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INTRODUCTION

A MESSAGE FROM THE ELECTIONS COUNCIL

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, University, local, state, and federal responses have forced students to adapt to online classes, social distancing measures, and uncertainty regarding housing and basic needs. These circumstances pose unique and unforeseen hardships on all Berkeley students, whether still on campus or living elsewhere. We acknowledge that current situations are far less than ideal, and that the upcoming ASUC Election might not be at the forefront of many students' thoughts.

However, we recognize that robust and representative student leadership and advocacy is vital to ensuring that all Cal students have a voice at the table, now and for years and generations to come. It is for this reason that we have continued the 2020 ASUC Election process in spite of ongoing events in order to preserve the integrity of our independent student government. Nevertheless, in keeping with the guidance of University, government, and public health officials, the Elections Council has implemented some key measures in order to ensure the safety of all those involved in the elections process. These measures include the closure of all planned on-campus in-person polling operations and the exclusive use of online voting mechanisms. All students eligible to vote in the 2020 ASUC Election will be able to do so online at asuc.org/elections. Instructions on how to vote can be found on page 3 of the Voter Guide.

We appreciate your patience and we want to applaud the work that so many students have continued to accomplish even in the face of this public health emergency, whether on the Elections Council, in the Elections Office, or on the campaign trail.

Sincerely,

James Weichert
Elections Council Chair

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RESOURCES

Berkeley-Specific Health Information
[uhs.berkeley.edu/
coronavirus-covid-19-information](https://uhs.berkeley.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-information)

COVID-19 Public Health Information
cdc.gov/coronavirus

2020 ASUC Elections Information
asuc.org/elections

HOW TO VOTE

ONLINE VOTING

Through CalLink

- 1) Go to asuc.org/elections and click on the "Vote" button
- 2) Log in using your CalNet ID and password
- 3) Fill out the online ballot and submit your vote!

You must submit your vote by 11:59PM PST on April 8, 2020.

Online Provisional Ballots

If you are unable to log into CalLink, you may cast an online provisional ballot pursuant to ASUCBL 4103.

To cast a provisional ballot:

- 1) Go to asuc.org/elections/provisional and click on the "Cast A Provisional Ballot" button
- 2) Fill out the online ballot and upload an image of either:
 - a) Your CalCard (Front and Back), OR
 - b) A government ID and a University document showing your Student ID number.
- 3) Submit your vote!

You must submit your vote by 11:59PM PST on April 8, 2020.

If you experience any difficulties voting, please email elections@asuc.org

WHAT IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

The ASUC uses ranked choice voting as the method to vote and tabulate votes for its elected officials. Voters can rank candidates in order of preference on the ballot, ranking as few or as many candidates as they wish. In counting votes, we use the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) method for executive officer elections and the Transfer Student Representative election and the Single Transferable Vote (STV) method for the Senate election.

Instant Runoff Voting (IVR)

Using Instant Runoff Voting, if no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes, then the candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated from the race. That candidate's votes are transferred to their next ballot preference. This method simulates an election with multiple runoff rounds. With the Instant Runoff Voting method, all winners are elected by majority vote.

Single Transferable Voting (STV)

A Single Transferable Voting system uses a similar method as Instant Runoff Voting and applies it to a multi-seat race (i.e. the ASUC Senate). It guarantees that seats are awarded proportional to a group's vote share. For example, if a group of candidates receives 30% of the overall vote they will receive about 30% of the seats. STV allows candidates to represent a diverse array of communities and doesn't require alignment with traditional districts like residential houses or colleges. Single Transferable Voting guarantees an election result that is representative of our student body's diversity.

Learn More:

Instant Runoff Voting: bit.ly/instantrunoff
Single Transferable Voting: bit.ly/singletransfer

VOTER'S RIGHTS

Voters, it's time to elect students to represent you in the ASUC, UC Berkeley's independent student government.

In order to ensure a fair election, the Elections Council enforces the campaign rules and regulations listed in the 4000-series of the ASUC Bylaws (tinyurl.com/asuc-bylaws).

Important Elections Regulations:

- 1) Candidates may not campaign in Units 1, 2, 3, Foothill, Blackwell, Stern, Clark Kerr Campus, Maximino Martinez Commons, or any other dormitory or residence hall owned by the University* or in any University-operated Dining Commons.
- 2) You and/or your group have the right to object to a candidate claiming your or your group's endorsement.
- 3) You have the right to classrooms (whether in-person or online), libraries, and University buildings that are free from campaign materials. **
- 4) You have the right to travel through campus unimpeded. Candidates may not persistently block any entrance or tight space on campus.
- 5) You have the right against candidates spamming you with listserv emails. ***
- 6) You have the right not to be campaigned to while voting.

If you encounter any violations of these regulations, please document the evidence and contact Elections Prosecutor Ryan Ham at electionsprosecutor@asuc.org.

For updates on the ASUC Election, visit asuc.org/elections or fb.com/asucelections

* This right does not limit posting on campus public access bulletin boards and kiosks, or Residence Hall room doors and windows with all residents' permission.

* This right does not limit posting on public access bulletin boards and kiosks within University buildings.

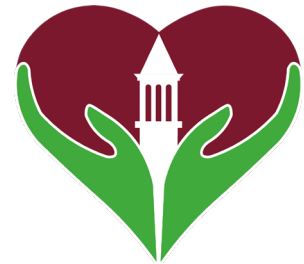
*** Provided that the email does not fall under one of the following conditions:

- a. The candidate has a pre-existing relationship with the recipient(s);
- b. The candidate has permission from the leadership of the organization; or
- c. The candidate is a member of the organization.

WELLNESS PACT

2020 VOLUNTARY WELLNESS HONOR PACT

The Voluntary Wellness Honor Pact (VWHP) is a voluntary and unenforceable agreement signed by candidates and parties, which proposes a set of guidelines for the elections season. The Pact is meant to encourage candidates and their affiliates to prioritize their health and well-being during the rigorous campaign season. As a part of the process of developing the VWHP for the 2020 ASUC elections, the Elections Council has sought to consult with ASUC elected officials, parties, and campus community members in order to strengthen our collective commitment to ensuring a productive and fair elections season.



2020 VWHP Guidelines

- 1) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals (campaign staff and organizers) shall limit 'hard campaigning' to the week following spring break and the week of the election (3/30/20 - 4/8/20).
- 2) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals shall suspend campaign activities between 1:00pm and 6:00pm on the Wednesday of the first week following spring break (4/1/20).
- 3) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals shall refrain from campaigning on Upper Sproul Plaza during a one-hour lunch break on each day of hard campaigning. The time of the lunch break may be determined independently by each campaign.
- 4) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals shall refrain from posting on social media platforms for one hour each day of hard campaigning. The time of the social media break may be determined independently by each campaign.
- 5) Candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals shall not use chalking as a mode of campaigning on any public areas in the U.C. Berkeley campus or the City of Berkeley.
- 6) Each candidate shall spend within their limits and avoid putting themselves at any financial risk.
- 7) Each candidate will be asked to meet with their academic counselor, including EOP counseling if applicable, once before the Point of No Return (defined as a separate meeting after the Mandatory Elections Meeting on March 17th) to discuss ways to ensure the candidate's academic success during the campaigning season.

- 8) Each candidate will be asked to attend 1-2 counseling sessions at the TANG center during the months of March and April to assess their mental health and well-being and discuss ways to ensure their positive mental health and well-being during the election season.
- 9) Each candidate shall be encouraged to attend an optional workshop hosted by the Elections Council and Mental Health Commission to discuss methods of uplifting mental health and wellness, especially during the campaign season.
- 10) Each candidate shall set aside at least 10 minutes a day to practice self-care.
- 11) Candidates and affiliated individuals affirm that academics must be prioritized over any ASUC campaign, and commit themselves to attending to their academic responsibilities before attending to their campaign activities.
- 12) Candidates, parties and affiliated individuals shall not forsake academic responsibilities for campaigning activities.
- 13) Candidates and affiliated individuals shall not use the ASUC election or campaigning as an excuse to miss or fall behind on classes or assignments.
- 14) Candidates are encouraged to use academic advising and support resources available to them through the University, their college, or their major department.
- 15) Candidates, parties and affiliated individuals shall respect each other and other students, and shall refrain from denigrating or disparaging members of the campus community, including other candidates.
- 16) Candidates, parties and affiliated individuals affirm that the spirit of the ASUC election is to uplift the voices of fellow students and to advocate for positive change on campus. Therefore, candidates and parties shall refrain from any form of 'negative' campaigning aimed at attacking another campaign or candidate.
- 17) Candidates, parties and affiliated individuals recognize that not every student shares the same level of interest in ASUC affairs. Therefore, candidates and campaigns shall refrain from harassing or badgering students.
- 18) Association members likewise recognize the effort and hard work that candidates, parties, and affiliated individuals put into their campaign, and shall make a good-faith effort to respect those efforts by being polite to campaign staff.

Read More: tinyurl.com/vwhp-2020



This heart indicates that a candidate has signed the 2020 Voluntary Wellness Honor Pact

PROPOSITIONS

Vote **“YES”**, **“NO”**, or **“ABSTAIN”**

The Class Pass Student Fee Renewal

A renewal of the current Class Pass fee will continue to provide unlimited access for undergraduates and graduate students not enrolled in online-only self-supporting degree programs on AC Transit (local and transbay, including service to San Francisco and the Peninsula) and the campus shuttles (e.g. Perimeter & Hill shuttles), including the Night Safety Shuttles, and allow the reestablishment of a campus shuttle line in the reverse direction of the Perimeter line for the duration of the fee (3 years), effective Fall 2020, with a \$15.00 increase in the per-semester fee (from 2019 levels of \$80.00 per semester to \$95.00 per semester) including of the total fee being returned to financial aid semesterly. If the Class Pass fee is not approved, undergraduate and graduate students will need to purchase fares from AC Transit at the standard rates to access AC Transit service and Bear Transit service will be severely reduced. Do you approve of this fee?

