Statement of Solidarity with NYU SJP and Linda Sarsour

The graduate student union of NYU wishes to express its solidarity with NYU Students for Justice in Palestine (NYU SJP), and stands with them in their strong and principled work against Islamophobia. Following their confrontation with Chelsea Clinton at the vigil in memory of the victims of the recent terror attacks in Christchurch, members of NYU SJP have received threats and have been subjected to oppressive silencing.

Chelsea Clinton, like many Democratic representatives and congresspeople, joined Republicans from the Trump Administration in wrongfully condemning Representative Ilhan Omar’s much needed criticism of the power that AIPAC exerts over US foreign policy in the Middle East. Clinton also remained silent in the face of the Islamophobic and racist attacks on Representative Omar.

We stand with NYU SJP and support their assertion that we must work against Islamophobia in all of its forms - from horrific white nationalist violence, to racist smear campaigns against Ilhan Omar, to silencing students on university campuses who stand with Palestinians in their struggle for freedom, dignity and self-determination.

As a further show of solidarity against Islamophobia, we urge fellow students and other NYU community members to show support for Linda Sarsour, a prominent Palestinian-American activist, by coming to a campus event at which she will be speaking on Monday, March 25th. She, like the members of NYU SJP, has been the target of harassment because of her political beliefs and identity.

Finally, we urge NYU to heed the repeated calls from its student body, graduate and undergraduate, who voted in favor of multiple resolutions demanding that NYU divest from the Israeli occupation and close its campus at Tel Aviv University.

In solidarity,
GSOC political solidarity committee