Letter of Support for BSOE Graduate Students from BSOE Faculty

As faculty members we deeply value our graduate students. They are the lifeblood of the research we carry out at UCSC and without their contributions we could not fulfill our mission to provide high-quality instruction to undergraduates. We recognize that low wages, a housing shortage, and extremely high costs of living mean that UCSC graduate students struggle to make ends meet. These factors affect the overall morale, well-being, and productivity of the students we mentor, and they make it challenging to recruit graduate students to join UCSC.

We encourage the administration to engage in constructive dialogue with the student leadership. Creative solutions can only come via engagement and conversations in an environment of mutual respect. In the meantime, we reaffirm our commitment as mentors and advisors to protect and advocate for all our students' interests. We believe that doing so is what is best for our students, our labs, the school, and the university.

Sincerely,

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