those companies meeting such criteria within the bounds of their fiduciary duties so as such companies persist in their complicity with injustices identified in this resolution.

THAT, the University of Washington make public their investments, whether that be companies, organizations, and all that the university is financially invested in or is profiting from.

THAT, the ASUWT calls on the University of Washington to work with the Evergreen State College to implement the divestment resolution passed in 2010 as it pertains to the Evergreen State College Foundation holdings housed within the UW Consolidated Endowment Fund.

THAT, the Advisory Committee for Socially Responsible Investing meets more frequently, recommend at least once per quarter, and not when deemed a proposal worthy of consideration.

THAT, in recognition of newly established Board of Regent precedent surrounding tri-campus student consultation, ASUWT demands that a University of Washington Tacoma student representative be appointed by the organization to be seated on the Advisory Committee for Socially Responsible Investing annually to ensure equitable student representation in financial decisions that impact all UW students, including University of Washington Tacoma students.

THAT, the ASUWT calls on the University of Washington to materially and academically divest from Israel, to cut ties from Boeing, and to end the repression of Pro-Palestinian students, faculty, workers, and staff.

THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to UW President Ana Mari Cauce; UW Provost Tricia Serio; UW Tacoma Chancellor Sheila Edwards Lange; UW Tacoma Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Mentha Hynes-Wilson; the UW Board of Regents; ASUWT President Holly Wetzell.

CERTIFICATION Passed this _____ day of _____, 20__ by a quorum vote of ___ for
_____ against _____ abstained _____ absent.

References

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