

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of,

AHMAD AWAD, SOFIA DADAP, SAPPHIRA  
LURIE, and JULIE NORRIS,

Petitioners,

-against-

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY,

Respondent,

For a Judgment Pursuant to Article 78  
of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF SOFIA DADAP**

STATE OF NEW YORK    )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

Sofia Dadap, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a junior at Fordham University. I submit this Affidavit in support of Petitioners' request for an Order of Judgment compelling Fordham to recognize Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Affidavit.

2. I first became interested in joining SJP at the end of the spring 2016 semester. SJP was not having regular meetings at that point, since the group had not yet been approved. I got more involved in September 2016 and started attending informal meetings on the club approval process.

3. As a Filipino-American with an understanding of the colonial history of my people, I see all struggles against settler colonialism and white supremacy as inextricably connected. For this reason, I became interested in joining SJP.

4. I was present at the October 27, 2016, United Student Government (USG) board meeting in the fall where I, Ahmad Awad, Sapphira Lurie, and other students interested in starting SJP spoke to Kayla Wolf, the Vice President of Operations, USG, and Professor Glenn Hendler. At the meeting, Wolf asked us to clarify points in our constitution and explain that our organization was against antisemitism. She also told us that Fordham administrators had asked the USG board members to reach out to the Jewish Student Organization (JSO) and get their opinion on whether SJP should be allowed at Fordham.

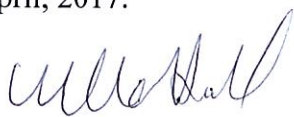
5. On November 17, 2016, I received an email from Wolf that USG “voted to approve SJP as a club.” I was so excited that SJP was finally approved and that we would be able to carry on educational events. A few hours later, I received another email from Keith Eldredge, the Dean of Students, saying that he would “now need to review the request.”

6. On December 22, 2016, I received an email from Dean Eldredge stating that he was not going to approve the formation of SJP. I was shocked. We had followed all the rules, and the USG had approved us.

7. Joining SJP was important to me because I wanted to contribute to and benefit from internal education and public events at Fordham about Palestinian rights, and to dispel myths about Boycott, Divestments, and Sanctions (BDS), so that all of us could learn more about this important issue.

  
Sofia Dadap

Sworn to me this 19th day of  
April, 2017.

  
Notary Public  
MARIA C. LaHOOD, ESQ.  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02LA6161980  
Qualified in Kings County  
Commission Expires February 26, 2019