



**20/21-2**

**ENDORING THE PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT (PHRA)**

**Whereas,** it is the mission of Associated Students of San José State University to represent the students of San José State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunity and experience; and

**Whereas,** Associated Students (A.S.) is the official voice of over 33,000 students at San José State University (SJSU); and

**Whereas,** there are an estimated 1.6 million Filipinx living in the state of California, making the Filipinx community the largest Asian Pacific Islander identifying population statewide; and

**Whereas,** there are more than 90,000 Filipinx

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as other Bay Area Representatives such as Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, and Congressman Eric Swalwell<sup>7</sup>; and

**Whereas,** with U.S. tax dollars being directed to Philippine security assistance instead of due to the fear of financial instability; the fear of having their U.S. tax dollars being potentially complicit in the Philippine human rights violations happening abroad; and the constant fear for the individual safety and security of themselves as well as their friends and family in the Philippines.

**Whereas,** the following student and community organizations have endorsed a sign-on letter<sup>8</sup> or drafted their own letter<sup>9</sup> condemning the many forms of human rights violations occurring in the Philippines, denouncing the Anti-Terror Law, and supporting a resolution for SJSU Associated Students to endorse the Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA):

Kabataan Alliance SJSU, Akbayan SJSU, Alpha Kappa Omicron (*Gamma Chapter*), Alpha Kappa Omega (*Beta Chapter*), Vietnamese Student Association, Zeta Chi Epsilon, Northern California Pilipinx American Student Alliance, Malaya Southbay, LEAD Filipino, Mosaic Cross-Cultural Center, and APID/A Task Force

**Whereas,** t security assistance to the Philippines until such time as human rights violations by



**Resolved,** harassment of activists, extrajudicial killings, the vilifying of dissent, unlawful detention, and other human rights violations; and let it be further

**Resolved,** That SJS the overall human rights violations and extrajudicial killings occurring in the Philippines; and let it be further;

**Resolved,** Philippines on social services, housing, education, and healthcare instead of military aid, including weapons and aerial bombs and surveillance, to the Philippines military and police;

**Resolved,** That S Anti-Terror Law (ATL); and let it be further;

**Resolved,** the Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA); and let it be further;

**Resolved,** Students permits the usage of its name and logo on the campaign website, and will be supportive of lobbying efforts with local elected officials, as well as providing resources and support for the campaign (i.e., mobilization of membership, staff, venue, supplies, in-kind) as available; and let it be further;

**Resolved,** introduce the Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA) and call for a congressional hearing on the human rights situation in the Philippines with the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee; and let it be further;

**Resolved,** That S aid to the Philippine military and police and advocates for the suspension of said military aid until human rights violations in the Philippines cease and the responsible state forces have been held accountable; and

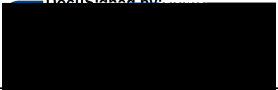


**Resolved,** That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including: all board members of the **CSU Board of Trustees, Timothy White** (*Chancellor, CSU*), **Mary Papazian** (*President of San José State University*), **Lisa Millora** (*Vice President for Strategy and Chief of Staff*), **Patrick Day** (*Vice President for Student Affairs*), **Kathleen Wong** (*Chief Diversity Officer, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*), **Theresa Davis** (*Vice President for University Advancement*), **Vincent Del Casino** (*Provost of San José State University*), **Charlie Faas** (*Vice President of Administration and Finance*), **Gavin Newsom** (*Governor, California*), **California State Student Association Board of Directors, Ro Khanna** (*U.S. Congressman, 17th District*), **Zoe Lofgren** (*U.S. Congresswoman, 19th District*), **Jim Beall** (*CA State Senator, 15th District*), **Ash Kalra** (*CA State Assemblyman, 27th District*), **Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Cindy Chavez** (*Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President, District 2*), **Raul Peralez** (*San José Councilmember, District 3*), **Sam Liccardo** (*Mayor, San José*), **The Spartan Daily, San José Mercury News**

Respectfully submitted by:  
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A.S. Lobby Corps

Supported by:  
Zobeida Delgadillo, A.S. President

**Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State University  
Board of Directors at a regular meeting held September 9, 2020 by a vote of  
11-Yea 0-Nay 0-Abstention 0-Absent**

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Brendan Quock, Vice President and Chair  
Associated Students, SJSU

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Date