

Presented to the Senate floor on May 28, 2009.

# ASUCD SENATE RESOLUTION #31

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Introduced by: Pulido

Referred to: External Affairs Commission

Recommendation: External Affairs Commission Do Pass as Amended, 7-0-2, on June 2, 2009.  
Yes: Arce, Cummings, Lesovoy, McQuaid, Ozedirne, Percoco, Taeb  
Abstain: Aulakh, Lee

An ASUCD Senate Resolution concerning the farm workers of Immokalee, Florida and Sodexho's role in perpetuating inequitable wages.

WHEREAS, the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) is and must continue to be a world leader in agriculture and sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, sustainability seeks to ensure social justice, economic viability and environmental protection for the human and natural environments, both now and into the indefinite future; and,

WHEREAS, Sodexho purchases copious amounts of tomatoes, many of which come from Florida during the off-season/winter and supplies them to UC Davis; and,

WHEREAS, all UC Davis students, through their tuition, pay fees that fund a multimillion-dollar food service contract between UC Davis and the Sodexho corporation; and,

WHEREAS, Florida tomato pickers in Immokalee are exploited workers, suffering from sub-poverty wages (making \$0.40 - \$0.50 cents per 32-pound bucket of tomatoes they pick), no overtime pay, and in the most extreme cases, modern-day slavery conditions; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions are in direct violation of the integrity of the UC Davis campus and its Principles of Community which "affirm the inherent dignity in all of us" and declare that collectively "we strive to maintain a climate of justice" and that "we confront and reject all manifestations of discrimination within or outside of the university"; and,

WHEREAS, UC Davis must apply these standards to all contracted corporations and hold them accountable for compliance with the UC Davis Principles of Community; and,

WHEREAS, there is a current national campaign being waged by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) and Student Farmworker Alliance (SFA); and,

WHEREAS, the Students for Sustainable Agriculture club, and undergraduate students from Chicano Studies 50 along with other community members are also organizing around the issue; and,

WHEREAS, the CIW represents the interest of Florida's tomato pickers and has negotiated successfully with Subway, Burger King, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Whole Foods and Bon Appetit to improve wages and working conditions in these companies' tomato supply chains; and,

WHEREAS, the CIW is currently in negotiations with food service corporations, including Sodexho, and is asking that such corporations pay at least \$0.01 more for every pound of tomatoes they purchase

from Florida to be passed on directly as a wage increase for tomato pickers, and to be involved in the process of implementing this pay increase to assure that it is done fairly; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the ASUCD Senate urges Sodexho to meet with the CIW, agree to pay a penny more per pound to directly improve Florida tomato pickers' wages, and, together with the CIW, implement an enforceable, human rights-based Code of Conduct for its tomato supply chain; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the ASUCD Senate urges the UC Davis administration to publicly call on Sodexho to do the same; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the ASUCD Senate requests the leadership of the University of California in bringing attention to this national issue; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to *The Davis Enterprise*; the *Sacramento Bee*; Fred Wood, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Griselda Castro, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Chancellor Linda Katehi, Chancellor Designate; Jan Gong, Vice Chancellor; George Chavel, CEO of Sodexho; management team of Sodexho at UC Davis; *The Aggie*; Chancellor Emeritus, Larry Vanderhoef; The Coalition of Immokalee workers; The Student Farm workers Alliance; *San Francisco Chronicle*; the *Los Angeles Times*; Stan Nosek, Vice Chancellor of Administration; Rahim Reed, Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Community Relations; *KDVS 90.3*; Barbara Boxer, United States Senator; Diane Feinstein, United States Senator; Mark Yudof, President of the University of California; Davis City Council; Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of the State of California and ex-officio regent; John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor of the State of California and ex-officio regent; President Barack Obama, President of the United States; Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida; Aramark Corporation; Compass Group North America.

DO PASS 11-0-1, BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE ASUCD SENATE ON JUNE 4, 2009.

YES: CLEMENTE, GARRETT, GOLD, LEBE, MASSOUDI, PATRIZIO, ROUHAFZA, TAYLOR, TORRES, WITANA, ZWALD.

ABSTAIN: PULIDO

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Joe Chatham  
ASUCD President

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Date