

Resolution to Endorse Proposition 30

WHEREAS, the State of California's divestment from public higher education in the last 30 years, due in part to the passage of Proposition 13, has stifled the ability of UCLA to admit and educate undergraduate and graduate students without undue financial burden to them; (1) and

WHEREAS, total cost of attendance at UCLA has increased nearly 200% in the last six years from \$6,802 in 2006 to \$13,218 in 2012, pricing UCLA out of reach for many low-income students; (2) and

WHEREAS, the goal for State funded education in California is to provide World Class education through adulthood and ensure that all Californians have access to public education; and

WHEREAS, education is directly correlated to the growth of our economy and a way to plan for the future. Education should be one of California's top priorities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 is a proposed tax initiative led by California Governor Jerry Brown aimed at alleviating forecasted budget cuts to public higher education by increasing the California sales tax by .25% as well as creating three new tax brackets for taxable incomes exceeding \$250,000, \$300,000, and \$500,000; (3) and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 was a compromise between labor, teacher, and nurses unions advocating for the Millionaire's Tax and Governor Jerry Brown's First Tax Increase Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst's Office, the nonpartisan agency advising the California Legislature on the state budget for over seventy years, estimates \$6.8 billion in revenue if Proposition 30 passes; (4) and

WHEREAS, the University of California projects a 20 percent tuition hike and \$375 million cut that will immediately trigger if Proposition 30 does not pass; (3) and

WHEREAS, the University of California projects a \$2,400 tuition hike by the end of 2012, should Proposition 30 not pass; (3) and

WHEREAS, the UC Regents themselves have endorsed Proposition 30, citing it as the best option for avoiding a mid-year tuition hike; (3) and

WHEREAS, other large institutions such as the LA Times have taken stances to support state funded education and Proposition 30; (4) and

WHEREAS, elected student government officials are charged with advocating for measures that keep students' best interests in mind.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles supports Proposition 30 on the November ballot;

FINALLY, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles will take it upon themselves to ensure that the student population is educated about Proposition 30 when going to the polls on November 6th.

(1)<http://www.californiataxdata.com/pdf/Prop13.pdf>

(2)<http://againstcuts.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/AC-Packet-9-2012.pdf>

(3)<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/28037>

(4)<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/endorsements/la-ed-end-prop-30-prop38-20121002,0,2923644.story>