

The UPTE Local 3 Executive Board supports the demand of the UCSC TA's for a Cost of Living Raise to address the economic uncertainty they face from the well-documented housing crisis in Santa Cruz County.

We applaud the extensive efforts of the striking Graduate Students to minimize the negative effects of the Grade Strike for at-risk and vulnerable undergraduate students, and commend their ability to maintain an extraordinary level of strength and solidarity throughout this process.

As members of the campus community, we deeply appreciate the intrinsic value of the Graduate Students to the mission of UC. We strongly encourage the University administration to resolve this crisis to the benefit of the TA's, and without further punitive action.

Signed,

The UPTE Local 3 Executive Board

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