

SENATE RESOLUTION
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TITLE	Resolution in Support of UAW 2865 Stop Redlining Campaign

WHEREAS, The UCR Office of the Provost made a statement that despite supplementary from Governor Newsom and the California Legislature, UCR would be anticipating a core budget reduction of approximately [\\$51 million](#).

WHEREAS, The [Highlander newspaper reported](#) in a piece titled “CHASS to sustain 11% budget cut that will result in less student support, less staff and less funding for research and graduate students” that “campuses like UCR are sustaining 20% budget cuts in some departments while other UC campuses are only experiencing a 2% cut”.

WHEREAS, in a [Campus Budget Update](#) from Chancellor Wilcox showed a recommendation from the Budget Advisory Committee that “every major organizational unit on campus - academic and non-academic - develop plans to reduce their core budgets by a range of 10-15 percent over a two-year period (FY 2021 and FY 2022)”.

WHEREAS, the [Highlander newspaper reported](#) in an article titled ““Stop Redlining”: UCR members rally against proposed budget cut”, that “While other campuses are imposed a cut of around 2-3%, the Riverside campus would receive an 8.2% cut.”.

WHEREAS, student union UAW 2865 wrote a [statement](#) to speak out against the systemic underfunding of UCR and detailed three main points that the UC Regents ought to act on which are the following: to reverse the imposed 8.2% budget cut, bring UC Riverside to funding parity with other UC campuses for instructional and student support purposes, and to meet with the UAW 2865 to discuss bargaining for the union’s contract. In this same statement, there are 11 full pages of signatories, which can be approximated to about 578 names.

WHEREAS, a [stop redlining UCR rally](#) was held on campus on October 13th, Wednesday at 11.am. to protest the 8.2% budget cut.

WHEREAS, [30 UCR Department chairs](#) sent a letter to UC's president and board in February, demanding equal state funding for the University;

WHEREAS, A [petition and letter](#) was made by leaders and faculty from the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences and was signed by approximately 1,430 people to protest against the redlining of UCR. In this petition and letter, it is stated that since the great recession in 2008, "We have worked in staggeringly understaffed and underfunded conditions since then. Yet on top of our chronic underfunding by the state, we now face an additional – and permanent – 11 percent budget cut. This is not just unsustainable financially, it is unsupportable on grounds of fairness, equity, and most importantly, of racial justice – pillars of the University of California's mission." and furthermore that "UCR's budget is made up almost entirely of salaries and benefits – in CHASS, the proportion is 98 percent. Thus any permanent budget cut inevitably is a cut in people.. although we have been able to hire additional faculty in subsequent years, our student population has grown rapidly enough to largely outpace those gains, leaving us severely overcrowded and still struggling to rebuild.".

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2019, [57%](#) of students enrolled at UCR are first generation students in comparison to the national average of 34%.

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2021, [54.7%](#) of all students enrolled at UCR are first generation students

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2021, of students that classified as "First Generation", [58.4%](#) of those students are classified as "Low Income" and [67.0%](#) are classified as "Pell Recipients"

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2021, [40.8%](#) of all students enrolled at UCR are classified as "Low Income"

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2021, of students that classified as "Low Income", [78.4%](#) of those students classified as first generation students and [86.5%](#) are classified as "Pell Recipients"

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2021, [48.2%](#) of all students enrolled at UCR are classified as "Pell Recipients"

WHEREAS, a New York Times article published in 2017 stated that UCR's median family income was [\\$68,700](#), while in contrast, other UCs, such as UC Berkeley with a median household income of [\\$119,900](#), UCLA with a median household income of [\\$104,900](#), UCSC with a median household income of [\\$105,200](#), UCSB with a median household income of [\\$105,800](#), UCI with a median household income of [\\$98,500](#), and UCSD with a median household income of [\\$82,000](#).

WHEREAS, in the [U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings](#), UCR ranks as the first best university in the nation for top performers on social mobility and is tied for the 33rd best among public universities.

WHEREAS, UCR ranks among the top [1%](#) of universities in the world.

WHEREAS, UCLA's Associated Student Government 2019-2020 allocated budget increased from [\\$9,104,376.93](#) allocated funds to [\\$9,673,609.62](#) allocated funds for the 2020-2021 School Year.

WHEREAS, according to an [article](#) reporting on a document provided by UCR officials states that in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, UC Riverside received \$8,647 per student in contrast to the the per-student state funding of UC Los Angeles \$11,545, UC Davis's \$10,385, UC Berkeley's \$10,156, UC San Diego's \$10,089, and UC Irvine's \$9,805 per student funding.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The Associated Students of UC Riverside -

- (1) Calls upon the University of California, Office of the President to reverse the imposed 8.2% budget cut
- (2) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that ASUCR will put out a statement in support of UAW 2865's Anti-Redlining Campaign .
- (3) *Let it Be Further Resolved* that ASUCR will spread awareness of the faculty petition and the UAW's petition.
- (4) *Let it Be Further Resolved* that ASUCR will create a petition in order to add signatories to ASUCR's statement in support of the Anti-Redlining Campaign.
- (5) *Let it Be Further Resolved* that ASUCR will reach out to student leaders, student organizations, and campus faculty to ask if they are willing to be added as a signature on ASUCR's statement.
- (6) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that ASUCR will communicate through infographics and posters of the current Budget cut situation to the student body.
- (7) *Let It Be Further Resolved* that ASUCR will continue to work with UAW 2865 on this campaign.
- (8) *Let It Be Finally Resolved* that ASUCR will advertise and market this campaign to the best of it's abilities to the student body in order to increase awareness and encourage students to attend the UC Regeant's meeting on November 17th and 18th to leave a public comment - whether written or verbal.

Cc:

1. University of California Office of the President Michael V. Drake
2. UC Riverside Chancellor Kim Wilcox
3. UC Riverside Provost Elizabeth Watkins
4. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
5. UC Riverside Staff Assembly President, Jeff Girod
6. Graduate Student Association President, Nichi Yes
7. The Highlander Newspaper
8. CHASS Dean
9. CNAS Dean
10. BCOE Dean
11. SPP Dean
12. School of Business Dean
13. SOE Dean

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COMMITTEE APPROVED ON - *Nov. 12th, 2021*
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SENATE APPROVED ON - *November 17th, 2021*
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