Graduate Student Government

Independence

***Proposition Only for Graduate Students**

The Graduate Assembly (GA) operates as U.C. Berkeley’s graduate student government. However, the GA is technically a subsidiary of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC), which operates as and is recognized across campus as the undergraduate student government. Berkeley is the only school in the U.C. system with combined undergraduate and graduate student government organizations. The combined structure has led to a great deal of conflict between the ASUC and the GA. Two years ago, after a year of study, the GA Delegates - representatives from graduate programs across campus - voted unanimously to separate the GA from the ASUC. They found that without separation, graduate students would continue to be disadvantaged by the ASUC’s party system and election structure; would continue to lack ultimate control over how their student fees are spent; would continue to be unable to secure equitable access to campus spaces controlled by the ASUC; and would continue to be unable to have independent legal counsel when negotiating agreements between student government and campus. The GA requested that the ASUC cooperate in its separation, but the ASUC has questioned whether the GA’s vote really represents the graduate student body. So we’re asking you, the graduate student body, to let us know. We think we should be independent. Do you agree?

PARTIES

Party Names for Identification Purposes Only.
Parties may be freely formed by any students. Party names do not imply any affiliation with or endorsement by any person, organization, living group, or academic department unless otherwise noted. Views expressed by parties are not shared by the University or by the ASUC.



Rebuild

The ASUC* has had a tumultuous few years. At its best, our two-party system should provide students with meaningful competition when selecting their representatives. But today, this system isn't working. The consequence? A series of controversies that have traumatized our most marginalized students and broken students' trust in their own association. The REBUILD coalition was created so that the next generation of dedicated, principled, radical student leaders had the support they needed to run for office. This coalition is required by elections bylaws to establish itself as a party, but it will do that for this election, and this election only. After the election, REBUILD will dissolve, our winning candidates will become independent, and then — and only then — will our coalition decide on what the future holds. All of our candidates have committed to the following principles: 1) Fight against oppression, anywhere and everywhere, including in the UC system, in California, in the U.S., and around the world, including in Palestine and in Kashmir; 2) Challenge oneself to be a proactive ally and accomplice to all marginalized campus communities — especially those who are systematically underrepresented and underserved in the UC system, UC Berkeley, and the ASUC* — and take criticism from members of those communities as an opportunity to improve; and 3) Push the UC system and other major decision-makers to move toward equity and inclusion, climate justice, sustainability, basic needs security, mental and physical wellness, restorative justice, immigrant rights, and labor rights. *Titles for identification purposes only.

People's Party



We look to increase the voice of Transfer Students on this campus but we also seek to ensure that we have fair representation for all. Our party stands for diversity, fairness for all, and ensuring that nobody is left uncounted or unrepresented in the ASUC.



Student Action

No Statement Submitted.



DAAP FIRE

As a pandemic spreads across the world, humanitarian crisis follows in its wake. The willful ignorance, misinformation, obstruction of mass testing, and naked appeals to anti-Chinese racism, of Donald Trump, in response to the virus, puts in danger the well-being and lives of the American people. The Defend Affirmative Action Party/ Fighting for Immigrant Rights and Equality (DAAP FIRE), is running to make the ASUC an independent fighting student union and the organizing center of the new immigrant rights, civil rights movement. Our campus can be crucial to getting Trump out of office, protecting the well-being of our co-students, and reversing his attacks against immigrants, minorities, women and the American people generally. DAAP FIRE, is twenty-one years old and has held office multiple times in our history. DAAP FIRE candidates throughout the years have played leading roles in struggles to double underrepresented minority student enrollment at UC Berkeley, in defense of affirmative action, for full and equal rights of immigrants, and the defense of public education from k-12 to colleges and universities. Our candidates have successfully built struggle against rape and sexual assault at UCB, and led the fight to shut down the Ann Coulter event last semester. These times demand courage. Candidates, who cannot, in words or actions, take a stand for free mass testing for Coronavirus – including for those without symptoms, the full citizenship rights of immigrants, and call for the resignation or removal of Donald Trump, shouldn't hold office. Vote DAAP FIRE, fight to win!

CANDIDATES

Statements and opinions expressed by candidates are not shared by the University or by the ASUC. All titles are for identification purposes only.

Candidates are listed in the order they appear on the ballot.

PRESIDENT

The President of the ASUC serves as the chief representative of the Association and is charged with the duty of monitoring the health and well-being of the Association and the student body that it represents. The President has the power of veto over legislative actions of the ASUC Senate (which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Senate) and may direct by Executive Order the taking of actions that are urgent and necessary to maintain the function of the ASUC.



STEPHANIE GUTIERREZ ❤️

DAAP FIRE | BAMN organizer

I'm running with DAAP FIRE for President to make the ASUC the organizing center of the Immigrant and Civil Rights movement on campus. The ASUC should be leading the fight to force Donald Trump to resign or be removed. We can defend DACA and make UCB a sanctuary for immigrants by declaring Eshleman Hall a sanctuary and mobilizing mass community defense guards, to combat ICE raids and deportations. We will mobilize students to demand a massive increase in federal and state funding to provide structural solutions to the economic crises facing students. Instead of putting our faith in admins and politicians, students must come together to stop the acceleration of hate and violence that litters our campus and country. We CAN win. I saw the movement's power when over 2,500 of us shut down white supremacist Ann Coulter. Thousands of us shut down the alt-right and Nazi's my freshman year, first at MLK Park, then when we ran out Milo Yiannopoulos from our campus. As a Latina feminist of immigrant parents, I'm running DAAP FIRE to lead the ASUC to confront issues that affect the safety and well-being of women, POC, and underrepresented minority, low-income, LGBTQ+, Muslim, and immigrant people on campus, across the nation, and globally. We need to restore Affirmative Action. Berkeley is famous for its historic political movements and the world is waiting to follow our leadership. With clear demands, strategies, and solutions supported by a fervorous student body, we can make UCB an egalitarian institution.



HAAZIM AMIRALI ❤️

Student Action | ASUC Senator

My name is Haazim Amirali and I currently serve as an ASUC Senator working on solutions to issues in residential life, the pre-law community, and ASUC accountability. For me, running for ASUC President* is about re-envisioning a student-facing ASUC, one that extends an arm to grassroots organizers who are left out of the conversation and levers our connections to admin to help make large-scale change for students all over campus. My Platforms Are: Diversity and Inclusion: Bringing Leaders and Activists in Marginalized Groups directly into Administrative Conversations, Including Diversity Training (Anti-Blackness, Islamophobia, Homophobia/Transphobia, Anti-Semitism) in GBO/RSO Training, Continuing to Fund Cultural Organizations, Prioritizing Community Resource Centers in ASUC Budget Task* Force Advocacy Safety and Climate: Improving Campus Institutional Resilience, Supporting Survivors, Collaborating on Efforts to Implement Restorative Justice into Campuswide Policy (and in the ASUC*), Bridging the Divide Between Students and Admin in Crisis Response Student Experience: Enhancing Career and Community Development in GBO, Holding the University Accountable for its Treatment of Undergraduate and Graduate Workers, Engaging with the Career Center to Improve Career Services for Disadvantaged Communities, Working with the Transfer Representative to ensure that Transfers & Non-Traditional Students, Have Better Access to Work-Study Jobs and Professional Development Resources Wellness: Teaming up with the Basic Needs Center to Expand Their Resources to Campus Housing (Res Halls, Co-Ops, and Greek Life), Expanding ASUC* Advocacy around DSP policy & Career Opportunities, Continuing to Hold the University Accountable to Affordable Transfer Housing and Seismically-Safe Buildings Outlined in the Long Range Development Plan



VICTORIA VERA ❤️

Independent | Chair, ASUC Diversity Affairs Commission

I AM HERE because of the sacrifices my family made for me to further my education. I AM HERE as a first-generation Chicana feminist. I AM HERE as a product of immigrant farmworkers who dreamt of a better life. I AM HERE because the Association* needs to be held accountable for their actions and lack of actions thereof. I AM HERE because students should have adequate access to resources to help them thrive and not just survive during their time at UC Berkeley*. I AM HERE because this university costs way too damn much and the conversation around financial aid should be evolving. I AM HERE because of financial aid. I AM HERE because marginalized students are continually shut out from conversations that impact them. I AM HERE because the Association* is not diverse. I AM HERE because I want to ignite and empower students. My name is Victoria Vera and I am running for ASUC President*. I am running because it is time that the Association* be accountable, fight for accessibility, and promote affordability on this campus. For too long the voices of marginalized groups have been shut down and shut out. The student experience on this campus varies depending on external factors like race, socio-economic situation, sexual orientation, religious background, immigration status, etc. It is time that the Association* fight for students but also bring them to the table to have these conversations with campus officials. I am here. What are you here for? *Titles for Identification Purposes

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The ASUC Executive Vice President (EVP) is the chief internal and operations officer of the ASUC. In addition to chairing and organizing the Senate, the EVP manages student activity spaces, works with student organizations to increase services for the student body, and oversees ASUC commercial activities including the Cal Student Store, Lower Sproul Vendors, and Event Services in collaboration with the ASUC Student Union.



