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11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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and BRIAN MAISSY )

13 Plaintiffs, )

14 vs. )

15 THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY )  
OF CALIFORNIA, )

16 Defendant. )

No. CV 11-1012 RS

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AND AUTHORITIES IN OPPOSITION TO  
DEFENDANT **THE REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA'S  
(UC REGENTS) RULE 12(b)(6) MOTION [SAC]**

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1 **I. BY AUTHORIZING THE MSU/SJP “APARTHEID WEEK”**  
 2 **“CHECKPOINT” DEMONSTRATIONS, THE REGENTS HAVE PRIMA**  
 3 **FACIA VIOLATED TITLE VI, SINCE THESE ANNUAL**  
 4 **DEMONSTRATIONS EMBODY RACIST HATE SPEECH AND**  
 5 **CONDUCT NOT PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT**

6 First, it is expressly alleged in the Second Amended Complaint that UC Berkeley Dean  
 7 Poullard admitted that UC directly participated in the design, staging, form, and content of the  
 8 “checkpoint” demonstrations. (Second Amended Complaint (hereinafter “SAC”), ¶11, endorsed  
 9 at 4:19-27 of Defendant’s Memorandum (hereinafter “Def. Memo”).) Hands-on approval by UC  
 10 Berkeley Police of the “imitation” AK47 firearms brandished at the Sproul Plaza “checkpoint” is  
 11 admitted. These props are “content” that has the fingerprints of UC all over it.

12 Second, it is not denied that the content of the “checkpoint” demonstrations is hate  
 13 speech, equal in legal odiousness to use of the “N” word, or similar racist and sexist expressions.  
 14 The Defendant does not deny that the entire MSA/SJP “checkpoint” presentation is a racist  
 15 passion play of the worst sort, which like the notorious anti-Semitic performances of  
 16 Oberammergau, Bavaria: “portray Jews as bloodthirsty and treacherous villains. . .”  
 17 Oberammergau, James Shapiro (2000) at page ix. However, unlike the Oberammergau Passion  
 18 Play, which is performed on a traditional pay-to-view stage setting, the Regents have allowed the  
 19 MSA/SJP to present their racist performance in the midst of an important public campus  
 20 crossroads, and to include interaction, confrontation and violence against students who like these  
 21 Plaintiffs, did not choose to “buy a ticket” in order to experience the performance.

22 Plaintiffs are as entitled to their day in court regarding this Regents’ sponsored racist  
 23 hostile environment, just as the many Black, female, and gay students, who have received a full  
 24 judicial hearing when they have complained under Title VI and IX racism and harassment  
 25 directed by fellow students.

26 Recent decisions of the Ninth Circuit and other federal courts clearly confirm a liberal  
 27 view in favor of the complaining students having their day in court on disputed issues of school  
 28 administration “deliberate indifference” and the actionable nature of the alleged Title VI or IX  
 hostile environment. *Monteiro v. The Tempe Union H.S. Dist.* (9th Cir. 1998) 158 F.3d 1022,  
 1032-1035; *Flores v. Morgan Hill USD* (9th Cir. 2003) 324 F.3d 1130; *Vance v. Spencer County*

1 *Pub. Sch. Dist.* (6th Cir. 2000) 231 F.3d 253, 262; and *Jones v. Indiana Area Sch. Dist.* (W.D.  
2 Pa. 2005) 397 F.Supp.2d 628, 644-46. This line of cases followed the Supreme Court decision of  
3 *Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ.* (1999) 526 U.S. 629, 649, which defined a “reasonable”  
4 standard for the test of “deliberate indifference.” At least one federal court has expressed that  
5 “deliberate indifference” is a “fact-laden question for which bright line rules are ill-suited.”  
6 *Tesoriora v. Syosset Central Sch. Dist.* (E.D.N.Y. 2005) 382 F.Supp. 2d 387, 399. *Vance v.*  
7 *Spencer County Pub. Sch. Dist.*, *supra*, 231 F.3d 253 at 260-262.

