



Outlook

Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine

From Benkraouda, Ouafa <ouafab2@illinois.edu>**Date** Thu 5/27/21 7:54 AM**To** Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>**Cc** [REDACTED]

Go it!

From: "Miraftab, Faranak" <faranak@illinois.edu>**Date:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 4:53 PM**To:** "Benkraouda, Ouafa" <ouafab2@illinois.edu>**Cc:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine
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From: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:53:35 AM**To:** Benkraouda, Ouafa <ouafab2@illinois.edu>**Cc:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine
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From: Benkraouda, Ouafa <ouafab2@illinois.edu>**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:46:29 AM**To:** Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>**Cc:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine

I see!

Thanks for the clarification. I am glad we have the choice to make such decisions. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks!

Ouafa

From: "Miraftab, Faranak" <faranak@illinois.edu>**Date:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 3:47 PM**To:** "Benkraouda, Ouafa" <ouafab2@illinois.edu>**Cc:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine
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From: Benkraouda, Ouafa <ouafab2@illinois.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:39:14 AM
To: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine
Hi Faranak,
I hope you are doing well.

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

From: "Miraftab, Faranak" <faranak@illinois.edu>
Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 8:18 PM
To: "Benkraouda, Ouafa" <ouafab2@illinois.edu>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine
[Whatever is the group's decision you can directly sign in at the website.](#)
Thanks
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From: Benkraouda, Ouafa <ouafab2@illinois.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine
Hi Faranak,
Thank you for sending this. Thank you for always standing with justice all throughout!

From: "Miraftab, Faranak" <faranak@illinois.edu>
Date: Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 5:37 AM
To: "Benkraouda, Ouafa" <ouafab2@illinois.edu>, [REDACTED]
Subject: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine
Greetings
I am reaching out to you as leadership of DSUP and SPO, to share the statement shared with faculty for endorsement. [REDACTED]

Best
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On May 21, 2021, at 2:25 PM, Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu> wrote:

Dear DURP community

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In solidarity,

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SIGNING: We are restricting endorsement to the name of the institution, organization, college, school, department, programmes or course. The reason for this is to encourage dialogue around the issues raised by this statement at an institutional level. We accept where Deans, Chairs, Directors, and Programme Heads wish to include their name alongside the aforementioned.

Please go to the [website](#) to endorse this statement of solidarity.

pls respond----RE: signing on to the solidarity statement--

From: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>; Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: pls respond----RE: signing on to the solidarity statement--

No problem. Thank you and sorry for repeated emails.
Faranak

From: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>; Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: pls respond----RE: signing on to the solidarity statement--

OK -- it's done now. Apologies for the confusion.

Marc Doussard
Associate Professor
Department of Urban and Regional Planning
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

From: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>; Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: pls respond----RE: signing on to the solidarity statement--

Reiterating that here—sorry Marc, I thought I said so to you too.

From: Miraftab, Faranak
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Cc: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: pls respond----RE: signing on to the solidarity statement--

I am confident in what I heard from Rolf in our zoom conversation on Friday morning. I raised with him the solidarity statement and he stated he is leaving town right after our meeting, has no time to engage with this nor does he want to hear from DURP while gone. Any matter should go to you as the associate head.
Faranak

From: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:16 PM

To: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>
Cc: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: pls respond----RE: signing on to the solidarity statement--

Faranak, [REDACTED]

Marc Doussard
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

From: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Cc: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
Subject: pls respond----RE: signing on to the solidarity statement--