ASHLEY CARRILLO ❤️

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Organizer

I am running with DAAP FIRE as Executive Vice President to fight, expose, and take action against racism, sexism, sexual harassment, anti-LGBTQ+, and all degradation and second-class treatment on the UC Berkeley campus. As Executive VP, I will mobilize community defense guards to make Eshelman Hall a sanctuary for immigrants, fortified by the support of the ASUC and the student body, to stop ICE raids and deportations. Additionally, I will utilize the ASUC resources to build a student-led movement to pressure the UC administrators to immediately double Latinx, Black, Native American and other underrepresented minority student enrollment to proportionately reflect California's diverse population. We could do this by eliminating racist standardized testing, like the SAT and ACT, used by the UC system and by restoring affirmative action. We, the students of UC Berkeley, have the power to make UCB a model for all universities in the nation in the fight for immigrant rights and equality. We have demonstrated our power when 2,500 students mobilized to protest white supremacist Ann Coulter and prevented the emboldening of racist Trump supporters from carrying out violence against students and the community on campus. As a transfer student, first generation student, Latinx, feminist woman, I am deeply committed to the fight for the rights of my community and other marginalized communities. As Executive VP, I will be our advocate. Together, we could make UC Berkeley a catalyst in the movement to fight against the Trump Administration, inspiring the world to follow in our footsteps.



MELVIN TANGONAN (He/Him) ❤️

Student Action | ASUC Senator

The Executive Vice-President is beyond a one person job- it is an opportunity to help student organizations, from different backgrounds, navigate ASUC resources and spaces on campus, and especially prioritize the voices that come from underserved communities. I am running to be your next ASUC Executive Vice-President, but I am also running for more than that - I am running to lead an office that will create a space to uplift students voices. This office goes beyond my goals and interest, it is about creating change and transformative actions that represent the student voices. I am here to fight for students on this campus on the issues and concerns you have. As a candidate for the ASUC Executive Vice-President, I hope to enhance the support for all student organizations to increase sprouling reform efforts, increase outreach efforts to ease the funding allocation process and create a central reservation system so student organizations can have easier access when reserving spaces for their events. I want to also improve the funding allocation of the University and the ASUC so students can utilize the resources that were supposed to serve them, and expand the University's Student Services so it could be more accessible for every student. I believe that together, we have the power to create change and make an impact on this campus - towards a more equitable and inclusive future.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT

The External Affairs Vice President (EAVP) represents the ASUC on issues external to the campus and the Association – working with Berkeley city government, lobbying state officials, and sitting on the University of California Students Association Board of Directors.



DEREK IMAI (He/Him) ❤️

Rebuild | ASUC Senator

Derek is a passionate advocate, public health enthusiast, lobbyist, and a current ASUC Senator*; he is beyond excited to be running as your next External Affairs Vice President. During his three years at UC Berkeley, he has gained a strong comprehension of navigating multiple spheres of governance, but most importantly learned how to lead political change in each. Last summer, he spent his time in Washington, D.C. working for a national non-profit organization, AAPCHO, where he learned the advocacy skills necessary to build strong campaigns to fight harmful policies like inadmissibility on public charge grounds. Currently, he serves as a Community Health Commissioner* for the City of Berkeley and as an ASUC Senator*--where he advocated to stop the closure of Alta Bates, collaborated to spread awareness about the 2020 Census, and opposed the UC Regents' current proposal to raise tuition. Derek will continue to advocate on the issues he has been fighting for, and will use his experience to amplify his other platform goals. He will strengthen voting accessibility and creative outreach to secure strong turnout for the upcoming general election, and will support students in pushing progressive progress on the hill beyond voting. He will advocate to construct more affordable housing. He will organize alongside underrepresented communities, and expand current student advocacy issue areas. Lastly, he will build a larger, more inclusive advocacy network to strengthen our fight for affirmative action and to make our UCs more affordable and accessible.



AUGUSTO GONZALEZ ❤️

People's Party | Bringing transfer representation to ASUC

If elected, I promise to make the ASUC the home of every student on campus, meeting with constituents regularly to address the concerns that they have and to sponsor legislation and take actions and will best benefit the student community as a whole. At the end of the day, we are all in this fight together. No matter who you are, no matter where you come from. We are all students. We all have the same needs the same concerns, and the same goals. Let us come together and find what joins us, not what divides us. This election year, let's choose a government that holds itself accountable to its voters. Let's continue the proud legacy of our university in showing tolerance in diversity. Let's continue to fight for what we believe in. For the tuition rates that continue to climb. For the deteriorating living conditions our students face. For the issues in Sacramento and Washington and in every world capital that we alone don't stand a chance at. Let's come together and make this our year of change. I ask for your vote so that we can make this possible. It is our future. Let us seize it together.



ABEL DE LA CRUZ (He/Him) ❤️

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Organizer/
Anthropology Major

As a leader in the civil rights organization BAMN*, I have worked to defend the rights and equality of marginalized communities; from keeping our communities safe by organizing the mass militant confrontation of white supremacists like Ann Coulter, to fighting for the rights of asylum seekers and DACA students, and building a movement to empower survivors to name and drive rapists off our campus. DAAP FIRE will utilize the ASUC as an organizing center for the movement to defend immigrant rights by making Eshleman Hall an immigrant sanctuary and mobilizing community defense guards to stop ICE from kidnapping our people. As External Affairs VP, I will organize mobilizations of students to protest at school board and UC regents meetings, and Sacramento in the fight to fully fund public education for all students in California, stop the privatization of higher education and fight to win a Cost of Living Adjustment for all while demanding reinstatement of fired grad student strikers. I will organize “Don’t Walk on By” campaigns in neighborhoods throughout the Bay Area, to organize community defense guards to block ICE raids and deportations. I will work to restore affirmative action and demand the immediate doubling of Latinx, African American, Native American and other minority student enrollment, and proportional representation of minority student groups on campus to reflect California’s population. I am proud to be a leader in the growing student movement at UCB. *Titles for identification purposes only.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT

The Academic Affairs Vice President (AAVP) manages students' relationship with the Academic Senate and campus faculty. This includes appointing students to Academic Senate and other campus committees, as well as regularly meeting with campus officials who oversee undergraduate academic initiatives. In addition, the AAVP manages the distribution of ASUC scholarships and grants.



REILANI GERVACIO ❤️

DAAP FIRE | California

I am running for academic affairs vice president with DAAP FIRE to represent and fight for all sectors of our university student body in our academic community. I want to include and support more communities like our student immigrants, LGBTQ+, DSP students, and underrepresented students who do not have enough support in their mental, financial, or physical aspects of their student lives. It is my goal to make it a university norm to be inclusive, compassionate, and understanding of all diversity. My organization will not only stand with our university students, but will actively support their communities through movements like making Eshleman hall a sanctuary for immigrants seeking refugee. I will push for a more inclusive education system through changes in standardized testing, grading structures, and university academic policies that do not support student diversity and student lifestyle enough. I have already witnessed the success of the impact that we have made through our COLA movement as another push against Trump's exclusive system. We are aware that not every student is given the same opportunities as others based on their demographic and school systems and we want to make sure that these students are given the opportunities, support, and safety to grow in the most efficient way through the UC Berkeley student support system. By pushing for more movements like these and supporting organizations like mine, we will be able to make a difference in our school system in all its sectors.



NICOLE ANYANWU (She/Her) ❤️

Rebuild | ASUC Senator

Nicole Anyanwu is a third-year, pre-medical student majoring in Molecular Environmental Biology at UC Berkeley. Nicole currently serves as an ASUC Senator*, tackling issues related to campus wellness, diversity and inclusion, basic needs, and sexual health/violence, and previously served as External Community Outreach Director under AAVP Melany Amarikwa*. Nicole has lobbied both in Sacramento and D.C. on issues related to mental health, sexual violence, and basic needs, and has been a firm advocate of mental health service expansion. She has written grants to increase accessibility to renovated, commercial-grade fitness centers on-campus, and to allow diverse counselors to interface with their respective communities. Her “Real Talk” Series has bridged campus barriers to exchange and has altered the narrative around discussing serious issues like relationships, stress, and mental health. Her advocacy for communities and their efforts has been unwavering, and in her time working within the ASUC she has garnered both the institutional knowledge and connections necessary to implement actionable change on this campus. The ASUC and UC Berkeley are toxic because they do not serve all students, are uninviting because they are not diverse, and inaccessible because they don’t prioritize wellness. Student narratives have shaped the new direction of the office. Nicole envisions an AAVP Office that ensures academic excellence for all, diversifies the campus landscape, embraces holistic wellness, and advocates on both campus and state-wide levels.

To view her statement on candidacy visit: <https://tinyurl.com/State-Nicole4AAVP>

To view her extended platforms visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Nicole4AAVP>

* Titles for Identification Purposes Only

STUDENT ADVOCATE

The ASUC Student Advocate's Office (SAO) – effectively the campus public defender – is an executive, non-partisan office of the student government at UC Berkeley. The Student Advocate offers representation, help, and advice to any student or student group involved in a dispute with the University.



