

**Endorsing the LA Jails Fight**  
Sponsor: Prajay Lolabattu (UCSA CAC Chair)

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Student Association (UCSA) commits itself to zealously advocate on behalf of marginalized and underrepresented communities and to resist any policies intended to oppress students and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Student Association works with a host of coalition partners in advocating for formerly or currently incarcerated individuals, and in opposition to any policies that promote incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, the prison industry the United States has been historically used as a tool to exploit and disenfranchise Black and brown bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, February 12th, the LA County Board of Supervisors will reopen consideration of two proposals around jail construction, namely the Mira Loma Women's Jail Project and the Consolidated Correctional Treatment Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, powerful figures in law enforcement and the jail industry are pushing these massive jail construction projects in LA County, which are estimated to cost over \$4 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, 4 out of every 5 of inmates in L.A. County jails are Black or Latino; and

**WHEREAS**, over half of these inmates have not stood trial or are awaiting sentencing; and

**WHEREAS**, any if not most of these inmates are locked up because they can't afford to meet bail; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the billion-dollar project would require moving women incarcerated at Lynwood to Lancaster, which is 75 miles away from Downtown L.A. — away from family and from organizations that provide programs and support to these women inside and outside of jail; and

**WHEREAS**, LA Jails are the largest mental health institution in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, no conclusive research has indicated that increased jail incarceration has a meaningful impact on crime reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, it is time to put an end to the continued exploitation and marginalization of Black and brown bodies through incarceration.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the University of California Student Association strongly urges the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to reject the plan to build the Mira Loma jail and the CCTF in its February 12th meeting; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, the University of California Student Association applauds Supervisor Hilda Solis' statement opposing the CCTF and urges the rest of the LA County Supervisors to also publicly oppose these jails; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, the University of California Student Association additionally demands that Sheriff Villanueva opposes the Mira Loma jail project and the CCTF; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, the UCSA President shall draft a statement to the LA County Board of Supervisors calling for the immediate dismissal of plans for building the Mira Loma jail project and the CCTF; and

**LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED**, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the appropriate media and coalition partners.