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**The UC Student Association Stands in Solidarity with  
Students of UC Santa Barbara**

*UCSA Offers its Condolences to the Isla Vista Community and Commends  
UC Campuses on Systemwide Support*

Oakland, CA - The University of California Student Association (UCSA) offers its deepest condolences to those affected by the tragic events that took place on Friday, May 23 in Isla Vista near UC Santa Barbara. UCSA's thoughts and support go out to the victims' families and friends, all students, and members of the Isla Vista community.

The devastating acts of May 23rd signify the urgent need for improved resources and education for student health and safety, not just throughout the UC but across all California higher education systems. The violence that occurred also speaks to the urgent need to address the issues of violence against womyn, the culture of sexual assault on college campuses, and improved access to mental health resources, all of which UCSA and UC students will continue to advocate for.

UCSA also commends its UC campuses for the support and community they have shown for their colleagues at UC Santa Barbara. The candlelight vigils hosted on nearly every UC campus, and the overwhelming amount of support online and through campus media demonstrate that the tragedy in Santa Barbara is felt systemwide, and the healing after these events will continue to be supported through the entire University of California community.

"The recent tragic acts of violence at UC Santa Barbara remind us that we in the UC must all stand together, not just in times of tragedy, but continuously as we address and educate on the issues that lead to acts of violence, and advocate for the best resources to keep all students safe," says UCSA President Kareem Aref.

UCSA stands in solidarity with UC students during this time of mourning and will continue to fight for the legislation and campus resources necessary to prevent future acts of violence in all campus communities.

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**About the University of California Student Association**

The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over 230,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from the eleven UC campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.

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