Pledge to refuse TAships vacated by terminated graduate students

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We reject the notion that our fellow workers at UCSC should be threatened with a loss of employment, ability to feed themselves and their families, and likely loss of ability to continue in a graduate program, for expressing and acting on the undeniable fact that we are not paid a living wage.

We reject the notion that it is impossible for us and our colleagues to be relieved of the extreme rent burden we face, so that we can focus on the university’s academic missions of excellence in teaching and research.

Therefore, in order to protect our colleagues and our department, we the undersigned in Earth and Planetary Sciences pledge that if any graduate student worker is fired from their current winter quarter TA/GSI position, or is prevented from taking a spring quarter TA/GSI position due to their participation in the COLA strike, we will refuse to accept any TAship, readership, or GSIship position that has been opened in their absence.

We ask that the university negotiate in good faith to bring this strike to an end.

The university only works if faculty, staff, graduate students and undergrads work together toward a common mission of excellence in education and research. We hope to continue toward this goal together as a community.

Signed,

1. William Rush, Ph.D. Candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
2. Jacob Abrahams, PhD candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
3. Rachel Maxwell, PhD Candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
4. Mason Leandro, Ph.D Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
5. Heather Shaddox, PhD Candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
6. Holly Hermann-Sorensen, MS Student, Ocean Sciences
7. Esra Mescioglu, PhD Candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
8. Maria Hamilton, PhD Candidate, Ocean Sciences
9. Rsae Taylor-Burns, PhD student, Ocean Sciences
10. Colleen Murphy, PhD student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
11. Nick Mason, MS Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
12. Jenny Pensky, PhD student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
13. Em Schnorr, PhD Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
14. Johanna Holo, PhD Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
15. Amanda Donaldson, Ph.D. Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
17. Ryan Green, PhD Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
18. Genesis Berlanga, Ph.D. Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
19. Secana Goudy, PhD Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
20. Szilárd Gyalay, PhD Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
21. William Chapman, MS Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
22. Christina Richardson, PhD candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
23. Graham Edwards, PhD candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
24. Nicholas Zube, PhD candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences
25. Andria Greene, MS Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
26. Kristina Okamoto, PhD Student, Earth and Planetary Sciences
27. Nettie Calvin, Graduate Student, Ocean Sciences
28. Ricardo Garza-Girón, PhD candidate, Earth and Planetary Sciences