

Student Organization Name: Law Students for Justice in Palestine
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Article I — Name

Law Students for Justice in Palestine (LSJP)

Article II — Purpose

Berkeley's Law Students for Justice in Palestine (LSJP), is Berkeley Law's home for education, discussion, and activism promoting the rights of the Palestinian people. We seek to amplify the voices of Palestinian activists resisting annexation, settlements, and human rights abuses; to combat anti-Palestinian narratives and the silencing of pro-Palestine viewpoints in American politics and academia; to strengthen the intersectional bonds between the Palestinian struggle and other racial & social justice movements; and to highlight Palestinian arts and culture, particularly in forums that are accessible to students in Berkeley.

Article III — Membership

LSJP is open to all Berkeley Law students of every background.

Only currently registered students, faculty, and staff may be active members in a registered student organization. Only active members may vote or hold office.

We will not haze according to California State Law. We will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services (including membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed services.)

Article IV — Officers & Elections

We are committed to distributing power across the organization and leaving decision-making capacities open to all. At the start of each semester, any active members may nominate themselves to serve on the executive board of the organization. Active members may also sign up for committees, established by a group-wide vote. Committees shall determine their own procedures for delegating tasks and responsibilities.

The executive board is open to all who wish to help in administrative capacities, including brainstorming events, making decisions on organization activities, and volunteering to lead tasks brought up at the meetings. Members who wish to be a part of the executive board commit to

attending executive board meetings to the best of their ability. Responsibilities of those on the executive board will be determined at a meeting at the beginning of the semester, and will be modified when needed. Important decisions about the structure and functions of the organization will be subject to a vote among the entire active member body, conducted over either a group chat or email poll.

Each semester, active members will select individuals to coordinate specific administrative tasks, such as planning executive board meetings, managing finances and applying for reimbursements, reserving meeting spaces, and serving as points of contact for the organization.

Specifically, we will have two designated Financial Officers, self-nominated and approved by the membership. The Financial Officers shall be responsible for managing the organization's finances, developing and submitting a budget, completing and submitting purchasing requests, and applying for additional funding opportunities, if applicable. These above positions are restricted to those who complete the signatory training provided by the university.

Article V - Meetings

Law Students for Justice in Palestine will not meet on a pre-planned basis, and instead will meet when meetings are called by the executive board. There is no quorum for meetings. The Communications Officer shall notify all active members of meeting times, dates, and locations.

Article VI - Constitutional Amendments

Any active member can propose an amendment. If a member would like to propose an amendment, they must email it to the entire club. The co-presidents will then inform the group when the meeting to vote on an amendment will occur. Any amendment must have a 2/3 majority vote from the active membership to pass.

All amendments, additions or deletions to this document must be filed with the LEAD Center at lead@berkeley.edu, or LEAD Center at 432 Eshleman Hall.

Article VII - ASUC Sponsorship

This organization hereby wishes to seek ASUC sponsorship. This organization adopts and incorporates by reference Schedule A of ASUC Bylaw 2201, and the same as may be amended from time to time, completely and fully as part of this Constitution. This organization cannot amend this clause unless and until the ASUC has certified that this organization has ceased to be ASUC-sponsored, all ASUC property has been returned to the ASUC, access to all ASUC resources and facilities has been relinquished, and any debts, liabilities, or other responsibilities to the ASUC have been resolved. This organization will continue to be bound by any provisions specified in Schedule A for actions it took while this clause was in effect, even if this clause is amended.

Article VIII - Dissolution

If Law Students for Justice in Palestine is ASUC or GA Sponsored, all unspent ASUC funds shall return to the ASUC; all Graduate Assembly funds shall return to the Graduate Assembly. If the Abolitionist Collective at Berkeley is defunct for five (5) or more years, any privately

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obtained funds (including any funds left in miscellaneous accounts) shall be donated to the ASUC.

Adopted Additional Bylaw

Law Students for Justice in Palestine is committed to providing a supportive community space for all indigenous peoples globally, including movements for Palestinian liberation. In the rejection of colonialism, imperialism, and other types of oppression, LSJP is dedicated to wholly boycotting, sanctioning, and divesting funds from institutions, organizations, companies, and any entity that participated in or is directly/indirectly complicit in the occupation of the Palestinian territories and/or supports the actions of the apartheid state of Israel. Furthermore, in the interest of protecting the safety and welfare of Palestinian students on campus, LSJP will not invite speakers that have expressed and continued to hold views or host/sponsor/promote events in support of Zionism, the apartheid state of Israel, and the occupation of Palestine. To ensure that solidarity is practiced both in theory and in practice, LSJP members agree to participate in a "Palestine 101" training held by the Law Students Justice for Palestine executive board to learn ways to create a safe and inclusive space for Palestinian students and students that are in the support of the liberation of Palestine, as well as engaging in the BDS movement in the principled manner Palestinians are asking for.