



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

January 17, 2023

7 PM PST

Zoom:

<https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98686577744?pwd=Zm5TeGNlVG5PcTxQ3MzckN1Z01XZz09>

I. Call to Order

King

- My-Lan calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Le

- Strike Capital Contingency Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike TGIF

- Eliana moves to approve the agenda as amended, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Le

- Sara moves to approve the minutes from 1/10/23, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 1/10/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

King

- Clara Castranova: "Hi guys, I am going to give the weekly CALPIRG update about what we have been up to. Right now we are in our winter recruitment drive and it has been going super well. We have over 400 students interested in getting involved with us this quarter. We have spoken in over 60 lectures and have over 50 new volunteers so far. As an organizing group having more people just means that we can make more change so we are really excited to have a lot of people involved. I also want to highlight a cool event that we did last week which is our benefit concept for our homelessness campaign to fundraise for the LA Food Bank. There were six student performing groups who were there and we were able to surpass our fundraising goal of a thousand dollars which is super awesome. This week we are also kicking off our new ocean conservation campaign with a big week of action and we have 7 events coming up that range from gathering petitions, throwing letters, to doing a beach cleanup. We are going to Santa Monica on Friday to do a beach cleanup which is super exciting. We are going to have our big kickoff meeting next week to officially launch all of our campaigns. Thank you for listening."
- Eghosa Ogbeide: "Hi everyone, my name is Eghosa and I am speaking on behalf of the Nigerian Student Association. In October, we applied to the ARC Fund and I know it was received because we got an email from you guys back in November. However, we still have heard about any decisions or any news on the allocations of those funds and so we just wanted to come here and check in with where that is at because we would like to use those funds this quarter. I know we reached out in early January but I just wanted to come on here and ask about it again."

V. Funding

A. Capital Contingency*

Prentice

A. Contingency Programming*

Prentice

- Largest number of applicants in a five day period.
- Requested Allocation: \$42,076.42
- Recommended Allocation: \$27,636.00 for 48 non USAC entities

- Sara moves to approve \$27,636.00 to 48 non USAC entities, seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved for this week.

- B. SFS Allocations# Flores
- Allocation: \$718.15 for 1 CSC org and 1 non CSC org
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- C. SWC Programming Fund Allocations# Majer
- Allocation: \$3,142.97 to non SWC groups
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- ~~D. Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# Johnson~~
- ~~E. ASRF Allocations# Cortez~~
- F. AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# Cortez
- Allocation: \$825.00 to 1 non USAC entity
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- G. ARC Allocations# Verdugo
- Allocation: \$1,230.00 to 1 non USAC entity
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- ~~H. TGH# Chiu~~

VI. Special Presentations

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President King
- Proxy Lucas Levy
 - “Hi my name is Lucas and I am Carl King’s proxy. Carl would like me to let you know that he is currently in Washington DC attending a conference as a guest of Vice President Kamala Harris. At this conference he is also speaking about the unanimous resolution passed by USAC regarding the release of Aven Hernandez from Venezuela. An assessment regarding the CPO work environment will be released soon and council should expect to make a ruling soon regarding the continued withholding of funds from CPO. Carl has interviewed two candidates for the TSR position and will interview two more tomorrow. ARC should expect to see them this week and the rest of the council next week. Thank you.”
- B. Internal Vice President Le
- For ARC, we had some time conflicts with previous candidates which is why we didn't have many appointments but we are setting up more interview times so if the members of ARC could answer my slack messages about when to meet as well as the consent item appointment that would be great. We will have more appointments for the John Wooden Board of Directors as well. We are opening a lot of interview times for the remaining recommendations from Council as well as the TSR recommendations from the Office of the President so be ready to interview.
 - In my office we are working on two main events right now. We are working on the True Bruin Raise Awards and banquet. So far we have gotten the award winners. I believe the case management services have notified the winners of their awards today and we are meeting with the case management services and GSA tomorrow to discuss the specific details of the banquet.
 - We are also hosting the off-campus housing fair which is scheduled for Week 3 on Wednesday so it is coming up very soon. It will be from 11am to 4pm in Bruin Plaza. Please try to make it out. We will have 16 property owners and then student organizations who are working with housing so it will be a very big event. We met with ASUCLA to finalize the layout and we are going to meet with the fire marshals tomorrow to get the layout approved.