JOYCE HUCHIN (They/She) ❤️

Independent | SAO Chief of Staff

I am running as an independent, non-partisan candidate for Student Advocate*. Six semesters of dedication to the ASUC Student Advocate's Office (SAO)* provides me with the experience, knowledge, and skills to excel as Student Advocate*. As SAO Chief of Staff*, I worked to create policies and partnerships to better serve the needs of students. I assisted with the 2019 Basic Needs Referendum campaign and with the implementation of the funds from this student fee. I helped institutionalize the Rental Assistance Program, which provides financial support to students facing housing insecurity. I also served as SAO's Financial Aid Policy Coordinator*. In this role, I organized the 2018 Winter Break Housing program for students facing displacement, and I led the writing of a grant proposal that secured \$30,000 to create a fund for students with dependents. I then created and implemented a structure to award students through the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. As an SAO caseworker*, I advised students through financial aid appeals and processes, oftentimes assisting students facing basic needs insecurities. As Student Advocate*, I will enhance the free and confidential casework service SAO* provides to help more undergraduate and graduate students receive assistance related to academics, financial aid, conduct, and grievances.

*All titles are for identification purposes only



ISABEL PENMAN (She/Her) ❤️

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Organizer

The Student Advocate is the elected representative of students, on behalf of the ASUC, in disputes with the administration, faculty, and other students. This means that the Student Advocate's office must stop being an extension of the UC Administration. My most important goal, if elected, will be to use the office to mobilize students to directly protect and defend the most marginalized and at-risk students on this campus, from administration abuses. Direct action will be taken against racism, sexism, anti-immigrant, anti-Semitism, anti-Arab and anti-Muslim prejudice, anti-Asian and anti-Asian Pacific Islander, anti-LGBTQ+ prejudice, and all degradation and second-class treatment on campus. The fight for immigrant rights in this country is not beyond this campus. Fighting for immigrant students rights' to this campus' public education starts with fighting for immigrants' rights to this country. This means officially making Eshleman Hall an official sanctuary to protect all undocumented peoples in our community from I.C.E. If elected, my office will launch our own independent investigations into cases of sexual assault, harassment, and discrimination in order to take concrete measures to make this campus a safer place. Militant Independent direct action to stop rape, date rape, and all forms of sexual assault and harassment is necessary to truly defend and advocate for the student's needs, and make any investigation effective.

TRANSFER STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The Transfer Student Representative is a member of the ASUC Senate who shall provide the unique perspectives of UC Berkeley transfer students to the ASUC. The Transfer Student Representative position was created by the passage of the Transfer Remedy Act constitutional amendment in the 2019 ASUC Election. The Transfer Student Representative race is on the ballot for the first time in the 2020 ASUC Election.



AUGUSTO GONZALEZ ❤️

People's Party | Let's Work Together to Represent All

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ABEL DE LA CRUZ (He/Him) ❤️

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Organizer/ Anthropology Major

As a leader in the civil rights organization BAMN*, I have worked to defend the rights and equality of marginalized communities; from keeping our communities safe by organizing the mass militant confrontation of white supremacists like Ann Coulter, to fighting for the rights of asylum seekers and DACA students, and building a movement to empower survivors to name and drive rapists off our campus. DAAP FIRE will utilize the ASUC as an organizing center for the movement to defend immigrant rights by making Eshleman Hall an immigrant sanctuary and mobilizing community defense guards to stop ICE from kidnapping our people. As External Affairs VP, I will organize mobilizations of students to protest at school board and UC regents meetings, and Sacramento in the fight to fully fund public education for all students in California, stop the privatization of higher education and fight to win a Cost of Living Adjustment for all while demanding reinstatement of fired grad student strikers. I will organize "Don't Walk on By" campaigns in neighborhoods throughout the Bay Area, to organize community defense guards to block ICE raids and deportations. I will work to restore affirmative action and demand the immediate doubling of Latinx, African American, Native American and other minority student enrollment, and proportional representation of minority student groups on campus to reflect California's population. I am proud to be a leader in the growing student movement at UCB. *Titles for identification purposes only.



RISA FULKERSON (She/Her) ❤️

Independent | DSP/Transfer

Hello everyone! My name is Risa Fulkerson and I am a transfer student from De Anza College majoring in History and Native American Studies! I am also the Secretary of Phi Alpha Theta*, Cal's history honor society. As a historian, I understand that the past continuously impacts the future of society, politics and the individual. One's personal history and the history of society set beneficial or detrimental precedents for the future. As a member of Cal's community, I believe that we the students set future precedents by advocating for underrepresented, underprivileged, and marginalized students. From packing a courtroom in solidarity with immigrants, to advocating for accessible mental health, I will fight to uplift every student on this campus.

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VALERIE JOHNSON ❤️

Rebuild | Transfer Activist

Upon coming to campus this year, I came to realize that the University* that puts such emphasis on inclusion and community does not take those efforts seriously when it comes to transfer students. Transfers navigate a confusing, inefficient, and time-consuming landscape in which we find ourselves lacking the necessary resources to succeed. Transfer students deserve every opportunity that continuing students are afforded, and yet are often presented with suboptimal options related to campus involvement opportunities, organizational accessibility, connection to financial resources, opportunity to foster community with faculty and staff, and social integration. My platforms include: Expanding and Improving Transfer Resources -Dedicated space for Student Parent Center* separate from Transfer Center* through inclusive conversations -Increase transfers on university and UC* committees -Curate opportunities for transfer students to connect with professors and other professionals Increasing Institutional Accessibility -ASUC* Reform: make student leadership more open to transfers by assessing and removing barriers to entry -Club and Organization reform: partner with campus organizations to review policies on admission/access to leadership opportunities to ensure transfers have equitable opportunities for leadership and involvement -Host welcome and resource events for new transfer students Expanding Transfer Housing -Work with campus administration to secure affordable campus housing dedicated for transfers -Expand the Transfer Living Learning Community* another floor -Workshops for transfer students navigating the housing market External Advocacy -Maintain systemwide Transfer Coalition* in partnership with UC Student Association* -Transfer lobby day 2021 in collaboration with all other UC* schools and UC Student Association* *Titles for ID Purposes Only

SENATE

The ASUC Senate is the legislative body of the Associated Students of the University of California. The ASUC's 21-person elected Senate class (20 Senators and 1 Transfer Student Representative) serves as both the Board of Directors for the Association, as well as a representative body which makes decisions on behalf of the 35,000+ students on the Berkeley campus. The Senate makes all final decisions for the Association, managing governing documents, passing bills, and forming policy which shapes how the ASUC interacts with campus and students.

There are three Senate standing committees, which are public and accessible for all students to attend. The standing committee on Finance passes weekly budget bills distributing senate contingency funds to student organizations who request funding. The standing committee on External & University Affairs passes bills related to external issues as well as University administration. The standing committee on Governance & Internal Affairs reviews bylaws and internal procedures to ensure streamlined internal operations.



CONNOR KUBEISY (He/Him) ❤️

**Independent | Cal Baseball*, ROTC*,
Transfer Student**

I am running to be a Senator* to give a voice to the students and groups that are not adequately represented by the ASUC*. To become a truly inclusive campus community, differing viewpoints and groups need to be brought together instead of pushed away. With the upcoming presidential election, I will work to protect free speech on campus and ensure that Berkeley is a welcoming place for activism.

On campus, I work as a Team Manager with Cal's Division 1 baseball team* and serve as an Editor with Eleven: The Undergraduate Journal of Sociology*. I am also a member of Hermanos Unidos*, the Berkeley Political Review*, and the Berkeley College Republicans*. In the community, I have served on the Leadership Summit Advisory Committee with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation* and was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District as the Student Trustee*.

I am committed to easing the transition of transfer students by helping them join groups based on their interests, increasing the attendance at campus athletic events by increasing the incentive to come, and improving the collaboration between clubs with similar missions. I also intend to author bills to place an American flag in the ASUC* senate chamber and to begin each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. These nonpartisan acts of unity will bring students together and show their commonalities and share values while studying here. *Titles for identification purposes only.



DHRUV KRISHNASWAMY

Independent | STEM |
Sexual&Mental Health | International

As someone who has always been passionate about positively impacting the community around me, I believe that the opportunity to serve as an ASUC Senator will give me a platform to continue working towards these goals. My platforms focus on students in STEM & Tech based solutions, Sexual & Mental Health, and International students. Here a brief summary of some of my key ideas - STEM Solutions - Official Callink App to aggregate club event info - Increasing course captures for classes & working to digitize course materials - Digital Cal ID for library and RSF entries - Digital ASUC reimbursement process for clubs Sexual & Mental Health ** Some of these projects build on the work of past senators ** - Free & accessible menstrual products & condoms in res halls - Easier access to campus counseling services & peer mentoring programs - Campus wide implementation of positive message/ meme campaigns during dead week International Students - Digital Portal to access alumni information in different cities across the world - Streamlined flier which summarizes process for CPT/OPT - Working to find alternate sources of funding for BIO



MATEO TORRICO

Independent | Safety, Sustainability, and
Inclusion

Hello, my name is Mateo Torrico. I'm a second-year student from Sacramento, CA. Coming from the diverse city of Sacramento, I grew up surrounded by underrepresented communities which taught me the principles of solidarity and compassion. I am the product of public-school education and throughout my schooling I had to deal with the symptoms of an underfunded education. I am running for ASUC Senate because we can no longer ignore the social barriers that hinder our student body from achieving our common purpose. There are issues that our entire Berkeley student community as a whole must take on, I pledge to tackle these issues with bold ideas and an independent sense of leadership without the influence of party politics. I will ensure that the University will no longer ignore the needs of students when it comes to our personal safety and our overall well-being. I will hold the University accountable for following through with their commitment of sustainability and ensure they take the steps to become a fully renewable energy-based campus in the coming years. I will support current programs and initiatives that will help maintain and allow students, especially those from underrepresented communities, to thrive at Cal. I will advocate for policies that will expand opportunities for academic and career developments. Together, we can challenge the complacency of the ASUC and in turn enact true and meaningful changes for our campus community. United we can bring this campus together.



