

Senator Garcia

Zachary Garcia

- **Major:** Political Science
- **Expected Graduation Date:** N/A
- **Candidate Platform**
 - Expand EBT acceptance at SEEDS, TCC, and vending machines so students relying on food assistance can access affordable meals without barriers
 - Expand USC dining dollar use beyond campus food outlets to include laundry and dry-cleaning services in and near USC-affiliated housing and select local businesses
 - Create a partnership with Tide to offer convenient and affordable laundry services for students in USC-affiliated housing, reducing the time of maintaining clean clothing
 - Establish a partnership with Spin Scooters to ensure reliable on-campus rental availability
 - Support on-campus bike and scooter repair shops to improve accessibility and convenience for students
 - Advocate for more affordable parking permits and extending lot hours (ex: Jefferson Street past 12 a.m.)
 - Improve the LiveSafe Mobile Safety App with instant access to emergency numbers, Lyft services, and mental health contacts
 - Ensure updated gym facilities by maintaining equipment and spaces at the Village and Lyon Center
 - Collaborate with USC Basic Needs to create an accessible housing resource guide for students navigating Los Angeles' housing market
 - Coordinate with Trojan Shelter to strengthen partnerships with local housing organizations and expand financial counseling for students experiencing housing insecurity
 - Improve the Follett textbook pickup system by sending students notifications when their books are ready at the bookstore
 - Organize Follett textbook distribution at the bookstore by student last name and class to speed up the pickup process
 - Create a student-run textbook exchange where students who opt out of the Follett textbook system can buy and sell materials with each other
 - Encourage town halls for each class year with themed events and merchandise to build community
 - Expand gym snack options and vending machines to include healthier, affordable choices
 - Strengthen partnerships with the Daily Trojan to improve funding resources and collaboration with USG
 - Increase transparency in USG by interviewing elected members after each meeting and sharing updates weekly on the USG Instagram and website
 - Invite more ethnic and local businesses to participate in the weekly USC Farmers Market
 - Promote the expansion of available ATM machines across campus
 - Encourage class-specific town halls with themed events and merchandise to build community within each year
- **Candidate Statement:**

"It's nice to meet you, Trojan Family! My name is Zachary Garcia, but feel free to call me "Zack" (it just sounds right). If you remember one thing, let it be this: Zack Has Your Back. I truly mean it when I say the future of USC looks a whole lot brighter!

As I run for USG senator, my mission is best said in only three words: Affordable, Accessible, Accountable. Whether it's addressing housing or parking in an already pricey city, or finding ways to combat food insecurity, I'll always have my ear extended to the voice of our student body.

Service is the calling I live by. During my brief time at Pepperdine University, I held multiple office positions in student government — ranging from senator to specialized committee chair for accessibility. Now that I'm finally entering my senior year at USC, I look forward to continuing my stewardship with the larger Trojan Family! #ZGforSC"