The UCD MSA Calls for FBI To Investigate Self-Confessed Terrorist

Local Muslims Have Questions about Campus Speaker

(Davis, CA, 2/1/2007) The Muslim Student Association (MSA) at UC Davis called today on the FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to investigate and deport Walid Shoebat, a self-confessed "ex-terrorist". Mr. Shoebat is scheduled to deliver a speech at UC Davis' Freeborn Hall this month. The event is organized by Students for Defense of Democracies.

In a statement, the MSA at UC Davis said:

"We repudiate and unequivocally condemn terrorism, as a grave and serious crime that should be punished in the strictest means possible. We are concerned that a self-confessed "ex-terrorist" is walking freely in the country, simply because he has converted to Christianity and supports this country's policies towards Israel. We call upon the FBI and DHW to investigate the claims regarding Shoebat's violent past and to see whether he disclosed this information when applying for his citizenship.

We also condemn the intentionally Islamophobic and erroneous association of Islam and violence that will result from the fear-mongering employed in the event's advertisements. We ask fellow students and community members to study the facts about Islam and reject hate-speech and propaganda."

The Mission of the MSA at UC Davis is to create an avenue for Muslim students to meet, exchange ideas, clarify misconceptions about Islam. The MSA hosts various events throughout the year.

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