C. External Vice President

Johnson

- In my office, we are doing a lot of prep. The conference is this upcoming weekend and we are leaving on Friday so just finalizing hotels and transportation and then later today we will be meeting with the UCLA attendees that are coming to finalize the plans and what to wear and what not to. I just got done attending a weekly University Affairs meeting which is under UC Student Association where we went over the upcoming regents meeting which is happening at UCLA and then the meeting that we get to have every quarter with President Drake. I did a two on one with all of my directors just to further plan out this quarter and events that are happening this quarter within the EVP office.
- We began winter recruitment for winter fellowship. I believe the applications are already out via social media so if you are interested please let me know. Our campus partnerships director and finance director met with our BAG recipients from last quarter to sort out payments in the ways in which they would be paid.
- Our team met with housing to go over the Gayley building plans last Friday.
- Lobby Corps is finally up and running. Folks should have received their acceptance emails. Everything should be starting next week in terms of the first official meeting. The local team helped draft a resolution which you will hear about in a little bit. They worked very very hard on it and it is really great.

D. General Representative 1

Kohanteb

- I met with Mike Cohn today who is my advisor. We discussed different events. We could do different ways and ways I can work with administration so that was really helpful. Previously I met with Jessica and Roy to discuss different ways that we could also work with them in the financial parts behind it.
- Today we started our club highlight of the week so this is something that I want to do every week where we highlight a specific club on our instagram so students can get involved with clubs that they once did not know about and then most importantly this past weekend we started our Ride Safe program. From 9pm to 3am from Thursday to Sunday we had free lifts around Westwood so that was a great success. A lot of people were telling me that they were figuring out how to use it and I think people really felt safe to ride around campus. At the end around 60 people used it so that gives us more room to do this program again on different weekends. I have been in contact with Lyft and hopefully we can bring this into a weekly program like other schools have so I am going to meet with the transportation department either this week or next to see how we can implement that further.

E. General Representative 2 Written

Hammonds

- Meeting with USAC advisor
- Met with administrators regarding feedback on Take Space, Make Space presentation and discussed next steps
- Participated in interviews with other CAE representatives for the associate director position
- Posted General Staff Application
- Hosting a workshop this week on financial aid/scholarship help for studying abroad

F. General Representative 3

Sisman

- I went to a meeting with Caleb Rubino with Rachel Gross from Jewish Association and their advocates funding to have interest-free loans for low income college students at UCLA and other universities in California. Caleb sounded supportive and I am hopeful we will be able to connect me with the pilot program.
- Thank you for having both different resolutions on that because it is very helpful in the advocacy efforts. I went to another campus partner's presentation for one of the candidates of the Associate Director for the Center for Accessible education.
- I did another one of my oral history interviews with the graduate student disability activist and former special ed teacher Emily Frank. If any of you know anyone who wants to be interviewed please let me know.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner Written

Cortez

Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addressed student concern with ASRF funding - met 1-1 to discuss the issue• Check-ins with General Staff
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Platforms + Committees	<p>Finance met with our SOLE advisor, Melissa to give them signatory access. We also discussed potential changes to deadlines for the funds that would be created in the Winter quarter and implemented in the Spring. Reviewing applications for both ASRF and TGMF on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Retention First resolved issues with student awards for B4B from Spring quarter. B4B currently open with two deadlines to review apps on a rolling basis.</p>
Academic Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief of Senate is conducting 1-1 check-ins with senators continuously • Working on a proposal to increase graduate student representation on Senate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Is involving other senators as well • Attended UgC where we discussed plans for innovation of the UCLA campus, as well as certifying certain program offerings.
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended UCOD meeting where we discussed a student issue with a professor regarding sensitive mental health topics and the denial of an accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ UCOD will be implementing an action group to address issues such as these ◦ Involved CAE, ADA 504, faculty, and grad students in the conversation • Met with SIOC appointment, Peter, to discuss updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ SIOC plans to involve interns of the committee ◦ Shared that the CRC/SIOC chairs are meeting with VC Gorden to go over the external review report on the CPO