HARMONY BULLOCH ❤️

Independent | Transfer Inclusion and Equity

The ASUC has traditionally been a space that is difficult for students such as myself to enter. As a transfer student, I have been exposed to the challenges and barriers that non-four year students face. I am a first generation four-year college student, and have spent the majority of my college career working. This experience has severely limited my ability to partake in organizations, such as the ASUC. I hope to be a voice for students who share my unique experiences, and an advocate for those who have not traditionally been in the ASUC. I will work fiercely and wholeheartedly to make the transfer experience here at Cal a more welcoming and inclusive one. I am the co-founder of the Transfer Coalition, and an active leader in many campus organizations and professional fraternities. My exposure to the transfer and other campus communities has given me a unique perspective and outlook. I will work to improve transfer housing, academic constraints for students who face barriers of entry, and make the ASUC a more welcoming and open environment for students who come from ALL different backgrounds and academic experiences. My story is only my own, and I am not representative of every possible transfer experience, but I aim to be an advocate and support system for those from every background--from all who have ever felt isolated and discluded--and listen candidly to all perspectives, ideas, and opinions of my fellow students. Let us work together to create a system for change and inclusion.



GABRIEL ALFARO ❤️

Independent | Community Organizer

Greetings y'all, I'm Gabel! I'm running to bring a fresh and new leadership perspective to the ASUC*. As the former Executive Vice President of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges*, I have advocated for students on issues like homelessness, student funding, and proper funding for student organizations at the state level and I would like see many reforms that I helped push for brought to the ASUC*. Platforms: Student Life and Housing Reform Work with UC Berkeley* Administration to have more transparency (e.g The lack of communication during the Coronavirus crisis that stressed many students). Advocate for the expansion of Transfer housing (e.g Building off the already established Transfer Living and Learning Community). Pay for resources within student resident halls in order to lower cost of living (pay for laundry services, etc.) Financial Equity Create Inter- Student Organizational Council (ISOC) consisting of every student organization in order to give student organizations more of a voice within the ASUC and on-campus at large Change funding formula structure to be more proportional to the amount of students within an organization, not the amount of years it has existed Ensure the basic needs of Student Parents, Commuters, and Pell Grant recipients are protected. Mental Health Programs Address the growing stress levels from national issues through more funding towards mental health services Build upon existing programs and enlarge the ASUC*'s role in address the mental health crisis *Titles for Identification purposes only



AASIM YAHYA (He/Him) ❤️

Independent | MEMSSA Endorsed, Pre-Law Student

Hi, I'm Aasim! I am thrilled to be the independent endorsed candidate of the Middle Eastern, Muslim, Sikh, and South Asian (MEMSSA) coalition*. As the Head of Staff to the current MEMSSA ASUC Senator Sumrit Grewal*, I've been at the forefront of institutionalizing and restructuring our coalition. Our campaign is rooted in reminding the ASUC* and campus admin that MEMSSA - SSWANA* students exist and matter. As a Pre-Law student myself, our campaign is also rooted in assisting Pre-Law / Public-Service students navigate the academic and professional components of their undergraduate time at Cal*. Furthermore, we are excited to carry on the work of past Pre-Law ASUC Senators*.

My platform:

STRENGTHEN PATHWAYS FOR PRE-LAW/PUBLIC SERVICE STUDENTS:

+ Collaborate with campus admin, the UC Berkeley Career Center*, and the Pre-Law campus community to produce a 100% free digital GRE/LSAT prep course (via bCourses) + Continue the mentorship and coalition building efforts of current Pre-Law ASUC Senators*

PRACTICE INNOVATIVE HOLISTIC WELLNESS:

+ Expand course capture technology to support non-traditional students and accommodate for physical and mental health issues + Update / expand the ASUC's* Mental Health Resource Tool

EMPOWER AND EQUIP THE MEMSSA-SSWANA COMMUNITY:

+ Begin development of a MEMSSA*-SSWANA Resource Center and community-wide mentorship program + Complete multi-year ongoing projects (Northside prayer space and the SSWANA* Themed Housing program) + Prioritize organization specific demands, commit to resource centralization, focus on coalition-building efforts, and conduct cultural competency trainings for MEMSSA* leaders



LIAM WILL ❤️

Independent | Food, Housing, Textbooks, Senator*

Qualifications: Include ASUC Senator*, member of ASUC Governance Committee*, and ASUC Representative* on the Student Union Operations Committee (2019-2020) 1) Help Address Food Insecurity - Strengthen the Relationship Between Event Services* and Basic Needs Programs* - Build on Research Reports* on our Campus* * Student Wellness 2) Help Address Housing Insecurity - Strengthen the Visibility of Our Campus* * Efforts in Creating Housing so Far, and Accountability Towards What More Can Be Done - Strengthen the Campus* Plans Towards Supporting Students Living in Housing Without Proper Air Filtration Systems 3) Expand Career Resources, Reduce the Costs of Academic Resources - Expand the Cal Alumni Association*'s Externship Program* to the Summer and Academic Year - Build the Framework for Cal's* version of UC Davis' * Inclusive Access Program* - Support the Academic Affairs Vice President* in Initiatives Regarding Reducing the Costs of Course Readers 4) Communication, Accountability, and Navigating Cal* - Campus Newsletter Once Every Other Week - Strengthen the Communication and Resources of Essential Programs and Outreach Procedures of our Campus* - Work with the Student Union* in Eshleman Hall* and MLK* Building Re-envisioning Plans - Strengthen Financial Aid Support, Expand Academia, Explore Different Tuition Models, and Give Back to Grants and Scholarship Initiatives 5) Support the Co-Ops* - Help Make BSC's* 75% EOP* Plan a Reality Through CalCentral*, Housing Fairs*, and Fair Visibility on our Campus* * Housing Pages - Support CalFresh* Workshops within Co-Op* Spaces during Summers - Strengthen BSC*-Wide Safe Space Support Networks *Titles for ID Only



SAHVANNAH RODRIGUEZ ❤️

Independent | Latinx Community Endorsed

I am excited to be running to represent the Latinx community within the the ASUC Senate*. Over my past two years at Cal, I have worked on community advocacy through both inside and outside of the ASUC*. As a first year, I served as an associate within a Latinx-endorsed Senate* office where I worked in collaboration with the community and administration on retention efforts. This year as a Latinx Caucus Facilitator, I collaborate with caucus and other Latinx community organizations to uplift our advocacy initiatives and unify as a community. I am running to make the ASUC* a more accessible and welcoming environment for Latinx community members. I have chosen to run as an Independent candidate to foster a relationship of accountability between the community and the ASUC Senator* running to represent them. Here is a list of my platforms and points of advocacy: Mental & Emotional Wellness Work towards the allocation of an on-site Latinx mental wellness counselor(s) dedicated to serving the unique needs of the Latinx community members Space Advocacy Continue the work of establishing a temporary space for a Latinx Resource Center (LRC) that will inform the needs and demands of a midterm and long-term LRC space Develop a resource tool that aggregates information and helps first year students of color navigate on-campus housing options/contracts Professional & Academic Development for Womxn of Color Focus on streamlining resources & alumni networks to further demystify professional development and academia for womxn of color *titles for identification purposes only

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JP McKEEVER ❤️

Independent

An advocate for mental health awareness, affordable housing options, and student debt mitigation efforts.



RISA FULKERSON (She/Her) ❤️

Independent | DSP/Transfer

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SARAH BANCROFT

Independent | All environmental platforms

1. Facilitate and uplift grassroots student organizing for a UC Green New Deal
2. Institutionalize sustainability at UC Berkeley through policy change and administrative engagement
3. Build a culture of holistic wellness in the environmental community



REBECCA SOO

Independent | 2019–2020 ASUC Christian Senator

Hello! My name is Rebecca and it has been my highest honor to represent the Christian community for the second time. I am incredibly proud of the work that the office has done and forever thankful for every individual that has supported, prayed, and partnered with us. But our work is not done. In fact, if there's anything I have learned this year, it is that progress takes persistence. It takes pulling the weeds, planting the seeds, watering the soil, and a whole lot of prayer, to reap a harvest. We trust that in faith, God is moving on this campus and I am convinced that the Big C Church is on an incredible trajectory, but it takes time. Being in office for a year has taught me that this institution is far from perfect, but worth every battle. I believe the ASUC is a tremendous avenue that can be used to uplift student voices and support one another. Therefore, in my second term, I hope to continue the work we have done this year especially revolving around security and mental wellness, as we continue to make it our highest priority to serve this campus.



DANI COZE (She/Her)

Independent | SVSH, Sexual Health, Sustainability

Hi! I'm Dani Coze, I'm a second-year student in the College of Natural Resources minoring in Public Policy. I am an active member of Cal Greek Life*, I belong to several student organizations, and am currently Co-Director of SVSH Prevention* in the ASUC Office of the President*. I hope to aid implementation of new steps to further prevent cases of sexual violence in campus communities, collaborate with Cal Greeks* and student organizations to promote sustainable practices and expand on sustainability education, and promote sexual health resources and education for students.

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WILL LIU ❤️

Independent | Well, how about Will?

