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This week, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board (DEIB) of Student Government Association is hosting a two-part event called ***Boycott and Safe Protesting 101***. Part one is an art exhibit displaying boycott posters from historical social justice movements all around the world. Part two is a webinar hosted by a member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), who will speak about boycotting and safe protesting.

Members of the Butler community have shared concerns that aspects of the event promote Anti-Semitism. SGA reaffirms its commitment to fighting any and all forms of Anti-Semitism. Our organization does not, and will not, sponsor any educational event that promotes Anti-Semitism.

The artwork displayed in the exhibit features a diverse array of posters representing boycotts from across the world including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, United Farm Workers' grape and lettuce boycott, divestment from South Africa to protest Apartheid, boycotts of corporations using sweatshops, and posters calling for the boycott of Coors Beer and Wells Fargo. The Palestinian call for Boycott, Divest and Sanctions is included as an example in the 60-item exhibit, but is not the primary focus. The exhibit aimed to showcase a wide array of political artwork from across different social movements in history.

Our goal as a Student Government Association is to foster an open dialogue regarding contemporary social issues. We want to facilitate opportunities for students to access information on diversity, equity, and inclusion topics.

Student Government Association welcomes all student organizations to co-partner with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board, or through funding from SGA Finance Board. We value all students and their voices; providing diverse perspectives is key to the mission of the Diversity Equity, and Inclusion Board, and Student Government Association.

Sincerely,
Student Government Association