



# Associated Students

## Resolution 3

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Subject: Disclosure and Divestment from Unethical Business Practice Date: 23/05/24

<b>Whereas:</b>	Associated Students strives to align our college's brand and mission statement and calls for the disclosure of all investment holdings combined with divestment from companies engaged in unethical business practices and the funding of human rights abuses worldwide. Mt. San Antonio College is dedicated to justice, human rights, and the ethical treatment of all individuals. The college should maintain a dedication to a collective human good by not funding organizations involved in human rights violations. Aligning its financial and operational practices with these core values is imperative;
<b>Whereas:</b>	There is an urgent need for transparency in the financial investments of Mt. SAC to ensure that the college is not complicit in supporting or funding unethical business practices, including but not limited to those contributing to human suffering and violations of international law. Ensuring transparency would maintain accountability and promote social justice in all of its forms around the world. Numerous reports and investigations have highlighted the involvement of various corporations in activities that perpetuate human rights abuses, environmental degradation, and social injustices across the globe, including, but not limited to, Israeli apartheid and the ongoing conflict in the Congo, Sudan, and Kanaky/New Caledonia. The college should not use the money gathered from the student body and other sources to fund acts of human suffering and stand against actions by removing holdings. Institutions of higher education have a moral obligation to lead by example and adopt investment practices that reflect their commitment to ethical standards and the promotion of global human dignity;
<b>Whereas:</b>	California State University Sacramento was the first public university to divest in its entirety with UCR officially, reaching an agreement with their student encampment and having begun the process to meet their demands.

<b>Whereas:</b>	In solidarity with student protests around in over Ninety campus and over twenty counties around the world. Mt. San Antonio’s student government aims to stand in solidarity with our brothers, sisters, and siblings around the world.
<b>Whereas:</b>	Associated Students is a body of government that represents Mt. SAC’s student body. In coordination with student governments and academic institutions worldwide, voices from the student body associated with students have taken a stand against investments that contribute to human suffering by calling for the disclosure of financial holdings and the divestment from entities engaged in such practices. Students whose heritage comes from areas in the world where abuses occur have voiced disgust at their money being used to fund atrocities. The student body should have a transparent view of investments to ensure that investments are attributed to corporations that share our mission statement and values of global peace.
<b>Whereas:</b>	<p>This proposal will benefit Associated Students and the Mt. SAC community since we will reaffirm our commitment to students. The resolution will send a clear message that Mt. Sac must be held accountable to the corporations it chooses to invest in. There must be clear accountability that ensures no future investments are made to companies that violate Mt.Sac mandates to promote justice, human rights, and the ethical treatment of human beings. Mt.Sac must uphold its values, continuing to stand as a paragon for California Community College. Disinvestment from corporations engaged in unethical business practices and the funding of human misery is the minimum service the college can provide to aid the suffering of people in these regions.</p> <p><i>“Mt. San Antonio College strives to be a fully student-centered and welcoming campus that provides our diverse community an educational experience which is anti-racist, integrated, connected, and technologically advanced with unique and distinguished programs in an expansive and sustainable environment.”</i></p> <p><i>“The College will carry out this commitment by providing an engaging and supportive teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities, and goals.”</i></p> <p><i>-MTSAC mission statement line 4</i></p>
<b>Therefore:</b>	<p>First, the Associated Students of Mt. San Antonio College calls upon the Board of Trustees and the administration of Mt. SAC to disclose all current investments, endowments, and financial holdings, ensuring full transparency and accountability. The student body has a right to be aware of college investments to maintain holdings that reflect the values of the college and the student body. This should also be an ongoing process of notifying the student body of potential future investments.</p> <p>Second, Associated Students urges the college to divest from all corporations and entities found to be complicit in unethical business practices and the funding of human suffering. This divestment should recognize the complex contractual obligations by allocating for a gradual divestment as soon as fiscally responsibly</p>

	<p>as possible. As not to harm the district's inclusive environment. Additionally, Associated Students encourages Mt. San Antonio College to support the reinvestment of divested funds into socially responsible and ethical investment opportunities that align with the values of promoting human rights, social justice, and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Be it resolved that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approves <u>Disclosure and divestment from unethical business practice.</u></p>
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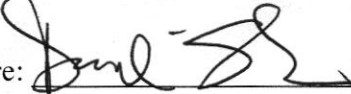
**A.S. Senate**

For: 13 Against: 0 Abstain: 2 Date: 5/28/24

**A.S. Executive Board**

For: 4 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Date: 5/28/24

**A.S. President**

Approve     Veto    Signature:     Date: 5/31/24

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