8 The expressions of concern reflected in letters and public statement attached to the  
9 Regents’ current Request to Take Judicial Notice fall far short of what is required for a school  
10 administrator to avoid liability under the deliberate indifference standard. *Vance v. Spencer*  
11 *County Pub. Sch. Dist.*, *supra*, 231 F.3d 253, 260-262

12 The MSA/SJP checkpoint is slyly embedded in an alleged “agitprop” theatrical  
13 reenactment, which only as part of a course curriculum, might validly enjoy First Amendment  
14 Protection even with its racist content. *Monteiro v. The Tempe Union H.S. Dist.*, *supra*, 158 F.3d  
15 1022 at 1026-1032. However, it is not entitled to such status in the form it takes on the  
16 UC Berkeley Campus. Dean Pollard’s 3/29/11 email confirmed the physical presentation  
17 ensnared a wheelchair bound student, and does not deny that the checkpoint activists confronted  
18 and brandished their weapons against Jewish and other students in a violent and hostile manner  
19 as alleged in the Second Amended Complaint. Felber was assaulted at that event (SAC ¶12).  
20 Fine distinctions as to the legal status of such conduct, such as the differences between spitting at  
21 or on another student, or pointing a wooden AK47-look-alike- weapon at a student or actually  
22 poking them with it, do not excuse the fact of the hostile environment presented by the frenzied  
23 moblike “checkpoint,” as confirmed in the photos attached to the Second Amended Complaint  
24 and alleged more fully by Plaintiffs therein.

25 Defendant asserts that this Court is powerless to stop this conduct, claiming that these  
26 student groups have “First Amendment Rights.” But the Defendant has an equal obligation to  
27 protect the health and safety of Jewish students under Title VI. See *Nicole M. v. Martinez Unif.*  
28 *Sch. Dist.*, 964 F.Supp.1369 (ND, Cal. 1997, Patel, J.)

1 Courts have long allowed the Regents to create and enforce regulations which prohibit  
2 “conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person” on their campuses.  
3 *Healy v. James*, 408 U.S. 169 (1972); *Goldberg v. Regents of the Univ. of California*, 248  
4 Cal.App.2d 867 (1967).

5 Magistrate Brazil, in *College Republicans at San Francisco State v. Reed*, 523 F.Supp.2d  
6 1005 (ND Cal. 2007), concluded that California Code Regs. Title 5, Section 41301(b)(7), a  
7 statute written specifically for regulations upon California state colleges, passed Constitutional  
8 muster regarding conduct on a university campus which constitutes “intimidation” and  
9 “harassment” and threatens health and safety is a valid regulation.

10 “With its reach limited to intimidation or harassment that threatens  
11 or endangers health or safety, we are inclined to believe that the  
12 vast majority of the conduct that this provision would prohibit  
13 would not fall within the sphere that the First Amendment  
14 prohibits the government from suppressing. Instead, it seems  
15 likely that most of the conduct that this regulation prohibits either  
16 would have no expressive component or that any such component  
17 would be so overshadowed by the risk that the conduct would  
18 cause serious harm that First Amendment concerns would have to  
19 give way. It is difficult to imagine a substantial sphere of  
20 expressive conduct that reasonable people would conclude both  
21 (1) constituted “intimidation” or “harassment” and (2) threatened  
22 health or safety but that nonetheless deserved protection under the  
23 Constitution.” [Emphasis in original.]

24 *College Republicans at San Francisco State v. Reed*, *supra*, at 1023.

25 The promulgation and application of public university rules limiting student free speech  
26 activities have for years been upheld by the federal courts. See, e.g., *Rosenberger v. Rector and*  
27 *Visitors of Univ. of Va.*, 515 U.S. 819 (1995); *Widmar v. Vincent*, 454 U.S. 263 (1981); and  
28 *Healy v. James*, 408 U.S. 169 (1972).