My name is Will Liu and I am running for ASUC Senator. As a student, as a close friend, as a sports enthusiast, as a fashion lover, as someone seeking financial benefits and professional opportunities for international students, and hopefully as a senator, I advocate for what actually brings everyone together. Indeed, I run to represent international students, yet I realize that what eventually unites scattered individuals diverse in the background are people's shared passions and respect within their shared fields that inspire them to overcome racial and social barriers. So, in addition to being the voice of international students, I also desire to emphasize and enhance elements such as art, music, dance, fashion, and street culture on campus to help everyone step out of their comfort zones and be more involved in what they love with people who share the same passions. I know there are times people feel the anxiety and desperation of just needing to talk to someone as I've been there myself, so I want to be your listener. Through the times when you just need a push from someone who understands your passions and efforts, I am ready to strive with all my endeavors to connect everyone with their dreams, hopes, and passions. To fulfill my dream of helping you reach yours, please give me the opportunity of representing you and all Cal students as Senator. I hope to engrave our journey together in my heart so please vote for me, Will Liu! Thank you!



ALEXIS AGUILAR (He/Him) ❤️

Rebuild | Undocumented Students

Alexis Aguilar, (He/Him/His), is a second year studying Environmental Economics, running for Senate to represent the undocumented student community. His goal is to increase and create awareness of the struggles being endured amongst the undocumented community, as undocumented folks proceed to be oppressed by a corrupt educational system. To fight in order to seek visibility amongst undocumented community members across ALL intersections, while using policy to create safe, inclusive, and welcoming environments. His platforms are geared to create community engagement and uplift the voices of all undocumented folks, those whose identities are continued to be silenced.

His platforms:

- Redefining Equitable / Accessible Academic & Professional Development Amongst Undocumented Communities
- Stronger Focus On Professional Career Development, Communication, and Guidance for Undocumented students
- It needs to be a continuing conversation on how to go about best serving our undocumented students that do not have protection or status under DACA.
- Reframing Campus Mental Wellness and Equitable Resources For Undocu Folks
- Fostering spaces for Undocu folks and all intersectional students who have experienced violence, discrimination, and rejection by social institutions and family.



APOORVA PRAKASH ❤️

Rebuild | Menstrual Equity, Womxn in STEM

My name is Apoorva Prakash and I'm a third year Computer Science and Economics major, running to be one of your next ASUC* Senators! As a woman in STEM, I don't find our STEM communities to be inclusive to womxn and underrepresented students. I am upset that we don't treat menstrual products as a fundamental right on this campus, though a majority of our campus menstruates. And while I am blessed to have found a home in so many communities on this campus (the pre-law community*, the Greek community*, the dance community*, amongst others), I know we can improve risk practices in our RSOs. With that being said, I want to inspire change on our campus through my platforms:

MENSTRUAL EQUITY

- Insisting on free menstrual products in ALL bathrooms on campus (not all who menstruate are womxn).
- Supporting organizations that work towards menstrual and reproductive justice.

SUPPORTING WOMXN IN STEM/TECH

- Organizing womxn-focused networking opportunities, inspired by Grace Hopper*!
- Supporting clubs for womxn in STEM.

HIGHER RISK STANDARDS FOR RSOs

- Mandating that all RSO's undergo risk management training in various topics, such as alcohol/drugs, SVSH, mental health, and hazing.
- Increasing risk education and awareness campus-wide.
- Enforcing better risk practices at RSO social events.

As your senator, I will always fight in support of equity, social welfare, sustainability, safety, and the mental and physical health of all people. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement!



CHAKA TELLEM (He/Him) ❤️

Rebuild | Black Community Endorsed

Hello everyone! My name is Chaka, and I am a Political Economy and Business Administration major with a minor in Race and Law. As the Black community endorsed Senator, I aim to address campus climate, advance educational and professional development, and institutionalize environmental justice. All my platforms stem from my ideas and from listening to the concerns of my fellow bears, which I will continue to do as a Senator. My passions for social justice and strengthening the communities and environments that I call home are why I have decided to run for Senate and dedicate myself to improving campus life for us all.

#Tellem2Vote #Tellem4Senate



NAOMI GARCIA

Rebuild

Naomi (she/they) is a second-year majoring in Sociology, running for Senate* as the Queer/Trans Community* Endorsed candidate. If she has learned anything at this institution, it's this: if students don't advocate for themselves, no one will. She is honored to have the endorsement of the Queer/Trans Community* -- a community that has helped her celebrate her identities and the ways they intersect and empowered others to do the same, a community whose members personify strength on a campus that has done nothing but fail to advocate for and recognize them time and time again. Her platforms: QT Recruitment/Retention - Institutionalizing QT senior weekend - Continuing the #Fight4Spaces/creating a comprehensive MOU with the University to ensure the QT Community is allocated space with the guarantee that we will not be hidden or shuffled around campus QT Wellness - Establishing a student-led QT winter housing initiative - Securing funding for a full-time paid staff member to work within QT spaces on campus - Partnering with the Basic Needs Center* to advocate for basic needs security within the QT community and beyond QT Advocacy - Creating QT Lobby Corps to lobby local, state, and federal legislators on issues involving the QT community and intersecting identities Read more at www.facebook.com/Naomi4ASUCSenate *titles for identification purposes only



NATASHA HAM

Rebuild

With my experience and passion, I would like to serve everyone in this school but specifically focus on re-claiming Southeast Asian & Southeast Asian American spaces, expanding mental and physical wellness and supporting the pre-health community.



TESSA STAPP

Rebuild | Student-Laborer and Activist

Tessa is a second year Political Science Major minoring in GWS and LGBT Studies. She is running for senate with the goal of institutionalizing more accessibility in education, while also working to further address food insecurity and housing insecurity.

Tessa's Platforms:

Academic Affordability

To increase accessibility to the Bay area, and make transit more affordable, Tessa plans to work within the ASUC to broker a deal with BART to allow Cal affiliated individuals cheaper fare.

Increasing accessibility to free educational materials; such as green books and scantrons.

Housing Security

Passing a Student Safe Parking Initiative; modeled after UCLA's Resolution in Support of Safe Parking, in combination with engaging with Cal on-campus officials to secure safe spaces for car dwelling students to park overnight.

Working to expand on the services for students in need of temporary housing. This to be modeled after UCLA's Bruins Shelter, to create temporary emergency student housing for up to 3 months.

Food Insecurity

Tessa's primary goal for addressing food insecurity is ending the stigmatism surrounding needing food assistance through assisting in promotion of resources already established by Basic Needs Security leaders on campus such as, the Basic Needs Center.

The secondary goal is finding an avenue for ensuring more fresh produce and healthy options are made available to students close to campus.

Students do not deserve to choose between their education and basic needs. Tessa plans to uplift the voices of those leading this change and further the effort towards security for all.



SUHYP YOUSSEF (He/His)

Rebuild | CA

My name is Suhyp Youssef and I am running for the ASUC Senate* because I have seen firsthand the impact the ASUC* can have on campus both directly and indirectly. The work I have performed within the Office of an ASUC senator* has had tangible results and the ASUC* should strive to continue to improve the experience of all students at our institution through the development and expansion of programs and organizations. Yet on a more intangible level the ASUC* also has a responsibility as moral and ethical leaders of our campus that must call out the toxic vestiges of racism, ableism, and classism that are a very real reality for many students. The ASUC* should be diversified and be representative of all students and communities. I am running to improve the pre-health track for students especially those underrepresented in our healthcare force but I am an ally to all communities and would like to put the University's principles of tolerance, diversity, and inclusion into practice.

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AUGUSTO GONZALEZ

People's Party | Let's Work Together to Represent All

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ELLIS SPICKERMANN

Student Action | Engineering / STEM Candidate

My name is Ellis Spickermann, and I am a second year Materials Science and Engineering student. I am running to represent the Engineering community and STEM Research community. I wish to combat cultures of exclusivity, and I am passionate about promoting healthier environments within student organizations. In my time at Berkeley I have found a home within the Engineering community and I am ready to give back to it. My Platforms: 1. Culture, Accessibility, and Equity Within Engineering - Implement sexual harassment and assault trainings within student organizations - Encourage open and honest conversations surrounding club cultures - Promote more welcoming and open application processes within student organizations, and foster inclusion within the community. 2. Availability of Spaces and Funding for Engineering Student Organizations - Advocate for increased student spaces and access to maker spaces on campus - Encourage collaboration between smaller student organizations as they seek funding - Lessen funding disparity between student organizations that are able to acquire corporate funds and those who are not. 3. Accessibility of Academic and Research Resources - Bring clarity to the current process of finding research - Work to continue building the unified research opportunity platform Beehive - Publicize and expand current academic resources.



RUCHI SHAH

Student Action | South Asian Endorsed, Tech/Engineering

Hi! My name is Ruchi Shah and I'm running to represent the South Asian Community, improve Tech/Engineering Community & Collaboration, and provide Career Support and Resources. This year, I've served as Chief of Staff for current *Senator Sitara Bellam and led FEMTech, an engineering RSO focused on encouraging diversity and inclusivity in tech.

My Platforms:

1. South Asian Representation & Resources

+ COMMUNITY: Provide an inclusive and representative voice for South Asian students.

+ FUNDING/ORG SUPPORT: Advocate for South Asian groups for budgetary and space allocations.

+ STIGMAS: Facilitate dialogue in the South Asian community about mental health, sexual violence/health, and political advocacy.

