

Voluntary Resolution Agreement

This agreement (Agreement) between Occidental College (Occidental or the College), on the one hand, and the Anti-Defamation League and the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, on the other, is intended to resolve all mediated allegations that were raised or could have been raised in any forum by the United States Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) in Case Number 09-24-2323. The parties (Parties) agree to resolve the dispute between the Parties according to the following terms:

1. Voluntary Initiatives. The Parties acknowledge that Occidental has voluntarily undertaken certain efforts and initiatives to address and prevent antisemitism, which Occidental hereby agrees to maintain through at least the 2025-2026 Academic Year. These efforts and initiatives include:
 - a. Updates to the College's Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy ("DHR Policy"), including examples of prohibited conduct that could constitute disparate treatment or harassment based on shared ancestry, such as Jewish identity.
 - b. Updates to the College's DHR hostile environment assessment protocol to include the review of potential patterns after receiving a report of discrimination, harassment or retaliation.
 - c. Required training for all students on Title VI and the College's DHR Policy, including the College's complaint process.
 - d. Consistent with current applicable law, when reviewing complaints of potential antisemitic harassment or discrimination, the College considers the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition and examples of antisemitism ("IHRA definition") "only where useful as 'evidence of discriminatory intent'" and without diminishing or infringing any right protected under the Constitution and the laws of the United States and California. (*See* United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Jan. 19, 2021 Q&A on Executive Order 13899).
 - e. Updates to the College's time, place, and manner policies to place reasonable limitations on the hours and conduct of demonstrations on campus. Consistent and reasonable enforcement of time, place, and manner policies, in alignment with the College's primary goal of education and equal access thereto, including by following the College's emergency response protocols, training Campus Safety and Student Conduct officers, removing non-compliant posters and flyers, and communicating with the campus community about the policies and consequences for non-compliance.
 - f. Two planned climate surveys during the 2024-2025 academic year for purposes of assessing the campus environment, including (in the first survey) questions

College will also seek recommendations from local Jewish community organizations, including Hillel International and the Jewish Federation.

- c. Occidental will provide expert-facilitated training for the College's Civil Rights & Title IX Office staff and members of the Bias Education and Support Team regarding (i) Jewish identity (including common issues of faith, history, and heritage) and (ii) forms of antisemitism, including how it can be used to discriminate against Jewish and Israeli students. The training will include examples of conduct that may constitute discrimination against Jewish or Israeli students based on their Zionism as an integral part of their religious or ancestral identity. Without limiting the College's ability to use additional examples, the Parties agree that the training will include the following examples: "posting a threatening statement about Zionists on a Jewish or Israeli student's door" and "applying a 'no Zionist' litmus test for participation in any Occidental activity." The Civil Rights & Title IX Coordinator will in turn provide relevant training and/or written materials on these topics to any third-party investigator(s) assigned to review complaints of potential antisemitic discrimination. When selecting the expert facilitators for this training, Occidental will seek recommendations from local Jewish community organizations, including Hillel International and the Jewish Federation.
 - d. The College will incorporate the IHRA definition and other scholarly information about antisemitism into educational materials that will be made available on Occidental's website.
4. Community Statement. Consistent with the College's values and commitment to inclusivity, the President of Occidental College will affirm in a written message to the campus community that the College rejects antisemitism, including discrimination against Israeli or Jewish students. That message will be in alignment with other campus-wide messaging from the College involving other protected groups.
5. Resolution of Case. The Parties agree that this Agreement resolves all of the allegations that were mediated in Case number 09-24-2323, as well as any other known or suspected allegations, claims, and demands that could have been asserted in this matter by the Anti-Defamation League and the Louis D. Brandeis Center against Occidental College, as of the date that the Parties execute this Agreement.
6. Non-Admission. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes an admission that the College has engaged in or been found responsible for any violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act or any other wrongful conduct. To the extent the Parties have a dispute regarding the terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree to first seek to resolve the matter among themselves and, if that does not resolve the dispute, to mediate the dispute before a mutually agreed-upon mediator.

7. Media. Notwithstanding any agreements between the Parties regarding confidentiality, each Party may truthfully and accurately describe or share with others this Agreement, the process leading up to it, and the Party's own view of the terms.

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