29 The MSA, which in connection with the SJP, put on the annual “Apartheid Week” Sproul  
30 Plaza checkpoint, is an organization founded by the Muslim Brotherhood. Prerequisite of  
31 membership into the Muslim Brotherhood is membership in the MSA. (While the Muslim  
32 Brotherhood itself is not on the U.S. Department of State’s Foreign Terrorist Organizations list,  
33 Hamas is. Hamas indicates in its charter that it is a branch of the Muslim Brotherhood.)  
34 The New York City Police Department has indicated that the MSA is a spawning ground of

1 domestic violence and terror activities. (See Declaration of Ronald Sandee, previously filed  
2 herein.)

3 “[I]nvestigators have revealed how terrorist groups systematically  
4 conceal their activities behind charitable, social, and political  
fronts.”

5 M. Levitt, Hamas: Politics, Charity, and Terrorism in the Service of Jihad, 2-3 (2006)  
6 (Yale University Press), quoted by Chief Justice Roberts in *Holder v. Humanitarian Law*  
7 *Project* (2010) 561 U.S. \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_; 130 S.Ct. 2705 at 2725.

8 In *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*, 393 U.S. 503 (1969),  
9 the Supreme Court held that public schools can prohibit free speech if it “would substantially  
10 disrupt or interfere with the work of the school or the rights of other students.” See also, *Saxe v.*  
11 *State College Area School District* (3rd Cir. 2001) 240 F.3d 200, at 211; *College Republicans at*  
12 *SF State University v. Reed*, *supra*, 523 F.Supp.2d 1005, 1023; *Healy v. James*, *supra*.

13 Whether or not the Regents have met these guidelines are legal issues raised under  
14 Title VI. *University of California Regents v. Bakke* (1978) 438 U.S. 265; Title VI, 42 U.S.C.  
15 §2000d, *et. seq.*; *Nicole M. v. Martinez Unif. Sch. Dist.*, 964 F.Supp.1369 (ND, Cal.1997,  
16 Patel, J.).

17 **II. ALLEGATIONS THAT FELBER PREMATURELY WITHDREW FROM**  
18 **ATTENDING UC BERKELEY AFTER SHE WAS ASSAULTED IN MARCH 2010**  
**AMPLIFY SUPPORT HER TITLE VI CLAIM**

19 In her May 13, 2011 Statement before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, R. Ali,  
20 Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, confirmed that  
21 a Title VI unlawful “hostile environment”

22 “which is tolerated doesn’t just hurt the students of the harassment.  
23 It . . . poisons the school climate. Harassment can directly affect  
students’ education—grades may go down and students may feel  
24 forced to withdraw from school programs. . . .” [Emphasis added.]

25 In *Williams v. Bd. of Regents of the Univ. System of GA* (11th Cir. 2007) 477 F.3d 1282,  
26 1297, the court held that Title IX hostile environment discrimination can occur even after a  
27 student withdraws from school where the university fails to timely respond or take precautions to  
28 prevent further attacks.



1 Under these cases, Felber’s added allegations in the Second Amended Complaint confirm  
 2 she has stated a Claim for Relief under Title VI even if she is no longer enrolled in the  
 3 UC system, because the alleged hostile environment, threats and assault drove her from further  
 4 affiliation with UC (SAC, ¶50).

5 The test enunciated by the Supreme Court is whether the unremedied harassment  
 6 “detracted from [Felber’s] educational experience [such] that [she was] effectively denied equal  
 7 access to an institution’s resources and opportunities.” *Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Ed.*, 526  
 8 U.S. 629 at 651. She need not “show physical exclusion” from school, but clearly being  
 9 assaulted as she was during an authorized on-campus demonstration endorsed by the Regents,  
 10 her allegation is virtually the same thing.

