

75th Senate

Winter Session



S.R. C-01

Resolution Type:
Positional

A Resolution Requesting That the UCSB Administration Ensure Transparency Regarding the Ocean Rd. Housing Project

A resolution brought by **Senator Enri Lala** and joined by **Senator Taylor Iden** requesting that the UCSB Administration ensure transparency regarding the Ocean Rd. housing project.

WHEREAS: Students and other local stakeholders have faced significant challenges in accessing updated information regarding the Ocean Rd. housing project and its impacts on campus and Isla Vista life; and,

WHEREAS: The Ocean Rd. housing project is key to the future of the campus by providing up to 540 additional units for faculty and staff,¹ a part of a planned 1,840 added units of employee housing, in the process freeing up valuable housing options for students and other members of campus while lessening the burden on faculty and staff currently commuting from distant, more affordable areas; and,

WHEREAS: It is imperative that students, campus employees and relevant stakeholders remain fully informed and able to shape decision making on the project; and,

WHEREAS: Important questions regarding the project remain unanswered, including but not limited to: the reasons for the initial private-University

¹ [Office of the Vice Chancellor: Housing Options & Availability](#)

partnership structure's dissolution, its affordability and whether it will be available to all faculty and staff irrespective of ability to face housing costs, whether any units will be available to students, and finally its impact on surrounding infrastructure such as the iconic Pardall Bike Tunnel; and,

WHEREAS: It is the stated and solemn duty of the 75th Senate and other elected officials to fully represent students' housing interests, setting a path away from recent instances of insufficient attention to housing projects and their implications for the campus; and,

WHEREAS: Incomplete or untimely disclosures of pertinent information are not conducive to the positive working environment student leaders seek to foster with the Administration on opportunities to advance students' interests.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled,

1. Request that the UCSB Administration provide:
 - a. Current updates to the status of the Ocean Rd. housing project widely available to the student body and local stakeholders.
 - b. Continuing quarterly updates regarding the project's implementation and an up-to-date timeline for its completion in the form of reports to the ASUCSB Senate.
 - c. That the above communications include clarifications regarding the dissolution of the initial private-University structure for completing the project as well as its impact on Pardall Tunnel and surrounding infrastructure, alongside the additional questions listed above.
 - d. That these communications also include insight into how these plans fit into the larger picture of the Long Range Development Plan's objective of building 1,840 additional units of employee housing.
 - e. A town hall meeting in early Spring Quarter to address concerns raised by students, faculty, staff and local stakeholders regarding the Ocean Rd. housing project, to be repeated at least once per academic year until the project's completion.