



April 13, 2018

TO: Drew Calandrella, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

RE: Results of CALPIRG Voluntary Fee Referendum

During the 2018 General AS Elections, undergraduate students enrolled at UC San Diego voted on and approved a referendum to allow continuation of a voluntary fee for CALPIRG. Voting occurred April 9-13, 2018, and the ballot contained the following question:

CALPIRG Referendum

Do you support the continuation of the voluntary student fee of \$10 per student, per quarter collected to support CALPIRG Students (California Public Interest Research Group)? This fee will not be assessed during summer sessions.

CALPIRG Students is a student-directed and student-funded organization on campus that does advocacy, education, grassroots organizing, and research for the public interest on campus, statewide, and nationally. CALPIRG Students works to defend the environment, protect consumers, and promote civic engagement.

If this referendum is approved, CALPIRG Students will continue to collect pledges via the student registration process. Only students who authorize to individually pledge such contribution will be assessed the fee. After a student opts in, the fee will be collected quarterly for the duration of the student's undergraduate enrollment at UC San Diego, unless the student affirmatively revokes the pledge by written request to CALPIRG Students or UC San Diego Student Business Services.

Statement of Conditions:

1. The collection of such voluntary contributions through the University's agency for support of the programs and activities of CALPIRG Students does not constitute sponsorship or endorsement by the University.
2. Execution of this referendum is contingent on a current contract between the Vice Chancellor Student Affairs and CALPIRG Students; or their designee
3. If Associated Students determines a subsequent referendum is needed to gauge student support for CALPIRG Students, or, if by the end of the final billing cycle of any academic year the percent of students having pledged equals less than 10% of undergraduates registered for that academic year, a referendum regarding the continuation of this voluntary student contribution pledge system will be placed on the ballot of the next ASUCSD election held in compliance with UCSD regulations.

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4. Voluntary student contributions shall not be considered in determining a student's need for financial aid.

In order for this referendum to be valid, it required the number of students casting ballots to equal or exceed 20% of the registered, affected student population. It also requires that the number of affirmative votes exceed half the total votes cast on the specific referendum in question and abstentions cast.

A total of 26,808 students were eligible to vote in this election, and 7,423 (27.69%) participated. There were 3,796 (58.0%) affirmative votes, and 2,744 (42.0%) negative votes.

I have certified that the 2018 General Election has concluded that the CALPIRG Referendum has passed.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Nguyen', written over a horizontal line.

Michelle Nguyen
Associated Students Election Manager