11 **III. THIS COURT CAN FOLLOW SETTLED FEDERAL RULES FOR**  
 12 **JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT OF ON CAMPUS VIOLENCE AND HOSTILE**  
 13 **ENVIRONMENT HARASSMENT COMMITTED FOR YEARS BY**  
 14 **UC AND ASUC REGISTERED AND SUBSIDIZED STUDENT**  
 15 **ORGANIZATIONS WHICH INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHTS OF**  
 16 **JEWISH STUDENTS, WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPT**  
 17 **UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS, AND INTRUDE UPON THE PROGRAMS**  
 18 **OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHER STUDENTS**

16 **A. THE COMPLAINED OF SPEECH AND CONDUCT HERE**  
 17 **IS NOT PURE INDEPENDENT STUDENT SPEECH BUT**  
 18 **RATHER IS CONDUCT AND HATE SPEECH**  
 19 **REASONABLY PERCEIVED TO BEAR THE**  
 20 **IMPRIMATUR OF THE DEFENDANT**

19 Justice (then Circuit Judge) Alito quoted the Supreme Court stating that such school-  
 20 sponsored speech includes “school-sponsored publications, theatrical productions, and other  
 21 expressive activities that students, parents and members of the public might reasonably perceive  
 22 to bear the imprimatur of the school.” *Saxe v. State College Area School District*, *supra*, 240  
 23 F.3d 200, 213-214, quoting *Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 260, 270-271 (1988)

24 The agitprop pseudo “Israeli” checkpoint reenactments, blockages, and religious and  
 25 racial interrogations conducted in Sproul Plaza annually for the past four years, fall in that  
 26 category.

27 First, the sponsoring organizations conducting those activities are not independent student  
 28 groups, but instead “registered student organizations” (RSOs) licensed and supported financially

1 by mandatory UC imposed fees on registered students. See ASUC Request for Judicial Notice,  
2 Doc.25, Exhibits A-F.

3 Second, the specific Apartheid Week checkpoint actions are permitted and licensed by  
4 UC officials, including UC campus police, as admitted by Dean Poullard.

5 These RSOs are expressly authorized by the Defendant not just to conduct their disruptive  
6 “checkpoint” demonstrations for the past four or five years, but also to display realistic looking  
7 assault weapons as part of the event. Under California Penal Code §12556(a): “No person may  
8 openly display or expose any imitation firearm . . . in a public place.” However their use by these  
9 RSOs has been expressly allowed and funded by Defendant for the past four years, presumably  
10 under exceptions (d)(3) or (d)(9) of §12556:

11 “(d)(3) Used in a theatrical production . . .”

12 “(d)(9) Used for public displays authorized by public or private  
13 schools . . .” (Emphasis added.)

14 Any argument that Defendant has no actual notice of the intimidating display of imitation assault  
15 weapons at the Sproul Plaza checkpoints is contradicted by the actual event photographs which  
16 show the presence of campus police talking to imitation-weapon-wielding student activists  
17 during the several events in question.

18 The Regents have for years been directly notified about the excessive and violent Sproul  
19 Plaza and other on-campus actions of the SJP and the MSA, but have done nothing to stop them.  
20 See, *Monteiro v. The Tempe Union H.S. Dist.*, *supra*, 158 F.3d 1022, at 1034. Defendant received  
21 a letter from a leading Jewish civil rights group in 2008, which expressly detailed the same  
22 violent SJP and MSA conduct complained of here. (Zionist Organization of America to  
23 Chancellor Robert Birgeneau letter dated 12/30/08 (SAC, ¶32).

24 The Defendant must therefore accept responsibility for authorizing the display of these  
25 weapons. Whether as a “theatrical production” conducted on University premises, under  
26 §12556(d)(3) or under (d)(9), the display of the imitation assault weapons must be presumed to  
27 be “authorized” by Defendant. Therefore this Court should find that the annual Sproul Plaza  
28 “checkpoint” activities complained of in the Second Amended Complaint are activities which

1 students and members of the public “reasonably perceive to bear the imprimatur of the school.”  
2 *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, supra*, 484 U.S. at 271.

3 The failure to control and ban such activities is clearly subject to federal court review  
4 under Title VI. See, *Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier, supra*, 484 U.S. 260 (1988); and *Bethel*  
5 *School District v. Fraser*, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).

