



**California Faculty Association
Statement of Support for Striking UC Grad Workers**

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The California Faculty Association supports the striking graduate student TAs/Readers of UAW Local 2865 at UC Santa Cruz and other UC campuses who are demanding greater compensation for the invaluable work they provide to students, staff, and faculty within the University of California system. We encourage the University of California and the UAW to re-open contract negotiations and respond to the serious financial crisis faced by graduate students and educators across our state, as wages have not kept pace with the sky-rocketing cost of living in California. The California Faculty Association also calls for an immediate end to the unwarranted and excessive use of force by police taking place at the UCSC picket line. We recommend that the UC use its resources to seek a resolution to student demands, instead of spending these resources on a police presence that is intimidating students, dragging students off the picket lines, bloodying student faces, and hindering a peaceful resolution to this conflict.