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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ENDORSING AFSCME LOCAL 3299'S NOVEMBER 13 DAY OF ACTION

OAKLAND, CA – On November 4, 2019, the UC Student Association endorsed AFSCME Local 3299's day of action, scheduled for November 13, 2019.

For more than two years now, AFSCME Local 3299 — which represents more than 24,000 UC workers across the 10 UC campuses and 5 hospitals — has been fighting for an equitable and fair contract for their members.

On November 13, AFSCME Local 3299 will stage a walkout on all UC campuses and medical facilities to highlight the inequitable and unfair treatment that its workers face across the state. The walkout will also address recent complaints filed against the UC regarding the bargaining process, as well as the issue of contract outsourcing, which leads to UC workers lacking union representation and receiving significantly lower compensation for their labor.

UCSA President Varsha Sarveshwar released the following statement on Wednesday:

"It is the responsibility of students and student leaders to uplift the narratives of those who make their education possible — UC workers. The UC Student Association is proud to endorse and work in solidarity with AFSCME Local 3299's day of action. We are committed to supporting organized labor whenever possible, and we hope that this day of action will strengthen the fight against contract outsourcing and the fight for a fair and livable contract for all UC workers."

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About the UC Student Association: The University of California Student Association is the official voice of 280,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all ten 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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