

A Letter to Dean Yannis Yortsos (Viterbi) and President Carol Folt
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Subject Line: In Support of Yasmeen Mashayekh: USC Must Act

COPY AND PASTE THE FOLLOWING TEXT INTO A SINGULAR EMAIL, SIGNING YOUR NAME AT THE BOTTOM UNDER “URGENTLY”.

Example: John Smith, Professor of Engineering at Made Up University

Dear Dean Yannis and President Carol Folt,

I write to you about the targeted racial & ethnic harassment and abuse that Palestinian student Yasmeen Mashayekh has been subjected to in recent months by various established Zionist organizations, with the aid of the USC Viterbi social media.

Yasmeen Mashayekh has endured continued and unrelenting digital racism that has resulted in **academic penalization** (removal from the VGSA website, termination from her position as a freshman academy coach, and removal from the International Women’s Day website) as well as has resulted in **emotional and psychological suffering** — all because her identity as an exploited and oppressed person of Palestinian background is under attack.

Regarding Yasmeen’s statements referring to the ongoing Zionist colonial project, I affirm that **the language of the oppressed towards their oppressor is a form of personal resistance**, as opposed to the colonial violence that the Zionist project has enacted against Yasmeen’s people — a people that has historically been brutalized at the hands of settlers.

In light of USC’s continued efforts to equalize educational opportunities, it is prudent that the institution **stand in support of an oppressed student** who is being unfairly discriminated against for speaking on her people’s plight.

I also write to you in strict condemnation of Canary Mission, an organization that systematically reveals the personal & private information of Palestinians and Black, Indigenous People of Color in an effort to launch targeted harassment campaigns against those who would dare to challenge colonial rule. Yasmeen has been Canary Mission’s singular focus for the last few months, **inciting thousands of people to espouse anti-Palestinian racism and islamophobic sentiments** in relation to Yasmeen’s identity.

This harassment on part of Canary Mission has resulted in violent attacks against Yasmeen, **endangering her safety** as a Palestinian & Muslim woman.

It is my desire that in naming public support for Yasmeen, you also **condemn the ongoing efforts of Canary Mission** to defame and delegitimize the existence of People of Color and/or colonized peoples.

No student should experience the level of abuse that Yasmeen has been forced to endure simply for existing as a member of a minority group. USC must come forward with a statement that demonstrates support for a student who is currently being **disproportionately singled out**, especially following this last May's events in Gaza, in which much of the world voiced support for Palestinian people after 'Israel' launched attacks on innocent civilians.

Thank you for your time and consideration — **please be prompt** in your decision, as Yasmeen undergoes daily harassment.

Urgently,
