

**Subject:** [law-allemployees] National Lawyers Guild (NLG) Statement & Free Palestine Demonstration

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To the Arizona Law Community,

You may have seen the statement made by the Arizona Law chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and the notice of a Free Palestine Demonstration this Thursday.

Within our college – as across our campus, our state, the nation and beyond – we have community members with strong and differing opinions. Fortunately, the University of Arizona has a long history of embracing and protecting free speech and expression. In his October 11 message to the University President Robbins wrote:

As a public university, we have both the obligation and the opportunity to support and defend free speech and open dialogue. ... [I]n the days ahead, there will continue to be discussions, debates, and demonstrations. I encourage you to embrace your First Amendment rights and make your voices heard, but please do so peacefully, safely, and civilly.

All members of our community should feel free and supported to explore their views on all issues, no matter how difficult. Speech and protests are protected by the First Amendment, but specific threats and targeted harassment are not.

If you desire to do so, I encourage you to get engaged and have your voices be heard. I implore you to do so in a manner that honors the values and excellence of the University of Arizona, and positively reflects on our community at the College of Law.

Marc