6 **B. THE COMPLAINED OF SPEECH AND CONDUCT EVEN**  
7 **IF HELD TO BE PURELY STUDENT SPEECH CAN STILL**  
8 **BE HELD AS THE BASIS OF A TITLE VI PRIVATE**  
9 **RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST THE DEFENDANT**  
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12 **OTHER STUDENTS, SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPTED**  
13 **UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS, AND INTRUDED UPON THE**  
14 **PROGRAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY**

15 These guidelines for permissible regulated student speech and conduct are discussed and  
16 set forth by Justice Alito in the *Saxe* opinion. See also, *Nicole M. v. Martinez Unif. Sch. Dist.*,  
17 *supra*, 964 F.Supp.1369; and *College Republicans at SF State University v. Charles B. Reed* (ND  
18 Cal. 2007, W. Brazil, USMJ) 523 F.Supp.2d 1005.

19 Under these guidelines, it is clear that the conduct of the RSOs during recent Apartheid  
20 Week at the Sproul Plaza checkpoints is speech and conduct which the Defendant failed to  
21 control, and which clearly constituted actionable “hostile environment” harassment.

22 The clearest examples are the repeated incidences of interrogation of students as to their  
23 religion, race and national origin (“Are you Jewish”) by RSO student activists brandishing  
24 “imitation” but realistic looking assault weapons. (See photos attached to SAC; see also the  
25 Declarations of Jessica Felber and Brian Maissy incorporated into the SAC as exhibits.) This  
26 conduct exceeds by orders of magnitude the level of objectionable anti-Semitic harassment cited  
27 as a threshold example by the Office of Civil Rights-United States Department of Education in  
28 its “Dear Colleague” letter dated 10/26/2010 cited in UC’s original brief.

Moreover, Felber herself was actually assaulted by one of the student activists, was spit  
on, and another student was seen entangled in passageway tape/barbed wires used in the  
demonstration.

1 **IV. THE UC REGENTS AND OFFICIALS ATTACK ON THE**  
2 **PLAINTIFFS’ CLAIMS FOR RELIEF ARE WITHOUT MERIT**  
3 **AND SHOULD BE OVERRULED**

4 **A. THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE**  
5 **THE REGENTS ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY IN THIS CASE,**  
6 **AND CERTAINLY NOT FROM THE PLAINTIFFS’**  
7 **TITLE VI CLAIMS**

8 At least three reported federal cases not cited by the Regents confirm that the University’s  
9 11th Amendment Immunity is not absolute.

10 Two of these cases are cited with approval by the *U.S. Supreme Court in Regents of the*  
11 *Univ. of Cal. v. Doe*, 519 U.S. 425, 427 fn.2 (1997). These cases in which the Regents’ 11th  
12 Amendment Defense was denied were: *Genetech, Inc. v. Eli Lilly & Co.*, 998 F.2d 931, 940-941  
13 (9th Cir. 1993), and *In re Holoholo*, 512 F.Supp. 889 (D.Ha. 1981).

14 With regard to Plaintiffs’ Title VI claims, the Regents have no sovereign immunity  
15 defense since Congress abrogated the States’ sovereign immunity for violations of Title VI that  
16 occur after October 21, 1986. 42 U.S.C. §2000d-7(b). *Emma C. v. Eastin* (ND Ca. 1987) 985  
17 F.Supp.940; *Lovell v. Chandler* (9th Cir. 2002) 303 F.3d 1039.

18 Title VI of the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act on which this action is grounded  
19 provides:

20 “No person in the United States shall on the ground of race, color  
21 or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the  
22 benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or  
23 activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” 42 U.S.C. §2000d.

24 42 U.S.C. §2000d-4a provides that the Regents/UC are clearly bound by §2000d:

25 “The term ‘program or activity’ and the term ‘program’ mean all of  
26 the operations of -

27 \* \* \*

28 “(2)(A) a college, university or other post secondary institution or a  
public system of higher education;. . .”

Paragraph 4 of the Second Amended Complaint alleges that the Regents are “the recipient  
of federal funds. . .” and that allegation is not denied.

