AS Resolution Advocating to Immediately Defund the UCSDPD and Committing to Abolish the UCPD

WHEREAS, UC San Diego has a history of racism and discrimination against Black and other minority students, most notably the infamous 2010 “Compton Cookout” and, more recently, the incident of repeated racist Zoom bombing on May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, UCPD has engaged in especially concerning practices this year, including: supporting local police departments across the state, especially in Oakland, in fighting against protests in the wake of the murder of George Floyd; coordinating with local police departments, especially in Santa Cruz, to suppress and surveil student demonstrators during the COLA wildcat strikes and related actions; and working with local police departments, especially in Los Angeles, to provide space for the detainment of demonstrators arrested while protesting the murder of George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, the ASUCSD recognizes the slow movement of the UC system in abolishing the UCPD, and thus wants to hold UCSD accountable in preventing racist and violent policing by the UCSDPD, and encouraging defunding efforts, until the UC system takes action; and

WHEREAS, major American cities such as Minneapolis have committed to redirecting police funding to resource programs for vulnerable communities, serving as an example for others and the UC; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a history of systemic racism and imperialism, especially within its policing system;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of UC San Diego (ASUCSD) condemns in the strongest terms anti-Blackness, racial violence, and bias by the UC and its associated entities; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCSD reaffirms its commitment to the Corporate Responsibility Resolution and encourages UCSD at large to do the same; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCSD shall prioritize its work with organizations such as the Black Student Union, the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and others, while also encouraging partnership opportunities such as offering assistance to the Afrikan Black Coalition conference, to rectify the racial injustices that have long been present on our campus and in our local community; and
THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUCSD Office of External Affairs Minority Representation Caucus will develop a report of anti-Blackness and police misconduct on campus to demand that tangible changes are enforced by UCSDPD and campus administration to ensure that a safer environment is created for students returning to campus; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUCSD shall work diligently to acquire and publicize the records of the UCSDPD budget in order to increase transparency and allow for student inspection on what can be defunded so that money can return to UCSD campus efforts whilst ensuring that campus safety is still a priority.