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Dear Ms. Geocaris:

We were appalled to read Chancellor Michael Drake's response to Congressman Brad Sherman's letter, which ignored the detailed concerns that the Congressman had expressed about the events surrounding the Muslim Student Union's campus event on May 21, 2009, featuring George Galloway. Congressman Sherman had urged the Chancellor to "conduct a thorough internal investigation," and had specifically requested to be kept updated on the investigation's status. Yet in responding, the Chancellor never even mentioned UCI's own supposed ongoing investigation. Instead, the Chancellor simply noted that UC Irvine was cooperating fully with law enforcement. As you know, UC Irvine committed to doing more than that. You yourself confirmed that in a letter to us as recently as one month ago, in which you stated that "UC Irvine takes very seriously all allegations of wrongdoing," and that [t]he University's investigation is underway." We strongly request that you clarify the situation and update us on the status of UCI's own investigation, because the Chancellor's response suggests that UC Irvine has reneged on its commitment. Has it?

Chancellor Drake's response is especially troubling in light of mounting evidence that Galloway and the Muslim Student Union may have used UC Irvine and its resources to support the terrorist group Hamas. Enclosed is a letter that Congresswoman Sue Myrick (R-NC) recently sent to the U.S. Treasury Secretary, calling on the Treasury Department to designate Viva Palestina under Executive Order 13224 for supporting Hamas, a U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. A designation under this Order would in essence authorize the U.S. government to block Viva Palestina's assets because of its link to terrorists and terrorist organizations.

Congresswoman Myrick's letter dispels any notion that Viva Palestina is a charitable group, and it contains troubling information about the role that UC Irvine may have played in supporting Viva Palestina's links to terrorists and terrorism. The letter

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strongly suggests that the funds that were raised at UC Irvine and elsewhere were given to an organization in Gaza called Expertise in Consulting and Development, a group that has received funding from the Union of the Good, designated by the U.S. under Executive Order 13224 in 2008. In addition, the convoy that Galloway and the Muslim Student Union raised money for at UC Irvine met with Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and visited Hamas-run facilities, including the Ministry of Prisoners whose mission is to help families of so-called Palestinian "martyrs" in Israeli jails. As you probably know, that term is a euphemism for those who died as suicide bombers while deliberately murdering Israeli Jews.

Also enclosed is a January 8th report from Steve Emerson's Investigative Project on Terrorism, reflecting that Egypt recently deported Galloway and that he will not likely be allowed back into the country. As you know, Galloway has already been banned from Canada, and questions have been raised about whether he should be barred from entering the U.S.

We and others are deeply concerned that UC Irvine has apparently reneged on its pledge to conduct and complete an investigation into what occurred when the Muslim Student Union featured Galloway and solicited funds with him for Viva Palestina. Several individuals have come to us, expressing concern that UC Irvine may have dropped the investigation in violation of its written pledge, or that UC Irvine will whitewash the results so that the wrongdoers face no consequences.

Certainly the university is dragging its feet. Based on your representations, the investigation was instituted in September after the ZOA apprised you of alleged wrongdoing by the Muslim Student Union and members of the administration. It is difficult to understand why the process should be taking so long, particularly in light of compelling evidence – much of it from the university's own records -- that university policies were violated.

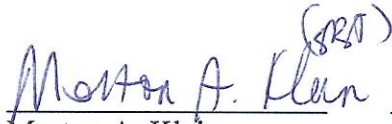
Please let us know whether UC Irvine is investigating the Muslim Student Union and members of the administration for their conduct in connection with the Galloway/Viva Palestina event. If it isn't, why not? If the university is investigating, please provide us with an update on the investigation's status. If the university's investigation has concluded, we would like to know the outcome and what disciplinary action, if any, was taken.

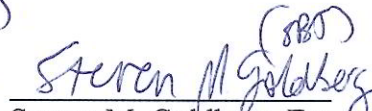
We and many others await your response. UC Irvine's prompt and thorough response to what occurred last May is especially important now, with the frightening increase in Islamist terrorist actions and threats. If UC Irvine has dropped your promised

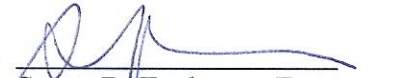
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investigation or is not enforcing university policies, we will feel compelled to do whatever is necessary to make the Jewish and non-Jewish community fully aware of UC Irvine's actions.

Very truly yours,


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