

Dear Colleagues,

Today our university is greatly saddened by the attacks at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by such senseless violence and hate. The knowledge that these despicable acts targeted a specific religious group and occurred within houses of worship during a time of prayer and devotion only increases the anguish and outrage felt worldwide.

I ask that all members of the extended CSUSB family reach out to provide comfort and support to members of the Muslim community here on our campus – especially our students – as well as within your neighborhoods and across the globe. I also want to encourage each of us to mirror the tremendous resolve shown by the people of New Zealand. As an institution of higher education, we must not allow such hatred and ignorance to impede the open exchange of knowledge and learning.

As a society, we must appreciate the value of diversity, embrace a culture of respect for all, and resolve to deny a relative few to control the lives and intentions of the majority.

Sincerely,

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President