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ASUCSD Resolution #6
May 25, 2005

Submitted By: Neil Spears, Muir College Council Chair

Subject: Resolution in support of Proposed Hillel Center on Site 653.

The A.S. Council approved the Resolution in support of Proposed Hillel Center on Site 653.

Approved: consensus
Against: 
Abstain: 

Council Approval;
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Presidential Approval:                                                            Date for Chair of the Council

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Resolution in Favor of the Proposed Hillel Center on Site 653.

1. WHEREAS, Hillel of San Diego, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities and resources for Jewish students to explore and celebrate their Jewish identity, is proposing to construct a Hillel Center on the corner of La Jolla Village Drive and La Jolla Scenic Way, designated by the City of San Diego as Site 653; and,

2. WHEREAS, the San Diego City Council is scheduled to vote in the coming weeks on the construction of the proposed Hillel Center on Site 653; and,

3. WHEREAS, Hillel of San Diego is currently in negotiations with the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) to purchase unused parking spaces when demand for parking spaces at the Hillel Center will peak; and,

4. WHEREAS, a similar parking agreement is already in place between the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego and UCSD; and,

5. WHEREAS, a major report from the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles indicates that college students are increasingly seeking places to connect religiously and spiritually;

6. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed Hillel Center on Site 653 will enable Hillel of San Diego to better address the spiritual needs of UCSD students while not violating the separation of church and state; and,

7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of UCSD (ASUCSD) unequivocally support the construction of the Hillel Center on Site 653 and urge the City Council to approve its construction; and,

8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUCSD implores Chancellor Marye Anne Fox to take an active and visible stance in supporting Hillel's acquisition of Site 653 and approval of its development permits with the City Council; and,

9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUCSD finds the proposed parking agreement between Hillel of San Diego and UCSD to be beneficial for students who will be able to easily access the Hillel Center, for neighbors who will not have to worry about students parking on nearby streets, and for the University, which will benefit from the income earned by selling parking spaces that would otherwise go unfilled; and,

10. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUCSD urges all UCSD administrators to approve the proposed contract to sell parking spaces to Hillel of San Diego so that students may fully enjoy and utilize the Hillel Center.