

**Resolution on the University of California Student Association (UCSA) stance against  
White Supremacy  
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*TW: sexual violence*

**Whereas** on the night of November 8th, 2016, US history was forever changed when the country elected a racist, sexist, and ableist demagogue to lead our nation as President of the United States.<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas** the University of California remains one of the most diverse university systems in the United States and the world,

**Whereas** the birthplace of the Free Speech Movement, which fomented as a result of students wanting to assist in the liberation of oppressed peoples, was at the University of California, Berkeley during the 1964-1965 school year,

**Whereas** the University of California holds the safety of undocumented students, Students-of-Color, students who identify with the LGBTQIA+ spectrum, differently-abled students, students of all religions and belief systems, and working-class students in the highest regard

**Whereas** the President of the University of California [Janet Napolitano] and Chancellors from all ten University of California campuses reaffirmed their support for diversity and inclusion shortly after the presidential election results were confirmed, "...We remain absolutely committed to supporting all members of our community and adhering to UC's Principles Against Intolerance...."

**Whereas** protests from nine UC campuses erupted in the wake of the Presidential election<sup>2</sup>,

**Whereas** the UC Regents stopped just short of condemning Mr. Trump's presidency<sup>3</sup>,

**Whereas** posters promoting inclusion were vandalized and flyers targeting students-of-color were posted at UCLA shortly after the election<sup>4</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.thenation.com/article/hillary-clintons-popular-vote-victory-is-unprecedented-and-still-growing/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2016/11/09/mobs-of-tearful-angry-students-protetin-g-trump-victory-swarm-campuses/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-ln-uc-regents-20161116-story.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://dailybruin.com/2016/11/16/ucla-removes-posters-advocating-for-white-supremacy-xenophobia/>

**Whereas** the University of California Student Association (UCSA) has elected campaigns throughout its history to promote diversity, fight white supremacy and sexual assault, and support students survivors throughout the state,

**Whereas** eight years ago, the country's first Black president was elected and now, the current President-elect has been endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan<sup>5</sup>,

**Whereas** this President-elect did not win the popular vote,

**Whereas** this President-elect insulted, demeaned and objectified women countless times<sup>6</sup>,

**Whereas** this President-elect has been accused of sexual assault and rape by several women<sup>7</sup>,

**Whereas** the success of his campaign has been built upon the disenfranchisement, scapegoating, and unchecked hatred of marginalized groups wrongfully normalized by overwhelming waves of white supremacy;

**Whereas** we as students in the University of California recognize our privileged position by being in a progressive state, but refuse to remain complacent or comfortable at the sight of injustice, nor ignore the systematic work in our own state that needs to be done;

**Whereas** we as students in the University of California recognize the importance of remaining mindful of the points of intersections between marginalized communities and students.

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Therefore let it be resolved that the UCSA stand in firm opposition to the principles of Islamophobia, homophobia, xenophobia and anti-semitism elevated during the 2016 Presidential campaign,

Therefore let it be further resolved that the UCSA will organize, agitate and resist any measures taken to disenfranchise undocumented students, Students-of-Color, students who identify with the LGBTQIA+ spectrum, differently-abled students, students of all religions and belief systems, working-class students and all marginalized people in the broader community,

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/11/01/the-kkks-official-newspaper-has-endors-ed-donald-trump-for-president/>

<sup>6</sup><http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/politics/donald-trump-sexism-tracker-every-offensive-comment-in-one-place/>

<sup>7</sup><http://nymag.com/thecut/2016/10/all-the-women-accusing-trump-of-rape-sexual-assault.html>

Therefore let it be resolved that the UCSA demand that the University of California President and the Regents of the University of California to deny the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement access to the personal information of undocumented students and prohibit the University of California Police Departments from cooperating with DHS and ICE.

Therefore let it be resolved that the UCSA demand that a similar policy be implemented by the State of California to protect undocumented communities state-wide.

Therefore let it be resolved that the UCSA demand additional resources for undocumented students, Students-of-Color, students who identify with the LGBTQIA+ spectrum, differently-abled students, students of all religions and belief systems, working-class students and all marginalized people in the broader community, to proactively address the problems they might face at the UC.

Therefore let it be further resolved that the UCSA intend to partner with various organizations to build a coalition against a bigoted administration and maintain the intersectionality of this movement.

Therefore let it be further resolved that the passage of this resolution affirms a deep commitment and personal conviction of the UCSA to boldly and unapologetically stand in the face of injustice and to promote both educational and social equity for past, present and future University of California students.