2005-2006 ASUCSD Resolution # 17 March 8, 2006

Submitted By:	Neil Spears, Chair of Muir College Council		
Subject:	Resolution Re Site 653	eaffirming Support fo	or the Proposed Hillel Center on
The A.S. Council approved the Resolution Reaffirming Support for the Proposed Hillel Center on Site 653. Document Attached.			
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## Resolution Reaffirming Support for the Proposed Hillel Center on Site 653

- 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 delayed a September 27, 2005 vote on the construction of the proposed Hillel Center on Site 653; and,
- 3. WHEREAS, the City Council will likely vote on the final approval of the construction of the Hillel Center in spring; and,
- 4. WHEREAS, the neighbors near Site 653 have voiced concerns over the proposed Hillel Center's impact on parking in the neighborhood, noise, and transformation of the neighborhood; and,
- 5. WHEREAS, Hillel of San Diego continues to engage in good-faith discussions with neighbors to explore ways to modify construction plans that will mitigate voiced concerns; and,
- 6. WHEREAS, Hillel of San Diego has signed an agreement 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,
- 7. WHEREAS, UCSD Campus Community Planner Milton J. Phegley, on behalf of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Joseph Watson, stated that the proposed Hillel Center will "undoubtedly be beneficial to UCSD students" but that the University "has chosen not to become involved in advocacy"; and,
- 8. 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; and,
- 9. WHEREAS, 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:
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of UCSD (ASUCSD) reaffirm their unequivocal support for the construction of the Hillel Center on Site 653 and urge the City Council to approve its construction; and,
- 11. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUCSD implores Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and the administration to revisit the University's decision not to advocate for the construction of the Hillel Center.