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TITLE	Support for 100% Renewable Energy at UCR
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WHEREAS, A [100 percent clean energy](#) future means shifting from dirty energy to completely clean energy sources wherever and however we can;

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown signed Senate Bill 100 authored by Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Kevin de León, [setting a 100 percent clean electricity goal](#) for the state but not until 2045;

WHEREAS, we are in a global climate crisis that has been [unequivocally linked to anthropogenic emissions](#) of greenhouse gases which are [irreversibly degrading our environment](#);

WHEREAS, the world's average temperature has risen 2.09°F since the 19th century, [our oceans are acidifying and warming, our glaciers retreating, sea levels rising, and natural disasters increasing](#);

WHEREAS, we must keep the rise in global temperatures below 1.5°C in order to [prevent the worst impacts of climate change](#), and it is proven that without preventative measures we are likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate;

WHEREAS, [the UN has declared our planet to be on red alert](#) because current governmental goals fall short of the Paris Agreement;

WHEREAS, burning fossil fuels, especially for power and transportation, [account for 75% of the United State's carbon dioxide emissions](#);

WHEREAS, ocean acidification and water pollution can [devastate local environments and global environments](#);

WHEREAS, increased exposure to air pollutants like, ozone, due to climate change can

[exacerbate a variety of health issues](#);

WHEREAS, fossil fuel pollution is an environmental justice issue as observed here, in Riverside, where over [42.7% of the city's latino population](#) live in areas with the most polluted air;

WHEREAS, the majority of those who are exposed to toxic air pollutants do not have equitable access to healthcare, [≥1,600,000 non-white peoples, are exposed to these particulates on a daily basis](#);

WHEREAS, the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside topped the [American Lung Association's State of the Air 2019](#) list for most ozone-polluted cities in the United States;

WHEREAS, the encroachment of warehouses in [primarily black and brown communities](#) has caused an overwhelming amount of environmental harm upon as research indicates that hazardous waste sites and industrial facilities are disproportionately built in nonwhite communities, and [people of color are exposed to higher levels of deadly air pollution](#);

WHEREAS, carbon emissions have disproportionately targeted and affected communities of color that are surrounded by large sources of air pollution; [suffering from higher rates of respiratory diseases and cancer](#), specifically those in the Inland Empire;

WHEREAS, climate change, as exacerbated by the use of fossil fuels in our power sector, can have [devastating economical impacts](#) through billions of dollars spent on recovery from natural disasters, such as wildfires and hurricanes, and the destruction of our ability to produce food;

WHEREAS, [10,000 fires burned over 4.2 million](#) acres of land in California in 2020 alone;

WHEREAS, Sweden has pledged to go [completely fossil fuel free by 2040 and Costa Rica is already using 95% clean electricity](#), proving that large scale shifts towards clean energy are possible;

WHEREAS, the [UC Carbon Offset policy](#) has been created to meet the 2025 carbon neutrality goal with minimal input from students and without a clear indication how long the University of California intends to use this temporary solution to offset carbon emissions;

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley was [the first UC to fully commit to clean energy](#);

WHEREAS, UCR has become a leader in sustainability, [installing over 9,600 solar panels and becoming number 2 systemwide in renewable energy](#);

WHEREAS, as of April 2021, 3,000 UCR students and over 19,000 UC students have signed on in support of going 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The Associated Students of UC Riverside -

- (1) Supports the 100% Renewable Energy Campaign of the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG Students).
- (2) *Let It Further Be Resolved*, ASUCR urges Governor Gavin Newsom to accelerate the SB100 goal of clean electricity from 2045 to 2030.
- (3) *Let It Further Be Resolved*, ASUCR will collaborate with CALPIRG to gain the support of campus administration, faculty, staff, and students to commit our campus to 100% renewable energy.
- (4) *Let It Further Be Resolved*, ASUCR will host a 100% renewable energy town hall inviting campus administration and elected officials to discuss the priorities of committing to 100% renewable energy at UC Riverside.
- (5) *Let It Be Further Resolved*, ASUCR urges Chancellor Kim Wilcox to commit the University of California, Riverside to 100% renewable energy.

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