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Dear Mr. Abrams,

On November 6, 2018, we received your letter regarding the National Students for Justice in Palestine ("NSJP") conference to be held at UCLA.¹ In that letter, you assert that UCLA's federal funding may be in jeopardy for permitting the NSJP annual conference to proceed at UCLA. You base this assertion on the argument that UCLA may be in violation of an anti-terrorism certification issued in connection with the receipt of federal funding. You argue that NSJP is associated with terrorism and allowing it to hold a conference at our campus violates the certification against providing material support to individuals or entities that participate in terrorist acts.

The USAID certification from June 7, 2018, provides that to comply with the certification requirements, the Recipient may verify that the individual or entity does not appear on the matter list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons which is maintained by OFAC, or is not included in any supplementary information concerning prohibited individuals or entities that may be provided by USAID to the Recipient. See, Part 1 (4)(2)(a) <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/303mav.pdf>. It further states that the Recipient will verify that the individual or entity is not listed on the United Nations Security sanctions committee list available online at the Committee's website. *Id.* Part 1 (4)(2)(b).

UCLA has engaged in appropriate due diligence on NSJP and all of the keynote speakers, panelists, and workshop presenters (65 individuals) anticipated for the NSJP conference and none is on the United Nations Sanctions list or the Treasury Department's Blocked Persons list. Additionally, we have confirmed that there are no open federal investigations. Nor are any listed as Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

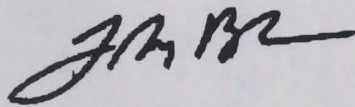
¹ Your letter was erroneously dated January 22, 2018 (attaching an article from April 2018 so clearly an error in the date).

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Therefore, we have concluded that any certification of compliance remains fully intact and federal funding is not at risk by permitting the NSJP conference to proceed on our campus.

We appreciate your reaching out to our campus to express your concerns. The University values input from the community as we support our students' efforts to engage in free and open dialogue on controversial and challenging topics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Amy Blum', with a stylized flourish at the end.

L. Amy Blum, Esq.
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