

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
University of California, Santa Barbara
Senate Resolution

Subject: A Resolution to Condemn and Disavow White Supremacy and All Forms of Racism
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Number: _____ **FPP:** _____
Bill Type: Positional **Vote Required for Passage:** 50%+1

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

_____ recommends to the A.S. Senate that the following action be taken:
Pass As Written: _____ Pass With Amendments: _____ Do Not Pass: _____
Refer To Committee: _____
Recommended by a Vote Of: _____ Chairperson's initials: _____

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FISCAL IMPACT

Amount: \$ _____ Account: _____

A Resolution

To Condemn and Disavow White Supremacy and All Forms of Racism

WHEREAS: Since the 2016 election, the rate of hate crimes has skyrocketed more than 20 percent, there has been a 24 percent increase in crimes from 2015 in New York, while Washington D.C. watched a 62 percent increase, additionally, there were almost 900 reports of harassment and intimidation against black and brown bodies across the nation, further, in New York City there was a 189 percent increase in specifically anti-Semitic crimes as compared to the same time period in 2016; and,

WHEREAS: the rising tension and white nationalism has skyrocketed exponentially and has resulted in a polarized nation on all fronts where many people of color are enshrouded with fear of even being a part of a society that may persecute them; and,

WHEREAS: this recent political turmoil has manifested into organized violence in Charlottesville and elsewhere where the "Unite the Right" neo-Nazi rally was expected to attract as many as "2,000 to 6,000" people, counter-protestors were present at the site of the white nationalist gathering, the two groups began to quarrel and as clashes broke out, the police began to disperse the crowds, the governor declared a state of emergency, and two hours later a gray Dodge Challenger rammed into a crowd of counter-protestors that were walking down a street in downtown Charlottesville and the 20-year-old suspect, James Alex Fields Jr, slammed the car in reverse and fled the scene, though he was caught, he is currently facing second-degree murder among other charges; and,

WHEREAS: White Supremacy, the Ku Klux Klan, and Neo Nazi beliefs are not legitimate political opinions and instead conclusions founded in inherent racism, ignorance, bigotry, and prejudice; and,

WHEREAS: US code Title 18, Part I, Chapter 113B, Section 2331 with the amendments of the USA Patriot act defines domestic terrorism as, "activities that involve acts dangerous to human life that- (A) are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any state; (B) appear to be intended- (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or

coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and © occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States; and,

WHEREAS: The events in Charlottesville, the beliefs of the Ku Klux Klan and Neo Nazi organizations and other unjustified violent speech and acts against historically marginalized citizens of this country are acts of domestic terrorism; and

WHEREAS: The 68th Senate not only maintains its own legal code but is also subject to the constitution and laws of both the State of California and the United States at large and upholds that the Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom to PEACEFULLY assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances as inalienable human rights, while these rights are guaranteed to all individuals unless their speech and actions infringe upon another human's inalienable rights; and,

WHEREAS: it is undeniable that current political precedents, climate, and culture are a legitimate threat to all people of color and their allies, and to passively allow statements and actions of hatred is an offensive abuse of the privilege and power that Californians and moreover student leaders have, it is clear that there is a moral obligation to become active and set the tone in this stand for the protection of our fellow students; and,

WHEREAS: it is recognized that hatred and racism is a taught phenomenon and comes from a place of ignorance and the seal of all University of California system contains the statement, "Let there be Light", demonstrating our university's commitment to dispelling ignorance in the pursuit of a compassionate and cooperative diverse student body; and,

LET IT BE RESOLVED: that the 68th Senate stands in solidarity firstly with the victims of all hate crimes, especially those injured and killed in Charlottesville and classifies these acts as Michael Signer - the mayor of Charlottesville - proclaims them to be, "[a] cowardly parade of hatred, bigotry, racism, and intolerance march down the lawns of the architect of our Bill of Rights" and stand in agreement with words of Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe regarding white supremacists as we feel that they "... need to leave American, because they are not Americans... Go home... You are not wanted in this great commonwealth. Shame on you;" and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the University of California, Santa Barbara calls for college campuses here and elsewhere to be a place of growth, consideration, it should be a haven for all intellectually inspired ideas, but yet the one thing it can and will reject based on sheer respect for humanity is anything and anyone that supports violence, hatred, racism, and bigotry; and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the University of California, Santa Barbara stands in solidarity with the victims of Charlottesville and the students and citizens at or near the University of Virginia and the counter-protestors that bravely met their transgressors as best they possibly could; and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Associated Students Senate, Executive Officers, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Units shall condemn hatred, white supremacy, bigotry, and anti-blackness in every shape and form on our own campus, and prevent the fostering of hateful speech on campus through various means including but not limited to: educational workshops, vigils and protests on campus, community spaces, the Association reserves the right to restrict funding to groups that foster direct white nationalism; and,

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE 68th ASSOCIATED STUDENTS IN THE SENATE

ASSEMBLED: that we as the representatives of the University of California, Santa Barbara not only disavow and condemn any and all forms of bigotry, racism, discrimination, and white nationalism and support the protection of marginalized communities to be able to walk and speak freely in this shared society, but call on all other campuses throughout California and the entire country to follow suit and continue to carefully observe, analyze, and reprimand powerfully against any and all groups that try to suppress and stifle People of Color and religious minorities through a revival of a reckless and cruel hierarchy of white pride and hatred towards those same groups.