

## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF UC SANTA BARBARA GRADUATE STUDENTS

The following statement has been issued for release by Kapatirang Pilipino on behalf of its 2019-2020 CORE and general members in support of the UCSB 4 COLA movement, as UC Santa Barbara now joins UC Santa Cruz as the second University of California campus striking for a cost-of-living adjustment.

We, Kapatirang Pilipino (KP), are writing to announce our support for graduate students at UC Santa Barbara and the graduate students across the University of California system that are fighting for a cost-of-living adjustment. We recognize the important work of graduate students that critically impacts our educational experiences at UC Santa Barbara. Without graduate students, the classes that we need in order to finish our degrees could not be taught. Without graduate students, we would have comparably less opportunity to receive the academic support and mentorship that is crucial to the educational trajectory of many students. We support their efforts in demanding proper compensation for their labor.

As undergraduates of UC Santa Barbara, we support any and all graduate students' efforts to ensure their basic needs are met. In solidarity with our TAs, we demand that there is no retaliation from administration against any UCSB graduate students participating in a grading strike or full working strike. We fully rebuke any attempt on the part of the administration to frame graduate students' demand for a cost-of-living adjustment as harming undergrads. We support their fight to make the University of California a more equitable institution for all students. Furthermore, we call upon our administration to denounce the increased militarization and police brutality that is occurring on our sister campuses and affecting graduate and undergraduate students alike.

The CORE and general members of Kapatirang Pilipino stand in solidarity with graduate students at UC Santa Barbara and across the University of California system.

When one falls, we all fall, but when one rises, we all rise. Isang Bagsak!

Kapatirang Pilipino 2019-2020



## Ways to Support:

- Sign the petition in support of the COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) at UCSB
  - All the Petitions: https://ucsb4cola.org/petitions/

  - UCSB Faculty Support Petition: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUmm9MGeuBLXATdthTtvQBxX4rB">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUmm9MGeuBLXATdthTtvQBxX4rB</a>
     <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQ
  - UCSB Faculty Nonretaliation Pledge
     https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0Ji8WvjSANfAR5pib4eZg5qEGWP0
     AAMcp8kN uEJ5 -EvtA/viewform?usp=sf link
  - UCSC Solidarity Grading Strike Pledge:
     https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpD6lA\_PLs-415SX3dkLfbQKx1P-Bc uPSAEI-MeQqYR111pA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3-1fdfqufd2cEhsvrV0rEjppEwcBJ W9wVXykkql1S8nfhqHS67iHA4onU

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- Social media: @UCSB4COLA on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook
- Website Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): <a href="https://ucsb4cola.org/faq-resources/">https://ucsb4cola.org/faq-resources/</a>
- Request form to join the UCSB 4 COLA messaging platform:
   <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1HQsiVaYgHmzG0GEC17OERsYv6">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1HQsiVaYgHmzG0GEC17OERsYv6</a>
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- Emailing list: <a href="https://ucsb4cola.org/">https://ucsb4cola.org/</a>
- If you have further questions, email <u>cola.ucsb@gmail.com</u>.