

**SENATE RESOLUTION**  
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| <b>TITLE</b>               | Standing in Solidarity with School of Public Policy (SPP)                                                                    |

**WHEREAS**, established in 2012, the University of California, Riverside (UCR) is the only university in the 10-campus UC system that has a [School of Public Policy](#) (SPP) that offers Public Policy as a standalone major;

**WHEREAS**, the UCR SPP is home to the only Master of Public Policy ([MPP](#)) program offered by a major research university in inland Southern California, as well as the [only undergraduate public policy program](#) in the ten-campus University of California system;

**WHEREAS**, SPP has been [ranked](#) #101 among Best Public Affairs Program and #45 for top 25% Public Policy Schools;

**WHEREAS**, an article published by the [Press Enterprise](#) in response to the BAC's suggestions highlighted the crucial role SPP plays in training future policy leaders of the region through a unique interdisciplinary curriculum, producing impactful research for informing policy in the region in its research centers, and organizing about 100 events per year to enhance community outreach;

**WHEREAS**, SPP is committed to ensuring their students' success during the course of their studies and after they graduate through their various student programs ([Internship Program](#), [Peer Academic Advisor Programs](#), etc). SPP students are provided with individualized guidance and opportunities through the Dean's Office and the Career Counseling and Internship Program Coordinator to specifically get involved in their local and regional communities; the Undergraduate Internship Program has placed students in programs across the nation, including in the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Center for American Progress, and the Office of the Attorney General of the California Department of Justice;

**WHEREAS**, SPP is home to [four vital research centers](#): The Blum Initiative, Center for Social Innovation, Inland Center for Sustainable Development and Robert Presley Center of Crime and Justice Studies; all of which conduct renowned research and have had successful achievements both in the Inland Empire and in the state of California;

**WHEREAS**, more than two hundred students would be displaced, and faculty and staff would be out of work and negatively impacted by the elimination of SPP;

Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That The Associated Students of University of California, Riverside -

- (1) Will take into account the petition signed by the student body to show support for SPP faculty and students.
- (2) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that the resolution will be sent to Budget Advisory Committee Co-Chairs, Thomas Smith and Gerry Bomotti, in order to show the dissatisfaction of these proposed cuts and further demand an in-depth budget proposal and statement regarding the process in which SPP was chosen as a primary contender of elimination relative to other programs on campus.
- (3) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that the resolution will be sent to the School of Public Policy Dean, Anil Deolalikar, to maintain a consistent flow of communication between SPP students, ASUCR, and the SPP administration, and sent to the Chancellor, to ensure that there is transparency within all offices and keep the students informed.
- (4) *Let It Be Finally Resolved* that the Associated Students of UC Riverside stand in solidarity against the suggestion of the Budget Advisory Committee to halt the School of Public Policy and cut all its affiliated programs.

CC:

Co-Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, Thomas Smith

Co-Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, Gerry Bomotti

School of Public Policy Dean, Anil Deolalikar

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*Executive Vice President*

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**VOTE COUNT** - *5-0-0*

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