2. Tech/Engineering Community & Collaboration

+ ADVOCACY: Provide support and resources to student orgs for budgetary, financial, and spaces needs within the ASUC*.

+ UNITY: Facilitate community collaboration with the creation of virtual platforms such as a Tech Engineering Student Circle.

+ SVSH: Institutionalize sexual violence and sexual harassment trainings through mandated safety officer positions.

+ ACCESSIBILITY: Reduce barriers to tech for low-income students, students with no previous coding experience, students double majoring.

3. Career Support & Resources

+ CAREER-FAIR REFORM: Implement a company-specific online resume drop-off database and a reservation system.

+ SALARY NEGOTIATIONS: Curate a Career Center database of alumni starting salaries broken down by company, position, & location.

+ INTERNSHIPS: Enable students to receive assistance in navigating the internship process and obtain referrals from alumni mentors.

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REX ZHANG (He/Him) ❤️

Student Action | International, East Asian & Transfer

Hi, my name is Rex Zhang, and I am running to be your next ASUC Senator* to represent the International, East Asian and Transfer Community. I serve as the Co-Director of Campus Experience Department for ASUC Senator Evina Wang* this year, as well as serving on the Course Material and Service Fee Committee*. This year, I am fighting to achieve these goals: 1. Career and Graduate Support - Build comprehensive curriculum to prepare students into internship & job search - Increase career center international advisor & establish international internship fair - Enhance and expand the current alumni network system 2. Community & Student Organization Support - Support community clubs through funding, storage and event space applications - Support community members navigate through bureaucracy of forming new student organizations - Centralize campus resources & community events 3. Campus Accountability & Advocacy - Work with EAVP* to stop tuition hikes and push the state to increase investments to UC - Improve campus basic services, including WiFi, microwave presence, class registration, etc. - Build communication channel with the campus leadership through town hall meetings & stronger shared-governance student representations Please feel free to reach out to me by email: rexzhang@berkeley.edu, or check out my endorsements & qualifications through www.studentaction.org/rex Together we can do great things. #RoarWithTeamREX *Title for Identification Purposes Only



SAMUEL PENG ❤️

Student Action | East Asian, International, Entrepreneur

Hi, my name is Samuel Peng. I am running to represent the International and the East Asian community, and to foster a supportive environment for our entrepreneurs at Cal. My platforms are: 1. Promote Campus Presence and Intercultural Exchanges for the East Asian Community - Increase East Asian cultural presence on campus through more interactive activities. - Facilitate collaborations between East Asian and other cultural organizations. - Expand academic and internship opportunities overseas. 2. Enhance the College Experience for International Students - Prevent xenophobic incidents and emphasize cultural diversity. - Reduce unsubstantiated administrative expenditures and increase the attainability of financial support resources for international students. - Enhance the experiences for parents of Cal students by providing multilingual notifications and updates. 3. Strengthen the Entrepreneurial Atmosphere and Support on Campus - Enhance the entrepreneurial atmosphere on campus and provide more entrepreneurial learning opportunities. - Establish and promote an entrepreneurial support system; integrate existing financial resources and entrepreneurial guidance and increase support visibility. - Improve the accessibility of professional guidance. I invite you to join me in making these visions realities! Let's #MakeItHaPENG



JULIA CASTRO (She/Her) ❤️

Student Action | EVP Legislative Director

Hi, my name is Julia Castro and I am a third-year undergraduate student majoring in Comparative Literature and minoring in Spanish and Public Policy. As an ASUC Senator*, I would expand accessibility to Greek Life, reform the existing financial aid system, and enhance student wellness resources for our campus community. All of my platforms are inspired and rooted in my experience at an EOP student* and PHC womxn* on this campus. Here are some of my platforms: + Accessibility to Greek Life - Allocate funding for two new, low-income members to join their houses for free in the first semester of school - Increase accessibility of Greek Life's educational resources on SVSH - Expand pilot rent-a-cup systems for Greek Life's social activities - Incorporate an online joint CalGreeks Q&A session during GBO + Financial Aid Reform - Advocate for abolishing Cancel for Non-Payment - Increase resources about the verification process - Establish semesterly loan education town halls - Advocate on behalf of students who face significant transportation adversities to have subsidized BART fees - Hire an athletic affairs housing affairs coordinator - Expand scholarships and stipends for students who have minimal access to financial aid resources + Student Wellness - Educate all UC Berkeley students on the protocol for evacuation plans depending on where you are located on campus - Advocate for increased lighting on Bancroft way - Increase the number of "Blue Light" telephone stations off-campus - Allocate funding for subsidized Morning After Pills.

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RONIT SHOLKOFF (She/Her) ❤️

Student Action | Jewish, Greek, Sexual Wellness

Hi, I'm Ronit Sholkoff and I'm a second year majoring in History with dual minors in Spanish and Global Poverty & Practice. I first joined the ASUC* as a campaign manager* for ASUC Senator* Shelby Weiss and continued working for her office as Chief of Staff*. I am heavily involved in the Jewish community on campus and currently serve as Jewish Life Co-Chair* on the Berkeley Hillel Student Board*. I'm also a member of Alpha Chi Omega* sorority and currently serve as Community Development Chair*. Additionally, I work as a Sexual Health Education Program Intern* at the Tang Center* and as a Peer Educator* at the PATH to Care Center*.

As a senator, I plan to celebrate Jewish identity and empower the Jewish community through advocacy, bridge building, and combating antisemitism. Additionally, I plan to enhance PHC* community development and risk education by promoting cultural awareness, mental health and sexual wellness in the greek community. Similarly, I will develop sexual wellness resources on campus by continuing work to expand free STI testing, adding the PATH to Care Center* Care Line number on the back of student ID cards, and reforming risk practices for student organizations. Lastly, I will advocate for campus accessibility by expanding the Loop* service off campus. I'm running for ASUC Senate* because I believe in our collective power to create positive change at this university. Let's do this thing together. Go bears. *Titles for Identification Purposes Only



MICHAEL SAVIDES ❤️

Student Action | Greek Development and Student Health

Michael Savides is a second year student majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology* and minoring in Public Policy*. He began working in the ASUC* during his first year at Cal*, serving as a programming intern* in the Office of ASUC President* Alex Wilfert, helping to plan events and bring in speakers such as D.C. lobbyist Heather Podesta*. Serving as Chief of Staff for ASUC Senator* Rocky Gerosa has taken him to the forefront of some of the most important conversations among the Berkeley* community, including the issues of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH), financial accessibility, and student health. Some of Michael's work includes reworking the AAVP* Greek Opportunity Fund to include need-based scholarships with the goal of making Greek life more financially accessible and serving on the task force responsible for mandating that professors add mental health resources to their syllabi. Working as Chief of Staff* for Rocky's office, as well as serving on Greeks Against Sexual Assault* and the Student Health Advisory Committee*, has allowed Michael to meet with university administrators, ASUC* executives, and student leaders and develop the connections and experience necessary to affect tangible, positive change in the lives of students. During his free time, Michael enjoys playing basketball and listening to music! *Titles for identification purposes only



SHEENA DICHOSO ECHANO ❤️

Student Action | Represent the Berkeley Dance Community

Hello! My name is Sheena Dichoso Echano. I am a second year Civil Engineering major who enjoys physics classes and making concrete. While focused on my STEM education, I also maintain a dedication to artistic creativity. I primarily explore this passion through dance. When I committed to UC Berkeley, I knew I wanted to dance, but I had no exposure to the community that exists here. When I chance stumbled into the *AFX Summer Showcase my freshman year, I saw large groups of people cheering the performers with nonstop love and positive energy. I auditioned and joined my first dance team that Fall, and was blown away by the love for dance that she witnessed from the community. I attribute a lot of my growth to the community and want to help cultivate that drive for dancers. I am excited to continue serving the community I call home. My platforms: increase internal collaboration and external visibility of the Berkeley Dance Community (increase promotion for open-organization events and encourage inter-community partnerships), continue conversations with CalPerformances for student group venue booking (advocate on behalf of student organization to maintain lower prices, work with CalPerformances to find a long-term solution for ticketing concerns, and increase performance event engagement and attendance) and increase accessibility to spaces for student usage (outline the space booking processes and explore alternative practice spaces to desaturate already existing spaces).



MADDY CHEN

Student Action | Tech, Data Science, Social Good

Hi, My name is Maddy Chen; I'm a junior running for Senate to represent the tech, data science, and social good communities at Berkeley. While thinking about what impact I wanted to leave at Berkeley, I realized that I cared the most about three communities: tech, data science, and social good. While I could join 10 different clubs to address issues in those communities, the ASUC offered a platform that would allow me to work on various different issues all at once. This inspired my candidacy. My platforms: 1. Campus Culture: Improve Club Recruitment, Tech Diversity and Representation, Support the Teaching Community, and Increase Mental Health Resources by partnering with campus departments to more effectively recruit club members by expanding spaces beyond Sproul; facilitating the introduction of minority students to faculty/admin by setting up student-faculty lunches and town halls. 2. Data Science: Supporting and Advocating for Students by advocating for priority enrollment for data science students; Work with the Data Science department to allocate funding for the Grace Hopper Conference (GHC) and other scholarships provide data science majors with greater access to career opportunities. 3. Social Good: Increasing Awareness and Opportunities by connecting students of all majors interested in social good to companies or fellowships in the civic tech, start-up, or nonprofit sector; piloting a government and computer/data science consulting project with the government to expose students to broader career prospects in technology.