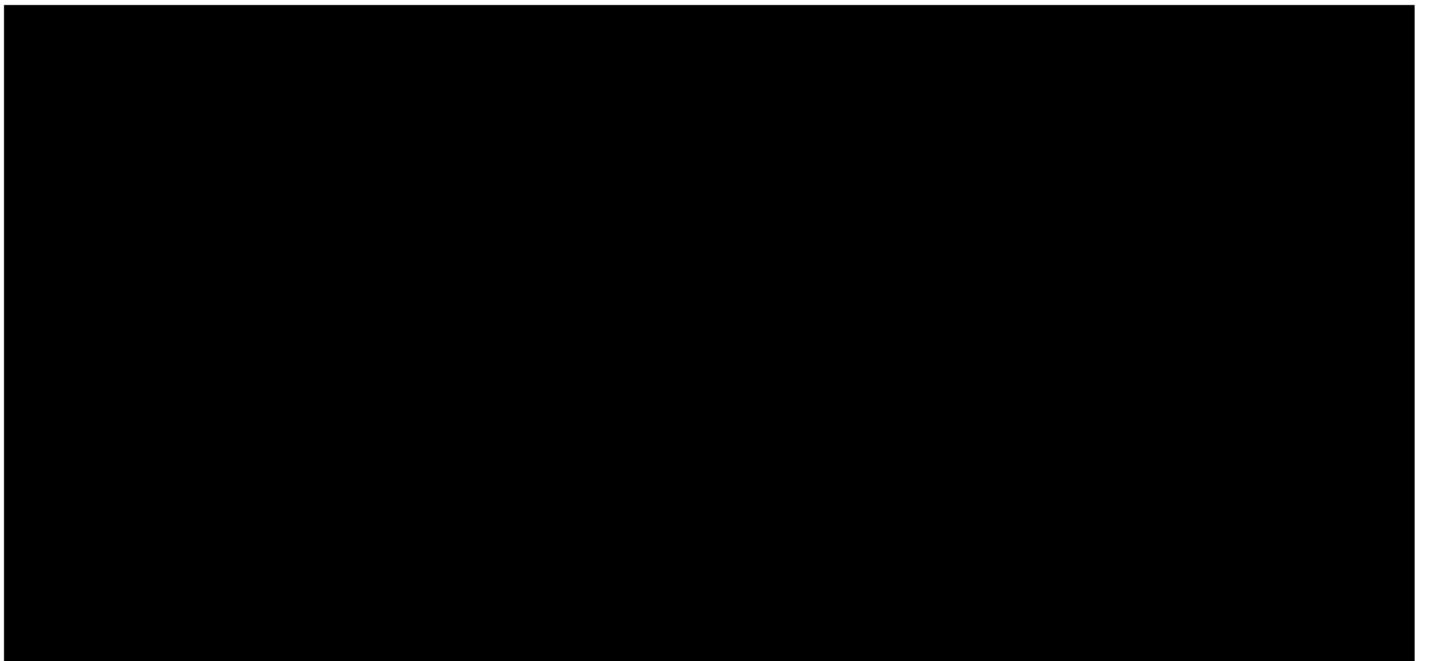
Marc

[REDACTED] If you rather I enter the endorsement on behalf of the department with unanimous faculty support, I can do that. I just need you to delegate that to me. I have Rolf cc-d as in his absence you can delegate responsibilities.
Thank you.
Faranak

From: Miraftab, Faranak
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:13 PM
To: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Subject: signing on to the solidarity statement--

Marc

the website can be accessed [REDACTED] if you scroll down there is a space to sign in. Since we had a unanimous support for this, the signature can be Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (no individuals name needs to be listed).
For your convenience these are the questions below. Please let me know if you need help. Faranak



From: Miraftab, Faranak
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Chakraborty, Arnab <arnab@illinois.edu>; Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: FW: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine

Thank you Arnab. [REDACTED]

Marc, with this we have unanimous faculty support and if you don't mind please enter us as a department endorsing the statement. The website asks if the person entering info has authority to do so, which you do as acting Head. Thank you
Faranak

From: Chakraborty, Arnab <arnab@illinois.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Miraftab, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>
Cc: Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: FW: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine

Hi Faranak,

Thanks for your email. [REDACTED]

Yes, I support the statement.
Arnab

On May 24, 2021 10:12 AM, "Miraftab, Faranak" <faranak@illinois.edu> wrote:
Hi Arnab

[REDACTED] We have heard from all faculty except for you. If you are in support, with a unanimous vote Marc (as Associate Head) can enter the name of the dept in endorsement. If you do not agree that is fine, just let us know in that case he will list all individual names of DURP members. The website is not set up for individual support.

Thank you
Faranak

From: Pendall, Rolf Joseph <rpendall@illinois.edu>
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Fang, Fang <fangf@illinois.edu>

Cc: Lee, Bumsoo <bumsoo@illinois.edu>; Edwards, Mary M <mmedward@illinois.edu>; Greenlee, Andrew Jordan <agreen4@illinois.edu>; Sarmiento, Hugo <hugos@illinois.edu>; Salo, Ken Edgar <kensalo@illinois.edu>; Allred, Dustin <dallred2@illinois.edu>; MirafTAB, Faranak <faranak@illinois.edu>; Braun, Lindsay Maurer <lmbraun@illinois.edu>; Chakraborty, Arnab <arnab@illinois.edu>; Doussard, Marc J <mdouss1@illinois.edu>; Kennedy, Sean Francis <seankenn@illinois.edu>; Novak, Alice <novak2@illinois.edu>; Novoa Echaurren, Magdalena <mnovoa@illinois.edu>; Russell, Tyran <loturner@illinois.edu>; Schneider, Daniel W <ddws@illinois.edu>; Kowalski, Jennifer Ann <jakowal@illinois.edu>; Cottrell, Karen <kcottre2@illinois.edu>
Subject: Re: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine

I support the statement.

Rolf Pendall / rpendall@illinois.edu

On May 22, 2021, at 3:50 PM, Fang, Fang <fangf@illinois.edu> wrote:

I support this statement. Thanks Faranak.

Best
Fang

Fang Fang, PhD

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From: Lee, Bumsoo <bumsoo@illinois.edu>
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2021 4:22 AM
To: Edwards, Mary M <mmedward@illinois.edu>; Greenlee, Andrew Jordan <agreen4@illinois.edu>; Sarmiento, Hugo <hugos@illinois.edu>; Salo, Ken Edgar <kensalo@illinois.edu>; Allred, Dustin <dallred2@illinois.edu>
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I support the statement as well.

Bumsoo

From: Edwards, Mary M <mmedward@illinois.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 7:51 PM
To: Greenlee, Andrew Jordan <agreen4@illinois.edu>; Sarmiento, Hugo <hugos@illinois.edu>; Salo, Ken Edgar <kensalo@illinois.edu>; Allred, Dustin <dallred2@illinois.edu>
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Subject: RE: Architecture and Urban Planning Organizations Stand in Solidarity for Palestine

I support as well.
Mary.

From: Greenlee, Andrew Jordan <agreen4@illinois.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2021 7:32 PM
To: Sarmiento, Hugo <hugos@illinois.edu>; Salo, Ken Edgar <kensalo@illinois.edu>; Allred, Dustin <dallred2@illinois.edu>
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I also support this statement.

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Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 at 5:34 PM
To: Ken Salo <kensalo@illinois.edu>, "Allred, Dustin" <dallred2@illinois.edu>

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I support ending apartheid everywhere as a crime against humanity
Ken

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SIGNING: We are restricting endorsement to the name of the institution, organization, college, school, department, programmes or course. The reason for this is to encourage dialogue around the issues raised by this statement at an institutional level. We accept where Deans, Chairs, Directors, and Programme Heads wish to include their name alongside the aforementioned.

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