

Dear LALS PhD Students:

Our department is deeply committed to supporting our graduate and undergraduate students.

Along with four hundred other UCSC faculty, many in our department have signed the Faculty Petition in Solidarity with Graduate Students. We understand and share your concerns about the high cost of living here.

We reiterate what we shared in earlier communications: as a department, we will not retaliate against any graduate student worker who chooses to participate in the wildcat strike. Future departmental decisions about your status in our program and about TA and GSI allocations will not be affected by your decisions regarding strike participation as long as you are ethical-- as we know you will be -- in your communication with faculty and students.

Please feel free to reach out to us regarding your concerns. We look forward to staying in collaborative communication.

Best,

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