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Dear Dr. Mahoney,

On behalf of the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund, I am writing to express my concern about the September 23rd event at SF State with Leila Khaled, and our support of SF Hillel's students and their efforts to ensure the safety and inclusion of Jewish students.

Like you, we believe in free speech and student safety. However, Khaled is a member of a designated terrorist group. As you know, the SF State Jewish community has experienced discrimination and exclusion for their viewpoints, and the Bay Area has also seen a rise in anti-Semitism in recent years. While we understand that Khaled's participation in this event is not an endorsement by the University of her viewpoints, inviting a person who has used violence and endorses anti-Semitism normalizes violence and hate and does not make Jewish students, Israeli students and their allies feel physically or psychologically safe.

I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to you for your recent meeting with SF Hillel students, for listening to their feelings and experiences, and agreeing to a set of actions to address anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism on campus. We partner with and support SF Hillel and other organizations to achieve our strategic organizational goals of increasing engagement in Jewish life and ensuring a resilient, secure community for the 473,000 people who live in Jewish households throughout the Bay Area. We are in ongoing dialogue with SF Hillel leadership and welcome a conversation on any support that we can provide to help SF State ensure a safe, inclusive, and engaged campus community.

In appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Grossman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "D" and "G".

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