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Boffa

I. Community Service Commissioner

Flores

- First, non-profit networking night is for students to network and interact with different non-profits around the LA area. This is happening January 24th from 6-9pm at Covell. If you RSVP that would be amazing. I encourage you all to promote this as much as possible as it is being led and coordinated by our amazing Community Service Commission directors of internal programming and all the amazing people that are supporting them.
- Next week we have our fellowship program. It is a two quarter fellowship program and the application deadline is this Sunday at midnight. This opportunity is for first year students and transfer students to get involved with CSC and get exposed to community services leadership here at UCLA.
- We are going to have two information sessions this Thursday and Friday from 6-7pm over Zoom. More information is on our Instagram page.
- If you applied to the IMPACT Conference, the deadline was last Saturday, you should be hearing back regarding all of that by the end of this week because we have a tight turnaround for booking flights, registration and all of that.
- CSC is going to be hosting several town halls this quarter as well as early next quarter all leading up to a big service conference that we are going to be doing in the spring quarter so we are going to ask a bunch of council offices to help with collaboration.
- Last thing, appointments we have so many please please apply and share it to everyone you know.

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- Our Winter Round applications closed this past Friday. They were really successful. We got a lot more staff for word on Wednesday and for WorldFest and even filled up some executive positions in those series so I am very happy about that because it means I get to start interviewing for people who want to be co-directors.
- We did get five applications for ARC so I am very grateful for those as you know we just need to get ARC back up on its feet but soon we will have some plans for a community project as part of ARC so lookout for that.

- Next we also have a CAC Art Attack Services Craft Fair next week on January 26th and it will be very fun so make sure to come out. On that same day we are also having a concert later on in the night in the Grand Salon. It will be our first concert of the year for the Concert Series.
- Our first directors meeting happened this past Friday and it was very successful. We came together on some logistical things and we also started creating a vision board for what we want to do this year.
- Word on Wednesday is happening tomorrow so please be there. It will be a new year's resolution guided meditation. It will be in the Kerckhoff Art Salon at 7pm.
- Next weekend we are having our winter retreat so I am very excited about that.

K. Facilities Commissioner

Chiu

- Proxy Megan
- "So updates from us, our committees are still working on the same things as last week. We had a meeting with UCLA Green New Deal about the transit referendum and we have drafted an email Outreach template and we will start a presentation deck to present to council to get it on the ballot. We met with Carol Ann from DCP about metamap and they need help logging accessible restroom stalls on campus for the map because signage is not currently accurate and we want more USAC support to secure funding for the minimap. Student employees from the campus bike advisory committee said that the final recommended projects for the year are the city council district 5 collaboration with Westwood Boulevard Bike Lanes on the pedestrian scramble at Gayley and strathmore intersections plus traffic calming, reopening the campus bike shop with UCLA Rec and the bike parking signage. They also drafted a letter to support the bike lanes on Ohio Avenue with the LA department of transportation and wanted to emphasize UCLA support of increased safety and accessibility of active transportation modes connecting to our campus hence the resolution later to follow. The Sepulveda Transit Corridor public comment is open this month until early february and it is super important to advocate for our outreach to UCLA students and employees to make sure that decision making includes them and along with EVP and FSC helped to draft the resolution that will be presented later for the meeting. Lastly, our winter fellowship application is now open and it will be due on this Friday at 11:59pm."

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- We are setting up meetings next week with the administration to speak about the New York Times subscription which I am really excited about. We finished our rental program this week so we had a few more people rent out lab coats.
- We have an upcoming workshop this week and then three more for this quarter. We are sending out additional staff applications just to have a few more helping hands.
- For partnerships with Westwood businesses, I worked with one of my directors to see how much we have done in total and he said we currently have 40 stores who agreed to discounts so we are going to start posting those on our Instagram so people actually know where they can get their discounts and they we are also meeting with housing and dining this week to get the meal tickets to be worth more because the price of our meals has gone up but the ticket has stayed the same.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Majer

N. Transfer Student Representative

Moreno

O. International Student Representative

Nath

- We are working with the international pre-med society at UCLA and working alongside them to outreach. We are also working with this organization called Timber Health. If you guys haven't heard of them, they are an insurance company and we are seeing how to work on an insurance plan for international students particularly. We are still working on getting our website up because of the technical stuff and working on our internships which is going to be next for us.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Archie II

