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Dear Haley Gluhanich,

Thank you for your inquiry.

The campus administration condemns the disruption of the Berkeley Forum event on May 1st. The actions of the protesters at the event were a clear and disturbing violation of the university's Time, Place, and Manner rules which are designed to protect the expressive rights of all.

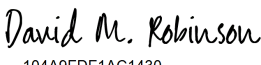
The university is committed to doing all that it can to support an open marketplace of ideas and perspectives. In support of that commitment, the administration is in the process of gathering information about exactly what occurred at the event. Should the findings of this review indicate a need to modify the protocols for dealing with impermissible disruptions of this sort, the campus will not hesitate to take the steps necessary to protect freedom of expression.

We also wish to note that it has been more than two years since any event was disrupted to the extent it had to be cancelled. In the wake of that highly unfortunate incident the campus modified its event management protocols, and we are more than ready to take additional steps should our review of this incident expose a need for additional changes. It remains to be seen whether we need to deal with a systemic problem, or a highly unfortunate exceptional incident. Since the previous event was disrupted in 2024 there have been in excess of 50,000 discrete events and/or expressive activities on campus that have proceeded as planned and scheduled.

We expect to complete our information gathering and post mortem review of the incident in question by mid-June. For now, please know that the campus had no advance notice or warning that the Google event would be protested and we are trying to determine whether the disruption was pre-planned or a spontaneous action by people engaged in other expressive activity on another part of the campus that was not disruptive.

We will be happy to update you on the review's conclusions and any resulting actions

Sincerely,

Signed by:  
  
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