1 The plain language of §2000d applies to federal program participants wherever enrolled  
2 the same guaranty of equal protection of the law set forth in the 14th Amendment. In 1986 the  
3 Supreme Court held apart from Title VI, that a State could not hide behind the shield of the 11th  
4 Amendment from federal court oversight over a racially biased administration of state education  
5 programs federally funded and endowed by a federal land grant program going back to the  
6 earliest days of the United States. *Papasan v. Allain*, 478 U.S. 265 (1986). This ruling was  
7 based on the equal protection guaranty of the 14th Amendment. *Id.* See also, *Clark v. State of*  
8 *California* (9th Cir. 1997) 123 F.3d 1267, cert.den. 524 U.S. 937.

9 **B. THE REGENTS HAD CONTINUING MULTIPLE NOTICES**  
10 **OF THE COMPLAINED OF HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT**

11 The history of the MSA and SJP programs on the Berkeley, Irvine, and Santa Cruz  
12 campuses confirm that the Regents and administrators Yudof, Birgeneau and Poullard all had  
13 actual and recurring specific notice of the repeated misbehavior by the MSA and SJP. See,  
14 *Monteiro v. The Tempe Union H.S. Dist.*, *supra*, 158 F.3d 1022 at 1034. Defendant's admission  
15 that UC Police responded to many of these incidents only confirms their actual notice of these  
16 events. Moreover, prior to commencement of this action, Plaintiff Maissy exchanged detailed  
17 email communications with Dean Poullard endeavoring to induce a suitable and adequate  
18 response to the present crisis.

19 President Yudof and Chancellor Birgeneau were also sent a detailed letter from a leading  
20 Jewish civil rights organization, the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) on December 30,  
21 2008 detailing the same SJP/MSA misconduct as complained of here. (Zionist Organization of  
22 America to Chancellor Robert Birgeneau letter dated 12/30/08. (SAC ¶32.)

23 The Regents' responses fall far short of what Title VI mandates university administrators  
24 must do when faced with such allegations. This is clear from the October 26, 2010 "Dear  
25 Colleague" letter in which the U.S. Department of Education, Assistant Secretary for Civil  
26 Rights, Russlynn H. Ali, sets out in detail a high school scenario of an anti-Jewish hostile  
27 environment, including graffiti, swastikas, name calling and racist remarks. Ali confirms that  
28 Title VI protects Jewish students on the basis not:

1 “solely on religion” but also “on the basis of actual or perceived  
2 shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics. . . . These principles  
3 apply not just to Jewish students, but also to students from any  
discrete religious group that shares, or is perceived to share,  
ancestry or ethnic characteristics.” *Id.*

4 Ali explains that such harassment cited “negatively affected the ability and willingness of  
5 Jewish students to participate fully in the school’s educational programs and activities.” Noting  
6 that in the example, the school officials wrongly deemed the harassment “teasing” (as here,  
7 Poullard persists in deeming the brandishing of assault weapons at Sproul Plaza to be “protected  
8 free speech”), Ali suggests a minimum course of corrective action including: “counseling the  
9 perpetrators, publicly labeling the incidents as anti-Semitic, publicizing the means by which  
10 students may report harassment, providing teacher training, and creating adopting courses on the  
11 history and dangers of anti-Semitism.” *Id.* at page 6. Nothing like this is present in the Regents’  
12 responses.

13 Unfortunately, Dean Poullard, President Yudof and Chancellor Birgeneau have persisted  
14 not only in denial of the crisis of anti-Semitic conduct on campus, but in actively and  
15 intentionally allowing its worst manifestations to continue unabated.