- Orlando: "Hello everyone, I hope you all are doing well. Just a couple updates. The first one is just a continuation from last week. This is the last week student groups can register as new organizations so if you are looking to register a new group or are thinking about it, now is the time to do so. If you missed the Friday deadline we will have one more opportunity in the first week of spring quarter and I will mention that when the time comes. Just a quick update on the

USAC message. It has been submitted and has been received and I am just waiting to hear back when everything is good to go. It should be posted on Monday but if there are any issues I will reach out to you about it.”

- Jessica: “No major updates from me, but just as a reminder, I want to try to have Mary Romo who is our new programming manager come to council to introduce herself. I will email you My-Lan to see if we can get her on next week’s agenda if there is space and other than that we are just working on a lot of different programs for Student Union so if anybody has any ideas or recommendations feel free to send them my way and I could forward them on to Mary. I know she is working with a couple of your offices already for some great so-programming so if you want to partner with ASUCLA that is kind of what we are here for. Also if you have anything that you kind of broadly want to share with students in terms of messaging through social media channels let us know because we can have it reposted on ASUCLA’s social media channels which have a good amount of followers. My-Lan did mention it already about finding a replacement for the transfer student representative office so per your Constitution you do have a time frame in which you need to fill that position so ideally that person should be coming to interview with Council next Tuesday if you can make it work with ARC interviews. I know a couple potential candidates were getting eligibility checks if that is something that is holding it up then obviously you know it is important to get that piece done before they come to council. So just try to get that filled by next Tuesday because that will be 21 days from the vacancy.”

- Lori: “Hi, just two small things. I am meeting with Nick I think his name is from Phoebe’s office to work on some late night study spaces over at wooden for finals week and then UCLA Rec is finalizing our campaign to push out for open Rec dance studios and instructions on how to find when the studios are available for those who are not in a registered organization so they can have a place to practice for their majors or their off-campus dreams or whatever.”

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- A. [A Resolution in Solidarity with the UCLA Campus Bike Advisory Committee to Support the LA Department of Transportation’s Westside Mobility Projects*](#)

Chiu

A RESOLUTION IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE UCLA CAMPUS BIKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE LA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S WESTSIDE MOBILITY PROJECTS

Primary Sponsor:

Phoebe Chiu, Facilities Commissioner

Co-Sponsors:

Naomi Hammonds, General Representative 2

Juan Flores, Community Service Commissioner

My-Lan Le, Internal Vice President

Ana Majer, Student Wellness Commissioner

Sara Broukhim, Financial Supports Commissioner

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Council District 11 launched a series of projects called the Westside Mobility Projects to create new bikeways to connect Los Angeles neighborhoods on the Westside and nearby cities, like Santa Monica. The new bikeways will improve neighborhood safety through traffic-calming devices.¹

WHEREAS, the UCLA Campus Bike Advisory Committee (CBAC) began in November of 2022 as recommended by the League of American Bicyclists for UCLA to start its process toward receiving the Platinum-level Bike Friendly University designation.²

WHEREAS, the UCLA CBAC's goals include reducing single-occupancy vehicles and greenhouse gas emissions on campus and achieving campus wellness.

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the CBAC is to bring political weight to bike issues on and off campus.

¹ [Westside Mobility Projects | LADOT Livable Streets](#)

² [Campus Bike Advisory Committee \(CBAC\) | Transportation \(ucla.edu\)](#)

WHEREAS, one of the corridors within the Westside Mobility Projects is Ohio Avenue from Westwood Boulevard to Westgate Avenue, which connects the Westwood neighborhood local to UCLA to areas further west of campus.

