

# PSAC 901

## **Statement: Defacement of Labour for Palestine Flag As Anti-Palestine Hate and War Against Freedom of Association**



**February 05, 2025** – PSAC Local 901 Social Justice Committee issues a statement regarding the anti-Palestinian hate carried out through the defacement of the Labour for Palestine flag on our notice board. We totally condemn this act committed by unknown people without respect to the impact that this behavior would have on our members' mental health and the unlawful encroachment on the PSAC 901 office space.

We are particularly concerned about the apathy demonstrated by Queen's University toward Palestinian students' grief in light of Israel's genocidal war and apartheid on Gaza. The refusal of the administration of Queen's University to engage with these issues is concerning and brings untold hardship to many of our members. We seek to point out that Queen's silence on the plight of the Palestinian people in Gaza and its impact on our members here in the University, breeds even further hate, discrimination, and violence upon members, as seen in the attached picture.

PSAC 901, thus, reaffirms its position to stand for justice and call for an end to the occupation of Palestinian territories, mass displacement of Palestinian people, and the ongoing Israeli state genocide and violence against the Palestinian people in Gaza.

Additionally, we condemn members of the University who are using the crisis in the Middle East to smear and slander those who speak out in defense of Palestinian human rights as being propagandists, as a way to undermine freedom of expression and democratic rights. PSAC 901 stands in solidarity with our members in defense of Palestinian human rights.

**In Solidarity**

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