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Resolution 12: Addressing Concerns Regarding Kosher and Halal Food at Cornell

- 3 *Abstract:* In light of recent issues at 104West!, this resolution calls on Cornell to rapidly and
- 4 urgently respond to the persistent issues surrounding kosher food on campus.
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- 6 *Type of Action:* Recommendation
- 7 Originally Presented: 10/31/2024
- 8 *Current Status:* Adopted by the Assembly, Unanimous Consent, 10/31/2024
- 9 Whereas, 104West! is Cornell's sole daily provider of fresh kosher food;
- 10 Whereas, all kosher options in dining halls on campus are prepared at 104West!;
- 11 **Whereas,** the food at 104West! is consistently of lower quality than that of other dining halls;
- Whereas, on October 25, 2024, several students reported feeling ill after eating Shabbat dinner at 104West!:
- 14 Whereas, Cornell also has a significant population of students who observe halal dietary
- 15 restrictions;
- 16 **Whereas,** halal food is served at Toni Morrison Hall along with kosher food, and although no
- 17 formal concerns about its quality have been raised, it is important to ensure that both kosher and
- 18 halal dietary restrictions are addressed impartially due to the overlap in these requirements;
- Whereas, both kosher-keeping and halal-keeping students rely on campus dining options formeals that adhere to their religious requirements;
- Whereas, without 104West!, kosher-keeping students are left without any options for food
 without paying out of pocket;
- 23 **Be it therefore resolved,** that Cornell address the causes of the food-poisoning incident at 104
- 24 West! and ensure the quality and safety of both kosher and halal food, including at Toni
- 25 Morrison Hall, without delay;
- Be it further resolved, that Cornell explore new suppliers for both kosher and halal food on
 campus;



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- 28 **Be it finally resolved,** Cornell immediately reports the findings of the investigation to the
- 29 Student Assembly, Cornell Hillel, the Center for Jewish Living, the Muslim Educational and
- 30 Cultural Association (MECA), and other relevant organizations.
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