WHEREAS, the CBAC has written an "LADOT Westside Mobility Projects Letter of Support" to be sent to LADOT and Council Districts 5 and 11 to signify UCLA's support of the Westside Mobility Projects and further bike lane projects between the two council districts. The Letter of Support denotes benefits to bikeways on Ohio Avenue and other corridors on the project, including connectivity to the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center and the historic Sawtelle Japantown.³

WHEREAS, support for the CBAC letter by the USAC could set precedence for solidarity and coalition-building between the two groups to create more advocacy power for local Westwood and Westwood-adjacent transportation and streetscape projects that would benefit the UCLA community, including undergraduate students.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council adopts this resolution to explicitly voice our support for the "LADOT Westside Mobility Projects Letter of Support" written by the UCLA Campus Bike Advisory Committee to LADOT and Council Districts 5 and 11. As representatives for 31,600 undergraduate students at UCLA, we second their expression of interest in LADOT's Westside Mobility Projects and continued engagement with LADOT on transportation projects.

- Eliana motions to approve A Resolution in Solidarity with the UCLA Campus Bike Advisory Committee to Support the LA Department of Transportation's Westside Mobility Projects, Naomi seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and A Resolution in Solidarity with the UCLA Campus Bike Advisory Committee to Support the LA Department of Transportation's Westside Mobility Projects is approved.

B. [A Resolution in Support of a Heavy Rail Sepulveda Line; Imploring UCLA to End its Inaction](#)*

Chiu

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A HEAVY RAIL SEPULVEDA LINE; IMPLORING UCLA TO END ITS INACTION

Primary Sponsors:

Divine Faith-Johnson, External Vice President
Phoebe Chiu, Facilities Commissioner
Sara Broukhim, Financial Supports Commissioner

Co-Sponsors:

Naomi Hammonds, General Representative 2
Juan Flores, Community Service Commissioner
My-Lan Le, Internal Vice President
Ana Majer, Student Wellness Commissioner

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Metropolitan Rail Authority (Metro) is currently studying alternatives for its future Sepulveda Line, a crucial corridor connecting Westwood with the San Fernando Valley and LAX. Project alternatives 1-3 include a monorail system, which would run in the median of the 405 Freeway; alternatives 4-6 would propose a heavy rail, or subway line, running underground;

WHEREAS, Metro's environmental review phase, which will study the benefits, cost, feasibility, impact, and mitigations of the above alternatives, is happening now. The formal public comment period is open until February 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, Metro will host virtual meetings and Community Open House events for community members to discuss the environmental review of the six project alternatives and potential station locations. The virtual meeting on January 22, 2023⁴, and the Community Open Houses on January 24, 2023⁵, and January 26, 2023⁶ will be significant opportunities for the UCLA

³ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/144E0hXjs08U9Tqfoq1bxCMgulu6fOijtqSyeVuZ7zAI/edit?usp=sharing>

⁴ [Reminder: virtual meetings on Jan. 11 and Jan. 22 for Sepulveda Transit Corridor project | The Source \(metro.net\)](#)

⁵ [Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Community Open House #2 \(In-Person\) - LA Metro](#)

⁶ [Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Community Open House #3 \(Virtual\) - LA Metro](#)

community to voice their concerns on the environmental review of the six alternative designs and potential station locations, respectively.

WHEREAS, UCLA Transportation’s most recent *UCLA State of the Commute 2021* report noted that UCLA had about 31,685 undergraduate and graduate students that lived off-campus in 2021 that would commute to campus and 17,000 employees that commuted to campus daily, mainly driving alone. At least 910 individuals, either students or employees, were “extreme commuters,” which the study defined as either having a UCLA parking permit and residing between 50 and 120 miles away from campus or driving at least 90 minutes one way to and from the university.⁷

WHEREAS, the University of California has a Sustainable Practices Policy that mandates each UC location to report greenhouse gas emissions from commutes. UCLA noted that commutes by students and employees resulted in about 31,627 MT of CO₂e in 2021,⁸ roughly equivalent to 78,504,715 miles driven by an average gasoline-powered passenger vehicle, 34,992,405 pounds of coal burned, or the annual energy consumption of 6,154 homes.⁹

WHEREAS, due to the high environmental costs of single occupancy vehicle commuting, UCLA’s Sustainability Plan targets to reduce the number of students and employees driving alone to campus to 33% and 44% by 2030 and 30% and 40% by 2050, respectively.¹⁰ In 2021, drive-alone rates for students and employees were 22.3% and 46.7%, respectively.¹¹ An effective Metro rail line could lower those numbers further.

