



**A Resolution in Support of Civil Disobedience and Social Action
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 ASI Board of Directors, who set policy for the organization, approve all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocate on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, ASI provides campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities, as well as, a wide range of programs and services, and

WHEREAS, ASI is the recognized voice of over 40,000 students in the California State University, Fullerton (CSUF); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of ASI is to represent all students of CSU Fullerton and advocate for them on issues of higher education pertaining to access, affordability, quality, civility, and the student experience; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the CSU system is to prepare significant numbers of educated, community driven members of society, to contribute to California's schools, economy, culture, and success;¹ and

WHEREAS, to prepare significant numbers of educated students, social justice initiatives and actions should be a high priority in order to maintain or progress civil and constitutional rights on university grounds; and

WHEREAS, when collective action and social justice initiatives are not supported, suppression and inequity has a negative impact on student communities; and

¹ <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/Pages/mission.aspx>

WHEREAS, when the mistreatment of people within historically marginalized communities turns into systematic oppression, whether it be it racist, patriarchal, or cultural, it can have a strong and negative impact on the health and sense of self of individuals within said group especially when it is supported and enforced by society and its institutions;² and

WHEREAS, historically marginalized communities on college campuses still experience levels of systematic oppression and biases including racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and economic discrimination;³ and

WHEREAS, students within the CSU system have expressed concerns over their livelihood due to overt threats they have received because they have been alienated for their cultural identities;⁴ and

WHEREAS, ASI passed a “Resolution Denouncing Hate Speech and Supporting Diversity at California State University, Fullerton,” a document that defines hate speech and emphasizes support for marginalized communities;⁵ and

WHEREAS, Civil Disobedience would be defined as, the refusal to comply with certain laws considered unjust, as a peaceful form of political protest, and

WHEREAS, students who identify within historically marginalized communities, and/or who identify as cultural allies within the CSU system, express fear to be on campuses because of discrimination and prejudice received through hate speech that threatens their civil rights,⁶ which have lead to acts of community civil disobedience on college campuses to gain justice;⁷ and

WHEREAS, undocumented students within the CSU system have expressed concerns over their livelihood due to overt threats they receive through hate speech and the impact of federal immigration regulations that threaten students and their immigration status,⁸ which have lead college students to engage in acts of community civil disobedience to gain justice;⁹ and

² Portland therapy Center, Cultural and Systematic Oppression <http://www.portlandtherapycenter.com/psychological-terms/cultural-and-systemic-oppression>

³ Rema Reynolds, & Darquillius Mayweather. (2017). Recounting Racism, Resistance, and Repression: Examining the Experiences and #Hashtag Activism of College Students with Critical Race Theory and Counternarratives. *The Journal of Negro Education*, 86(3), 283-304. doi:10.7709/jnegroeducation.86.3.0283

⁴ FBI Investigating Threats Against Jewish Students at CSU Long Beach, Press Telegram, September 21, 2017 <https://www.presstelegram.com/2017/09/21/fbi-investigating-threats-against-jewish-students-latino-student-group-at-csulb/>

⁵ A Resolution Denouncing Hate Speech and Supporting Diversity, Associated Students, CSUF, Inc.

⁶ Orange County students aim to block Milo Yiannopolous from speaking on campus <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/whats-now/sd-me-cal-state-fullerton-yiannopoulos-20170831-story.html>

⁷ Black Lives Matter Protestors Interrupt Milo Yiannopolous event <https://www.theblaze.com/news/2016/05/24/watch-moment-blm-protesters-interrupt-milo-yiannopolous-event-and-see-how-security-responds>

⁸ Cal State will not help deport students, Chancellor says <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-undocumented-students-in-20161116-story.html>

⁹ ACLU and United We Dream Activists pass out flyers on Capitol Hill <https://www.aclu.org/news/aclu-and-united-we-dream-activists-flyer-capitol-hill-staff-and-members-today>

WHEREAS, students who identify within historically marginalized communities within the CSU express that the lack of resources, such as small to non-existent diversity centers, has a negative impact on their individual selves and their community, which has led to acts of community civil disobedience to gain justice;¹⁰ and

WHEREAS, students who identify within historically marginalized communities within the CSU express their concerns over lack of financial stability due to increasing campus-based fees and university tuition rates,¹¹ which has led to acts of community civil disobedience to gain justice;¹² and

WHEREAS, in 2011, researchers found that campaigns of nonviolent resistance were more than twice as effective as their violent counterparts in achieving their stated goals, for they attract support from citizens, whose activism is emulated via protests, boycotts, and other forms of nonviolent noncooperation (which are defined as acts of civil disobedience), these efforts help separate regimes from their main sources of power and produce productive results,¹³ and

