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ASUCR Vice-President of External Affairs Supports UCSA Call for the UC Regents to Divest from Corporations Violating Palestinian Human Rights

On Sunday, February 8, 2015, the University of California Student Association (UCSA), which is the official voice of the student body of the University of California, passed a “Resolution Calling for the Regents to Divest from Corporations Violating Palestinian Human Rights.”

The Vice-President of External Affairs will return to Riverside proud to be part of this accomplishment by voting in favor of its passage. As the sole voting representative for the undergraduate student body of the University of California, Riverside, it is the duty of the Vice-President of External Affairs to fight for issues that affect the students on the UCR campus. It has consistently been made clear that the undergraduate student body at UCR supports divestment from the corporations violating Palestinian human rights.

First, the Senate of the Associated Students of UCR (ASUCR) voted to pass a similar divestment resolution last year with a majority vote. An overwhelming majority of students represented at this meeting were in favor of divestment and the divestment resolution carried the endorsement of a great number of diverse student organizations. Second, the Vice-President of External Affairs made his position in favor of said resolution clear prior to and during his campaign for the vice-presidency. The Vice-President of External Affairs won campaign with a significant majority, indicating the undergraduate student body’s support for this position. The same is clear for the undergraduate student government more generally through the strong victory of the progressive [YOUR]SIDE slate in the general elections.

Thus, the Vice-President of External Affairs is and will remain confident in his vote. Moreover, as a firm believer of backing up word with action, the Vice-President of External Affairs looks forward to ensuring that the UCSA remain devoted to the follow-up work critical to an effective campaign. The Vice-President of External Affairs is aware of the unfortunate reality of a Board of Regents that has a very poor record of accomplishment of respecting democratic calls by the student body of the University. Still, the Vice-President of External Affairs is hopeful that the Board of Regents will soon heed this call to divest from corporations violating Palestinian human rights. #