

A Resolution Denouncing Hate Speech and Supporting Diversity at California State University, Fullerton

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WHEREAS, the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of ASI to provide students and campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities as well as a wide range of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, during the Spring 2017 academic semester there were 15,742 Hispanic, 857 Black, and 8,057 Asian students enrolled in CSUF, totaling 62% of students enrolled, some of which identified as undocumented: and

WHEREAS, ASI passed a "Resolution in Support of Undocumented and DACA Students" and will support and advocate for the protection of all undocumented students on campus; ² and

WHEREAS, ASI passed a "Resolution in support of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning Student Life," ³ and will support students who are members of the LGBTQ community; ⁴ and

WHEREAS, ASI passed a "Resolution in Support of Black Student Success at California State University, Fullerton; ⁵ and

WHEREAS, Article I, of Chancellor White of the California State University (CSU) System's memorandum states, "The California State University (CSU) is committed to maintaining an inclusive community that values diversity and fosters tolerance and mutual respect. We embrace and encourage our community differences in Age, Disability (physical and mental), Gender (or sex), Gender Identity (including transgender), Gender Expression, Genetic Information, Marital Status, Medical Condition, Nationality, Race or Ethnicity (including color or ancestry), Religion (or Religious Creed), Sexual Orientation, and Veteran or Military Status, and other characteristics that make our community unique."; ⁶ and

¹http://www.fullerton.edu/analyticalstudies/facts/demographics.php

²http://asi.fullerton.edu/downloads/government/resolutions/05092017%20Resolution%20in%20Support%20of%20Undocumented%20a nd%20DACA%20Students.pdf

³http://asi.fullerton.edu/downloads/government/resolutions/inSupportLesbianGayBisexualTransgenderQueerQuestioningStudentLife.pdf

⁴http://asi.fullerton.edu/downloads/government/resolutions/inSupportLesbianGayBisexualTransgenderQueerQuestioningStudentLife.pdf

⁵ http://asi.fullerton.edu/downloads/government/resolutions/inSupportBlackStudentSuccess.pdf

⁶ https://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1096.pdf

WHEREAS, Chancellor White of the California State University (CSU) System, released Executive Order 1097 and a Policy "Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation, Sexual Misconduct, Dating and Domestic Violence, and Stalking against Students"; and

WHEREAS, CSUF University Policy Statement 100.006 states that "it is imperative that we foster a climate where civility is valued, appreciated, and expected and where all members of the community are treated with dignity, respect, and care.";⁸ and

WHEREAS, California State University Fullerton is a marketplace of ideas; ASI does not condone events or rhetoric that incites violence, destruction, or physical harm; and

WHEREAS, hate speech is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "speech that is intended to insult, offend, or intimidate a person because of some trait (race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability)"; ⁹ and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 students and community members have signed a petition "No Alt-Right Speakers or Hate Groups at CSUF"; ¹⁰ therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that in order to demonstrate that ASI will continue to uphold its previously passed resolutions and support marginalized communities on campus, ASI shall not encourage the use of hate speech as a means for productive discussions on campus, and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI shall support events at CSU Fullerton that endorse positive celebrations of unity, diversity, and community empowerment; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, Office of the Dean of Students, the Academic Senate, and California Faculty Association.

⁷http://www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-1097-rev-10-5-16.html

⁸ http://www.fullerton.edu/senate/publications_policies_resolutions/ups/UPS%20100/ups%20100.006.pdf

⁹ https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/Hate%20speech

¹⁰ https://www.change.org/p/mildred-garcia-no-alt-right-speakers-or-hate-groups-at-csuf

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the twenty fourth day of October in the year two thousand and seventeen.	
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Chair, Board of Directors	Vice Chair/Secretary, Board of Directors
Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., President/CEO, does hereby [\(\chi \)] refuse to approve this resolution.	
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