16 As alleged in detail in the SAC and the attached photographs, the Defendant has allowed  
17 at least four years of “Apartheid Week”—Sproul Plaza—MSA and SJP activities in which those  
18 students were authorized under California Penal Code §12556 to openly brandish “imitation” but  
19 realistic looking assault weapons, while aggressively confronting and interrogating students with  
20 a challenge: “Are you Jewish?” Such conduct is *prima facie* “severe, pervasive and objectively  
21 offensive harassment” which no student at UC of any ethnic, racial or religious affiliation should  
22 have to endure. Far more than “deliberate indifference” to serious acts of harassment and  
23 violence has been alleged and will be proven here on the parts of the Defendant. *Davis v.*  
24 *Monroe County Bd. of Ed.*, 526 U.S. 629 at 650 (1999).

25 The Defendant’s argument that they have no duty to protect Plaintiffs from “third-party”  
26 interference with their constitutional rights is completely without merit. *DeShaney v. Winnegago*  
27 *County Dept. of Social Services*, 489 U.S. 189 (1989), confirmed state officials have such a duty  
28 when the violent actor is in state custody. Here the duty arises from the fact that the violent

1 actors are on University of California land over which the University has ultimate control, and  
2 that the SJP and MSA are subject to the Regents control and enrollment discipline.

3 In their moving papers, defense counsel belittle the severity of the conduct complained of,  
4 and also belittle Plaintiffs' claims by arguing their "religious practice" or "beliefs" were not  
5 impacted. The MSA and SJP armed challenge "Are you Jewish" and the two assaults on Felber,  
6 who was identified to her assailant as Jewish by her T-shirt and placard, are offensive and hostile  
7 environment misconduct that goes to the heart of unlawful religious and racial endangerment and  
8 interference.

9 **C. THE ACTIONS AND DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE OF**  
10 **THE UC DEFENDANTS HAVE VIOLATED PLAINTIFFS'**  
11 **FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**

12 Plaintiffs' rights to be free from prejudice and violence while themselves lawfully  
13 studying, and moving about the UC Campus, are rights enshrined in the Equal Protection Clause  
14 of the Fourteenth Amendment. To be free from violence and harassment based on their Jewish  
15 identity, while lawfully on a UC campus, are rights guaranteed by the rights to freedom of  
16 religion and to the equal protection of the law. *University of California Regents v. Bakke* (1978)  
17 438 U.S. 265, affirming and reversing *Bakke v. University of California* (1976) 18 C3d 34; and  
18 Prop. 209 (California Civil Rights Initiative); California Constitution, Art.I, §31(a) and 31(f).

19 The equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment bars States from  
20 discrimination based on race in federally funded and engendered educational programs. *Papasan*  
21 *v. Allain*, 478 U.S. 265 (1986). See also, *Loving v. Virginia* (1967) 388 U.S. 1 (race not a  
22 permissible inquiry on a state marriage license application); and *Shelley v. Kraemer* (1948) 344  
23 U.S. 1 (race not a permissible issue for real property ownership in California).

24 *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) 347 U.C. 483, held that race was not a legitimate  
25 factor in public school admission, under the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth  
26 Amendment. UC students cannot be interrogated at gun point on campus as to their religion, or  
27 racial or national identity under the Equal Protection Clause.  
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1 The *DeShaney v. Winnegago County Dept. of Social Services, supra*, line of cases cited  
2 by Defendant are inapplicable here, because the violent conduct complained of was and  
3 continues to be committed on UC-controlled premises, by UC students, and pursuant to  
4 UC/ASUC registration and authorization under their own detailed MOUs, Rules, funding, and  
5 permission. See, ASUC Request for Judicial Notice, previously filed, and California Penal  
6 Code §12556.

7 In the Second Amended Complaint it is also alleged that Plaintiff Felber was targeted for  
8 violent attack because she wore a Jewish identity T-shirt and held a pro-Israel placard in Sproul  
9 Plaza. Those non-threatening displays were protected free speech and free exercise activities  
10 and should not have led to physical attacks against her. Since they issued campus demonstration  
11 and “imitation” firearm display permits to the MSA and SJP activities for their Sproul Plaza  
12 actions, the UC Defendants also were violating Felber’s rights under the free speech and  
13 free exercise clauses.

14 Respectfully submitted,

15 /s/

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