



## Fwd: UTLA and All Schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District including King/Drew Magnet High School et. al. – Violation of Title VI

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Dear UTLA President Cecily Myart-Cruz, Members of the City Council for Los Angeles, DOE, Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, and Principal Brookens (King/Drew Magnet High School),

The institutions you lead are directly tied to the promotion of extremist, antisemitic, and dangerous rhetoric and conduct targeting California's educators and students in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. This activity continues to spread unchecked through California's schools and union networks. [1]

A malignant force has coursed its way into our educational unions and schools, poisoning our children with a one-sided narrative that vilifies the Jewish and Israeli people and ignites hatred with a ferocity reminiscent of history's darkest hour. This is not a scholarly disagreement; it is a deliberate campaign, cloaked in moral pretense, that endangers lives and threatens to engulf us all. The parallels to Nazi Germany's propaganda are unmistakable and terrifying, and we stand at a crossroads where inaction is betrayal.

This narrative has infiltrated the United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), with over 37,000 members and 1,300 schools, and is exemplified by an email sent by a UTLA member on behalf of the Palestinian Workers to fellow UTLA members, urging action against Israel's alleged "genocide" (Labor for Palestine, 2025) on May Day, scheduled for May 1, 2025. Similarly, an email from the same Palestinian Workers group was sent to the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), another

educational union. It urges “civil disobedience” for a May Day 2025 strike, including storming weapons plants and chanting “From the River to the Sea,” slogans critics decry as pro-Hamas propaganda (New York Post, 2025).

May Day is a well-organized and well-funded day with over 1,000 protests and actions against Israel and Jewish identity and America, including our government and institutions. The UTLA email was sent on behalf of Labor for Palestine, the National Students for Justice in Palestine (NSJP), and the U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN). These groups are collaborating with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) – and NOW with CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL and WORK UNIONS – in the planning and coordination of this day, with over 1,000 protests/events. California K–12 schools throughout the state, including teachers, students, and staff (e.g., King/Drew Magnet High School, Oakland Unified School District), are fully participating in this national day of hate. [2]

This email highlights the infiltration of antisemitic rhetoric into educational spaces. This is not critique; it is scapegoating, painting Jews as the root of global ills. The consequences are undeniable: antisemitic incidents in the U.S. surged 360% since October 2023, with 8,873 reported in 2024 alone, 43% linked to anti-Israel activism (ADL, 2024).

The May Day organizers are the same groups that have been leading the vitriolic demonstrations on our college campuses and in our streets for the past 19 months. Their social media and websites promoting May Day employ all the correct buzzwords to frame the event as a “workers’ rights” issue, but a closer look reveals its true purpose. Like “Pro-Palestinian” advocacy and “human rights,” which are used as the pretext for the university protests, “workers’ rights” are now being used as the pretext for antisemitism, anti-American hate, and plans to destroy our country.

Our teachers’ unions — the largest, most influential unions in the country, responsible for teaching our next generation — are now at the forefront, coordinating with NSJP, CAIR, and DSA: dangerous and antisemitic groups, including some with ties to terrorism. These are the educators shaping our children, from preschool to universities. They are issuing a nationwide call to action from New York to California. The same groups that infiltrated labor unions have embedded into our teachers’ unions.

This narrative’s spread is a catastrophe in motion, directed by unions like UTLA and NYSUT, which amplify divisive rhetoric through emails and resolutions. These platforms do not foster dialogue; they indoctrinate and incite violence. The last time such vilification went unchecked, it led to the Holocaust, where six million Jewish lives were murdered. We cannot wait for history to repeat itself.

You, who give this narrative a megaphone, are complicit. When unions like UTLA and NYSUT allow boycotts of Israel while ignoring Hamas’s barbaric terror, you spread a genocidal agenda and historical inversion (Labor for Palestine, 2025). When educational bodies promote divestment without acknowledging Israel’s right to self-defense, you embolden those who see Jews as targets.

This is not a call for censorship but for accountability.

Title VI mandates that you provide an education free from discrimination, harassment, and intimidation. This is not optional. Immediate action is long overdue.

We demand the following immediate action:

1. Public condemnation of the May Day 2025 email, including the extremist and antisemitic ideologies promoted.
2. Launch of a systemwide investigation into how these materials were distributed to UTLA educators — including which individuals were involved and whether internal actors, union representatives, or external partners facilitated this access.
3. Formal clarification and public statement advising whether UTLA or DOE authorized, endorsed, or had knowledge of this communication prior to receipt of this correspondence.
4. Reaffirm UTLA’s commitment to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act — ensuring that Jewish students, educators, and families are protected from harassment, ideological coercion, and discrimination.
5. Provide a transparent public update detailing all corrective actions taken and safeguards implemented to prevent such infiltration into educational and union spaces in the future.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
David Herskovitz  
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Attachments:

[1]

<https://utla.net/>

<https://dsa-la.org/event/may-day-one-struggle-one-fight-workers-unite/>

<https://x.com/utlanow/status/1915533138941415711?s=46>

[2] [https://actionnetwork.org/event\\_campaigns/may-day-strong](https://actionnetwork.org/event_campaigns/may-day-strong)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRj7aQqXvyM>

<https://maydaystrong.org/>

<https://www.kingdrew.net>

<https://www.kqed.org/news/12037661/oakland-teachers-ok-a-may-day-strike-amid-districts-budget-cuts>