STEVE SA SOUNG KIM (He/Him)

Student Action | International, Korean, Campus Life

Hi, my name is Steve Sasoung Kim and I'll be running for ASUC Senator* to represent the Korean and East/Asian community, International community, and campus experience! I was first exposed to Berkeley's student government as a Community Development Associate in the Office of the ASUC President*, where I was responsible for the allocation of the Multicultural Fund. As an international student from Korea, I value diverse cultural identity and am dedicated to fostering East Asian identity on campus through authentic collaboration between student groups. To further my goal, I have been serving the Korean Community under ASUC Senator* Jenny Kim and EAU! My platforms are: 1. Development of Korean Community: Support Korean organizations through the assistance of reserving space, allocating funds, applying for grants; creating a space for and hosting events that bridge diverse identities within the Korean-American and Korean-International communities; advocating for the creation of a Korean Language Major. 2. Improving the Campus Experience for All: Implementing a safe and affordable rideshare program to accommodate student lifestyles; designating a career advisor for incoming students to give professional and academic guidance; creating a continuous dialogue between residential life and campus housing. 3. Advocacy for International Students: Advocacy for the Berkeley International Office; arrange Data Science and other STEM majors speaker series to provide professional guidance to international students tailored to their unique legal and economic situations; addressing unity in the UC Berkeley community and working to foster an environment that encourages diverse identities. * Titles for Identification Purposes Only.



STEPHANIE GUTIERREZ

DAAP FIRE | BAMN organizer

I'm running with DAAP FIRE for Senator to make the ASUC the organizing center of the Immigrant and Civil Rights movement on campus. The ASUC should be leading the fight to force Donald Trump to resign or be removed. We can defend DACA and make UCB a sanctuary for immigrants by declaring Eshleman Hall a sanctuary and mobilizing mass community defense guards, to combat ICE raids and deportations. We will mobilize students to demand a massive increase in federal and state funding to provide structural solutions to the economic crises facing students. Instead of putting our faith in admins and politicians, students must come together to stop the acceleration of hate and violence that litters our campus and country. We CAN win. I saw the movement's power when over 2,500 of us shut down white supremacist Ann Coulter. Thousands of us shut down the alt-right and Nazi's my freshman year, first at MLK Park, then when we ran out Milo Yiannopoulos from our campus. As a Latina feminist of immigrant parents, I'm running DAAP FIRE to lead the ASUC to confront issues that affect the safety and well-being of women, POC, and underrepresented minority, low-income, LGBTQ+, Muslim, and immigrant people on campus, across the nation, and globally. We need to restore Affirmative Action. Berkeley is famous for its historic political movements and the world is waiting to follow our leadership. With clear demands, strategies, and solutions supported by a fervorous student body, we can make UCB an egalitarian institution.



ASHLEY CARRILLO

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Organizer

I am running with DAAP FIRE as Executive Vice President to fight, expose, and take action against racism, sexism, sexual harassment, anti-LGBTQ+, and all degradation and second-class treatment on the UC Berkeley campus. As Executive VP, I will mobilize community defense guards to make Eshelman Hall a sanctuary for immigrants, fortified by the support of the ASUC and the student body, to stop ICE raids and deportations. Additionally, I will utilize the ASUC resources to build a student-led movement to pressure the UC administrators to immediately double Latinx, Black, Native American and other underrepresented minority student enrollment to proportionately reflect California's diverse population. We could do this by eliminating racist standardized testing, like the SAT and ACT, used by the UC system and by restoring affirmative action. We, the students of UC Berkeley, have the power to make UCB a model for all universities in the nation in the fight for immigrant rights and equality. We have demonstrated our power when 2,500 students mobilized to protest white supremacist Ann Coulter and prevented the emboldening of racist Trump supporters from carrying out violence against students and the community on campus. As a transfer student, first generation student, Latinx, feminist woman, I am deeply committed to the fight for the rights of my community and other marginalized communities. As Executive VP, I will be our advocate. Together, we could make UC Berkeley a catalyst in the movement to fight against the Trump Administration, inspiring the world to follow in our footsteps.



ISABEL PENMAN

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Organizer

The climate crisis is the most pressing problem of our time, and I believe it is critical to address, not only the climate crisis, but also the socioeconomic systems in place that have directly created it. These issues, their effects, and their contributors are not beyond the campus of UCB. I believe it is this campus' responsibility to put an end to these socio-economic crises that continue to leave the climate emergency virtually unaddressed, that put profit over inclusion and safety, and that increase tuition while leaving students without housing and food security. As your public servant, I will fight for the immediate divestment from direct contributors to the climate crisis. I will continue to fight against the increasing privatization of our public higher education, keeping it not only accessible, but safe. This includes a future where tuition, housing, and healthcare are no longer blockages to receiving our educations. It means investigating, exposing, and taking action against racism, sexism, anti-immigrant, anti-Semitism, anti-Arab and anti-Muslim prejudice, anti-Asian and anti-Asian Pacific Islander, anti-LGBTQ+ prejudice, and all degradation and second-class treatment on campus. It also means mobilizing mass militant direct action to stop rape and all forms of sexual assault and harassment and creating a larger space for marginalized groups on campus. As a climate/immigrant/womxn/worker rights' activist, I vehemently believe in this campus' ability to actualize a truly climate conscious, truly safe, and truly accessible reality that works for its students. I am running with DAAP FIRE for Senator.



XITLALY GARCIA (She/Ella)

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Organizer, MEB Major

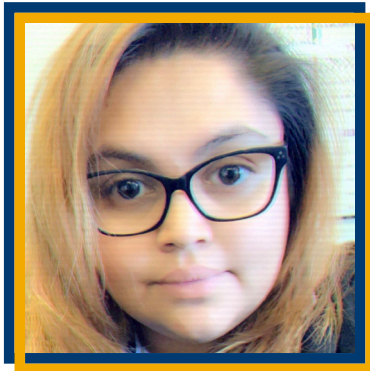
I am running with DAAP FIRE as Senate to make UC Berkeley a real sanctuary by making Eshleman Hall a sanctuary for undocumented immigrants fleeing ICE terror. Coming from immigrant parents, it's important for me for all students to feel safe on our campus. If elected, I will continue to use my experience as an activist and ASUC resources to organize community defense guards of students to protect immigrants, including DACA students, seeking refuge in Eshleman Hall. For this campus to be a welcoming, safe and diverse institution that serves all communities, UCB must immediately double Latina/o, Black, Native American and other underrepresented minority student enrollment. The UC can increase minority enrollment by eliminating the use of the SAT and ACT, and restoring Affirmative Action. I believe there is more UCB can do to take action against racism, sexism, sexual harassment, anti-semitism, anti-LGBTQIA+ prejudice, and all degradation and second-class treatment on campus and hold perpetrators accountable. In my experience as an organizer, it's important to mobilize mass militant actions to stop rape and all forms of sexual assault and harassment, including encouraging survivors to publicly name their rapist. I've learned from my own family experience the struggle for basic resources like health care. I know under the leadership of DAAP FIRE, we can build the new independent youth-led civil rights and immigrant movement to fight for free health care, free public education, and other basic mental and educational resources to change UCB and our society at large.



OMAR FLORES OCARANZA

DAAP FIRE

I am running with DAAP FIRE to effectively make Eshleman Hall a sanctuary for undocumented immigrants, including DACA students. UC Berkeley identifies itself as a sanctuary campus; however, for this to be meaningful, the University must provide a safe place for immigrants fleeing ICE terror. As the son of Mexican immigrants, the struggles associated with being undocumented in the US have directly affected me and my family throughout my life, and continue to affect extended family and close friends. The Trump administration has exacerbated the toxicity surrounding conversations and policies regarding immigration -- these practices are immoral and strip away the humanity of contributing individuals of American society. Additionally, I seek to pressure UC Berkeley into doubling Latinx, Black, Native American and all other underrepresented minorities enrollment to establish equity for student and faculty representation at this campus. As a public institution receiving public funding, UCB needs to represent the community of California in its student population demographics. It is also important to bring an end to the rape culture prevalent on campus. By working to mobilize mass militant direct action to stop rape, date rape, and all forms of sexual assault and harassment, I will fight to bring justice to survivors who are too often silenced. We have depended too long on this administration to bring about the change students need and have seen little progress. We can no longer remain passive, let's mobilize together to ensure our University respects and honors the needs of our community.



CINTHIA HERNANDEZ (She/Ella)

DAAP FIRE | BAMN Member/ Social Welfare Major

I am running with DAAP FIRE for senate to make the ASUC the organizing center of the Immigrant and Civil Rights movement on campus. As a first-generation college student, a woman, mother, and a nontraditional student, it is time for all students at UC Berkeley to feel welcome and supported. We must make UC Berkeley a real sanctuary University by making Eshleman Hall a sanctuary for undocumented immigrants and mobilizing community defense guards to stop ICE from separating families. We need to STOP the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION from kidnapping our people. My parents are immigrants who never had the opportunity to attend school, and as a parent I have learned to advocate for those who are afraid to speak up. As a senator, I will help organize and mobilize the students to protest inequality and injustice. Additionally, I will work to confront issues that people of color, underrepresented minorities and the LGBTQ+ community are currently facing. It is time to work on restoring affirmative action and demand the university increase the enrollment of underrepresented minority students by focusing on the individual itself instead of the scores they receive on the SAT and ACT. I know that under the leadership of DAAP FIRE, we will be able to build a new movement to fight for those who do not have a voice. It is time for us to come together and work as a team for the greater good.



**Thank you
for voting!**

