

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-NINTH SENATE  
FIFTH SESSION  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**RESOLUTION #4904  
Standing United Against Campus Antisemitism**

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ABSTRACT: This resolution denounces the carving of a swastika in CSU apartments and makes clear recommendations for further action from ASCSU and our university administrators.

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**WHEREAS**

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, a swastika was discovered to be carved on the wall next to the door of a community coordinator's apartment at CSU's Aggie Village, in the Lodgepole building; and,

**WHEREAS**

The swastika is one of the most notorious symbols of hatred, anti-Semitism, and white-supremacy in the world, and the symbol carries a deep history of murder, hatred, and intolerance towards Jews and other minorities; and,

**WHEREAS**

This incident targeted a specific individual in their living place, threatening their safety. It is especially hurtful and trauma triggering to students included in, but not limited to, the Jewish community, and all members of our community that reject the murderous legacy of the Nazi regime and current Neo Nazis and White Supremist Activities; and,

WHEREAS

This incident is part of an increasing trend of anti-Semitism in our nation and a continuation of other anti-Semitic incidents on our campus, highlighting the urgency to find ways to (1) prevent hate-based crimes and hate-based incidents and (2) address the perception that perpetrators of hate-based incidents and hate-base crimes on campus enjoy impunity and make the Jewish community on campus feel accepted, respectful, and welcomed; and,

WHEREAS

“Hate crimes may effectively intimidate other members of the victim's community, leaving them feeling isolated, vulnerable and unprotected by the law. By making members of minority communities fearful, angry and suspicious of other groups -- and of the power structure that is supposed to protect them -- these incidents can damage the fabric of our society and fragment communities.”<sup>1</sup> ASCSU exists to defend students regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, status or nationality; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That ASCSU and the Student Body of Colorado State University formally denounce this incident of anti-Semitism along with all incidents of anti-Semitism, and commit; and,

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That ASCSU will be dedicated in partnership to addressing issues in campus culture and incidents of hate; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That ASCSU formally requests that CSU Administration begins educational programming targeting all CSU students to educate them on the dangers and disgraces of anti-Semitism; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

ASCSU formally requests that as the CSU Administration revises the code of conduct, they prioritize enforceable policies and practices that include disciplinary measures to prevent recurrences of hate crimes and discriminatory harassment, including anti-Semitism on campus; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That ASCSU formally requests that CSU Administration dedicates its investigative resources to bias-related incidents with the utmost priority; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

ASCSU formally requests that CSU Administration discusses with the student community the above measures which have been applied or will be applied, where appropriate, in response to violations of applicable university policies. ASCSU formally requests that CSU Administration creates a protocol for anti-Semitic incidents and crimes and informs the Jewish community through the process what has been done; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That ASCSU and people endorsing this resolution will join efforts with Colorado State University in their measures addressing this incident, including gathering student input and communicating that to university administrators; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That ASCSU formally requests that CSU Administration continues to open avenues for students in the Jewish community—and other marginalized communities—to voice their concerns; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Joyce McConnell, CSU President; Rabbi Yerachmiel Gorelik, CSU Faculty; and Ben Amundson, ASCSU President.

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TAGS: Bias Related Incident

References

1: <https://www.adl.org/sites/default/files/documents/assets/pdf/combating-hate/Hate-Crimes-Law.pdf>