WHEREAS, in 2011, researchers found that although members of historically marginalized communities have experienced negative impacts on their mental and physical health (when perceptions of discrimination and systematic oppression occur), such perceptions are associated with increased levels of activism;¹⁴ and

WHEREAS, in 2016, researchers found that students who engage in forms of activism, including civil disobedience, experience increased levels of confidence for they have found ways to create structural change through forms of community solidarity;¹⁵ and

WHEREAS, in 2018, ASI at CSU Los Angeles approved a letter of solidarity written by their Executive Officers in order to support student Naim Reece who is being criminally charged for participating in two on campus protests including a protest against provocateur speaker Ben Shapiro, and an on campus walk-out opposing the election of Donald J. Trump;¹⁶ and

¹⁰ LGBTQ+ Community at CSUF demands more space and resources <https://www.ocweekly.com/cal-state-fullertons-lgbtq-community-demands-more-space-and-resources-on-campus-7965788/>

¹¹ Statistics n fees relevant to the CSU, <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/>

¹² CSUF President Milton Gordon Signs Declaration <https://www.ocweekly.com/updated-president-gordon-signs-declaration-cal-state-fullerton-students-camp-out-in-fee-related-protest-6478497/>

¹³ CHENOWETH, E., & STEPHAN, M. (2011). *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict*. Columbia University Press.

¹⁴ Cronin, T. J., Levin, S., Branscombe, N. R., van Laar, C., & Tropp, L. R. (2012). Ethnic identification in response to perceived discrimination protects well-being and promotes activism: A longitudinal study of Latino college students. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 15(3), 393-407

¹⁵ DeAngelo, L., Schuster, M. T., & Stebleton, M. J. (2016). California DREAMers: Activism, identity, and empowerment among undocumented college students. *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*, 9(3), 216.

¹⁶ CSULA ASI Letter of Solidarity for student Naim Reece <https://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/attachments/2018/04/executive-officer-public-statement-support-naim-reece.pdf>

WHEREAS, in 2018, a state judge ruled in favor of an act of civil disobedience: stating that the potential structural and public health impacts had made civil disobedience legally necessary;¹⁷

WHEREAS, in 1964, the United States federal government passed The Civil Rights Act that outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin,¹⁸ largely due to the influence of the civil rights movement and acts of civil disobedience that began in 1960 with *Boynnton v. Virginia*,¹⁹ and continued through the 1963 and 1964 sit-in cases;²⁰ therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that ASI will host a special presentation regarding student activism and forms of collective action every Fall semester to educate students and ASI leadership on the importance of college activism and how to share resources, advocate for, and participate in actions with their constituents, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI will encourage social justice oriented campaigns and seek out and advocate for CSUF students who report inequities and forms of systematic discrimination in order to find adequate solutions, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI shall create a social media college activism awareness campaign that will inform students of social justice collective actions and address the stigma of social advocacy efforts on college campuses, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI shall encourage each CSU student government and Division of Student Affairs to share, distribute information, and to partner with on-campus and statewide organizations who mobilize and organize CSU social justice campaigns and actions that promote equity and civil rights protections for historically marginalized communities, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI shall encourage each CSU student government to create a social justice commission within their structure that promotes socio-political views and advocates for social causes deemed necessary by marginalized individual students and on campus groups, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI shall urge the CSU Chancellor to promote and fund educational programs such as, but not limited to, ethnic, gender, and other studies within the social sciences that have social justice oriented curricula, and let it be further

¹⁷ Judge ruling deems civil disobedience as necessary, <https://thinkprogress.org/roxbury-pipeline-protest-necessity-defense-36de64c83ffd/>

¹⁸ The Civil rights Act of 1964, <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=97>

¹⁹ *Boynnton v. Virginia* 364 U.S. 454 (1960)

²⁰ *Robinson v. Florida*, 378 U.S. 153 (1964); *Griffin v. Maryland*, 378 U.S. 130 (1964); *Bone v. City of Columbia*, 378 U.S. 347 (1964); *Barr v. City of Columbia*, 378 U.S. 146 (1964); *Bell v. Maryland*, 378 U.S. 226 (1964).

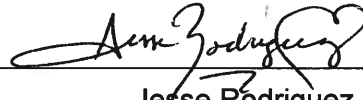
RESOLVED, the ASI President or designee will report on the progress of this Resolution in the Fall 2018 semester, and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, all CSU Student Governments, all UC Student Governments, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, the Fullerton City Council, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the Daily Titan, 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, and the Academic Senate.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the first day of May in the year two thousand and eighteen.



Nicholas Jakel
Chair, Board of Directors



Jesse Rodriguez
Vice Chair/Secretary, Board of Directors

Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., President/CEO, does hereby approve / refuse to approve this resolution.



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5/18/2018

Date