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Subject: OC Fair & Event Center Re: PYM at the OC MENA Festival June 19-21, 2026
Attachments: PYM OC Fair Grounds.jpg; PYM OC Fair Grounds.2.jpg

To Whom it may concern at the OC Fair & Event Center management,

It has come to our attention that the OC Fair & Event Center will be hosting the "OC MENA Festival", June 19-21, 2026, with participation by a number of groups and/or organizations, to include and among them, the Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM).

While every American indeed supports and has in many cases defended the First Amendment, to include the right to peaceably assemble, we Citizens of Orange County nonetheless have a genuine concern as this event includes the PYM. According to the below internet research, "the PYM claims to be a grassroots advocacy group, watchdogs, government agencies, and lawmakers have documented extensive ties, collaborations, and ideological alignments with U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) like Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)."

The Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) is an anti-Zionist activist organization operating in North America and Europe. While PYM claims to be a grassroots advocacy group, watchdogs, government agencies, and lawmakers have documented extensive ties, collaborations, and ideological alignments with U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) like Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The primary reported connections and associations include:

- ***Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP):*** Watchdog groups like NGO Monitor and the Israeli government have detailed close organizational and ideological ties

between PYM and the PFLP. PYM frequently promotes and celebrates PFLP members, such as hosting PFLP figures at conferences, offering scholarships named after deceased PFLP members, and engaging in joint advocacy campaigns.

- **Samidoun Collaboration:** PYM has organized events and campaigns alongside Samidoun, an international network designated by the United States as an FTO and identified as a PFLP front.
- **Support for Hamas:** Following the October 7, 2023, attacks, PYM issued statements praising the violence as a legitimate form of "resistance" and organized rallies featuring speakers who explicitly supported armed struggle by Hamas. Protest materials have occasionally featured imagery associated with the October 7 breaches and Hamas spokespersons.
- **Political Scrutiny:** Due to these alliances and their promotion of armed struggle, lawmakers such as U.S. Senator Tom Cotton have formally requested that the IRS investigate the group's funding to ensure tax-exempt organizations are not funneling money to groups that support terrorism.

More details regarding their organizational affiliations and statements can be found in the [Anti-Defamation League \(ADL\) Resource on PYM](#) or by reviewing the [NGO Monitor Profile on the PYM](#).

With the above information noted, we kindly ask that you please confirm that the OC Fair & Event Center management is fully aware, fully supports and fully condones the participation of the PYM at this event, and is fully aware, fully supports and fully condones their motives and goals, and that the OC Fair & Event Center management is willing to accept full responsibility for any and all future actions that may be connected to and/or is a direct or indirect result of this event.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Citizens of Orange County, California,

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Additional concerns:

1. **The Palestinian Youth Movement (PYM) is an anti-Zionist organization whose members and affiliates have expressed support for terror — including the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led terror attack on Israel.**
2. **PYM is a key community organizer for the anti-Israel and anti-Zionist movement in the United States.**
3. **PYM, its organizers and supporters frequently express anti-Zionist beliefs that call on age-old antisemitic tropes and canards.**
4. **PYM has been running for close to two decades and has over a dozen chapters in the U.S., Canada and Europe.**
5. **PYM receives funding and fiscal sponsorship from anti-Israel foundations.**

Source: [Palestinian Youth Movement \(PYM\): Five Things to Know | ADL](#)