WHEREAS, transportation made up 38% of California’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2022.¹² The 405 Freeway ranks consistently as one of the most congested roadways in the nation.¹³ Those living near the freeway are at increased risk of health complications, including lung disease and asthma.¹⁴ Creating a new rapid transit line is crucial to ease congestion and fight the Climate Crisis.

WHEREAS, the station at UCLA’s Gateway Plaza is expected to be the single busiest non-transfer station in LA Metro’s system. Without this direct connectivity to campus, the effectiveness of the line is dramatically reduced.¹⁵

WHEREAS, all three monorail alternatives in consideration by Metro contain stations adjacent to the 405 freeway, which would expose transit riders to intolerable and hazardous levels of pollution and noise from the freeway.¹⁶ Given that lower-income individuals and people of color comprise the vast majority of transit riders¹⁷ and are, therefore, more likely to be exposed to such pollution and noise from the 405, this proposal presents an environmental justice issue and hinders the goal of achieving equity with the Sepulveda rail line.

WHEREAS, BYD, the main private company partnering with Metro on the monorail proposal, has a history in Los Angeles of poor performance and public agency staff opposition, and its business model has reportedly focused on skilled lobbying to secure support and contracts from local politicians.¹⁸ This poor track record and behavior calls into question their ability to construct the Sepulveda rail line less expensively and in less time than a heavy-rail alternative, and is incongruent with UCLA’s True Bruin values of Accountability and Integrity¹⁹.

WHEREAS, the current monorail proposal by Metro’s private partnership with BYD excludes a station at UCLA’s Gateway Plaza, instead opting for stations at the edge of the 405 freeway and over a mile from campus.

⁷ [UCLA STATE OF THE COMMUTE 2021 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

⁸ [UCLA STATE OF THE COMMUTE 2021 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

⁹ [Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator | US EPA](https://www.epa.gov/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator)

¹⁰ [UCLA Sustainability Plan | UCLA Sustainability](https://sustainability.ucla.edu/transportation)

¹¹ [Transportation | UCLA Sustainability](https://sustainability.ucla.edu/transportation)

¹² [Current California GHG Emission Inventory Data](https://www.ca.gov/greenhouse-gas-emission-inventory-data)

¹³ [4 L.A. freeways make list of roads with most traffic in U.S. | KTLA](https://www.ktla.com/news/local/4-l-a-freeways-make-list-of-roads-with-most-traffic-in-u-s/)

¹⁴ [Living Near Highways and Air Pollution | American Lung Association](https://www.lung.org/living-near-highways-and-air-pollution)

¹⁵ [Ten Reasons to Ditch the Sepulveda Monorail Proposal Now – Streetsblog Los Angeles](https://streetsbloglosangeles.com/ten-reasons-to-ditch-the-sepulveda-monorail-proposal-now/)

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ [Results of our 2022 Customer Experience Survey | The Source](https://www.the-source.com/results-of-our-2022-customer-experience-survey)

¹⁸ [Stalls, stops and breakdowns: Problems plague push for electric buses - Los Angeles Times](https://www.latimes.com/stalls-stops-and-breakdowns-problems-plague-push-for-electric-buses)

¹⁹ [True Bruin Values](https://www.truebruinvalues.org)

WHEREAS, the monorail system, if built with a direct connection to UCLA, would make the total travel time of the line 28 minutes, compared to heavy rail's 19.4 minutes.²⁰

WHEREAS, the monorail system has a lower maximum capacity, carrying ~19,000 passengers per hour in each direction, compared to heavy rail's maximum capacity of ~27,000.

WHEREAS, the current public-private partnership proposed for heavy rail with the company, Bechtel, has direct connectivity to Metro's future Purple Line, Exposition Line, and regional rail.

WHEREAS, all connections for BYD's monorail are indirect, limiting the overall efficiency of the Metro network.

WHEREAS, 13 of the 14 neighborhood councils belonging to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils have issued formal support for a station at UCLA and direct transfer station at Metro's D-Line, including the North Westwood Neighborhood Council. The only opposition comes from the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council.²¹

WHEREAS, when asked for public comment by Metro, 93% of participants favored a heavy rail alternative to a monorail system,²²

WHEREAS, the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) has previously adopted "A Resolution Calling For A Direct UCLA/Westwood Purple Line Stop on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor," which prioritized a direct connection to campus and the D-Line (Purple) station. This resolution did not explicitly endorse the heavy rail alternative nor pressure UCLA's administration to do the same.²³

WHEREAS, despite overwhelming community support and enumerable benefits for heavy rail, UCLA has remained neutral about its preference for mode.

WHEREAS, opposition to heavy-rail remains limited to a vocal minority of homeowners in wealthy neighborhoods represented, in part, by the Bel-Air Association (BAA) and the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association. These parties' interests should not precede those of the UCLA undergraduate student body in the UCLA Administration's decision-making.

WHEREAS, UCLA Administration, represented by Administrative Vice Chancellor Michael Beck, has shown an uncomfortable degree of deference to the BAA, whose constituency has little to no relation with UCLA. Vice Chancellor Beck has gone as far as holding meetings with BAA Board Member Frederick Rosen regarding the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project and failing to push back on Mr. Rosen's opposition to heavy-rail and tunneling.²⁴

WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Beck has neither held similar meetings nor displayed an equivalent level of transparency with stakeholders holding a clearer nexus to UCLA than the BAA, including but not limited to the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) and the North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC).

WHEREAS, Vice Chancellor Beck wrote a letter on September 13, 2022, to Peter Carter, the Metro project manager supporting the receipt of public feedback, detailing the opinions of "UCLA" and "the University." In this letter, he stated UCLA's official position as "mode-agnostic," as well as UCLA's overarching principle as investing in the STC in a manner that "enhances equity by transporting people directly to the places they need to go and that connects as seamlessly as possible with the existing rapid transit network,...while minimizing the impacts of operations on the neighborhoods through which it runs."²⁵ While the USAC commends the spirit of equity in the deliberations for voicing the campus community's preferences for the Metro rail line, the

²⁰ [LA Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project - UCLA/Westwood Fact Sheet August 2021](#)

²¹ [Metro Nears Next Step for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project — Beverly Hills Courier](#)

²² [Public says: 93% favor rail tunnels, not an overhead monorail, for mega Sepulveda Pass project – Daily News](#)

²³ [A Resolution Calling For A Direct UCLA/ Westwood Purple Line Stop on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor](#)

²⁴ [Sepulveda Transit Corridor Update](#)

²⁵ [STC+PDA+mtgs+letter+091322+FINAL.pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)

lack of engagement with the student community compared to the BAA does not represent either equity or the interest of UCLA's undergraduate students, employees, and other members of the UCLA community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) adopts this resolution to explicitly support Metro's heavy rail alternatives, 4-6. This council rejects all proposals for a monorail alternative.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC expresses its grave concerns regarding Vice Chancellor Beck's lack of communication with the local campus population in his meetings regarding the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project, compared with parties outside of campus.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC requests Vice Chancellor Beck to present at a council meeting before February 1, 2023 with a list of his direct involvements and outreach with undergraduate students to solicit feedback on the UCLA community's stance on the Metro project alternatives.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC requests a meeting between Vice Chancellor Beck and USAC staff to facilitate further conversation about increasing student engagement about the Sepulveda Transit Corridor during the public comment period and incorporating undergraduate students' desire for heavy rail within UCLA Administration's advocacy efforts to Metro.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC implores UCLA to make a public endorsement of the heavy rail alternative and submit an updated position letter to LA Metro reflecting this new position. The benefits the heavy rail option brings to the university, our community, and our planet are immeasurable. The future of UCLA relies on the success of this line; neutrality is not an option.

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the council reaffirms the importance of undergraduate students in UCLA's public endorsements. The needs of students and faculty must be prioritized by our UCLA administration; our University must endorse heavy-rail to secure a better future for Bruins.

- Juan motions to approve A Resolution in Support of a Heavy Rail Sepulveda Line: Imploring UCLA to End its Inaction, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-1, the motion passes and A Resolution in Support of a Heavy Rail Sepulveda Line: Imploring UCLA to End its Inaction is approved.

XI. Adjournment*

- My-Lan adjourns the meeting at 8:03pm.

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* Indicates Action Item
Indicates Consent Item
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