

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**



Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2018-30
Title: Support Students in Housing and Rental Affordability
Sponsored by: College of Health and Human Services Leen Almahdi and Senator-at-Large Danielle Carancho
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Date Submitted: April 19, 2018
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- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and
- WHEREAS** the CSULB ASI mission states, “the Associated Students of CSULB seeks to facilitate the achievement of students’ educational objectives and life goals through programs, services, and facilities that advocate student needs and interests, compel student representation in campus decision making and provide students with resources that they identify as necessary for their intellectual, social and physical development;”¹ and
- WHEREAS** as stated in the ASI Board of Directors 2017-18 Policy Agenda, we are committed to supporting and advocating on behalf of students facing food and housing insecurities;² and
- WHEREAS** a 2016 research study conducted by the California State University (CSU) system revealed that 1 in 10 students are homeless and 1 in 5 are food insecure;³ and
- WHEREAS** according to Institutional Research & Assessment at CSULB as of fall 2017, 7,746 students reported having their mailing address in Long Beach out of 37,065 totaling over 21%; and
- WHEREAS** according to Housing Long Beach over 58% of Long Beach residents live as renters in the area⁴ and 50% around other major cities in California;⁵ and
- WHEREAS** the average increase in rent over the past three years alone in Long Beach is 30%, with many residents facing rent increases of hundreds of dollars at a time;⁶ and
- WHEREAS** rent control refers to the implementation of policies that limit the amount landlords and/or property owners can charge tenants per year;⁷ and
- WHEREAS** the current housing market allows for landlords and property owners to have ultimate authority on setting prices;⁸ and

¹ <http://www.asicsulb.org/pages/asi-mission-statement>

² [https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2017-2018/SR-2018-08-BOD Senate Policy Agenda Initiatives 2017-18.pdf](https://www.asicsulb.org/gov/documents/senate/resolutions/2017-2018/SR-2018-08-BOD%20Senate%20Policy%20Agenda%20Initiatives%202017-18.pdf)

³ <https://lbpost.com/news/education/one-in-10-cal-state-students-is-homeless-csulb-study-finds-leaders-discuss-solutions-in-long-beach/>

⁴ <http://www.housinglb.org/about-us/>

⁵ <http://www.laweekly.com/news/la-is-the-american-big-city-with-the-largest-slice-of-renters-7979976>

⁶ <http://www.longbeachize.com/long-beach-rents-continue-rise-now-averaging-cost-los-angeles-first-time-ever>

⁷ <https://curious.kcrw.com/2018/03/what-you-need-to-know-about-rent-control>

⁸ <http://www.housinglb.org/resources/>

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- WHEREAS** the affordable housing crisis began with built in deeds, documents, and policies that exclude people of color from obtaining any property rights and/or becoming homeowners;⁹ and
- WHEREAS** property values were linked to race as a “financial issue” and the Federal Housing Administration used this opportunity to begin redlining districts as a way to justify underfunding people of color communities;¹⁰ and
- WHEREAS** in 2012 Long Beach underwent a redevelopment agency stage (RDA) where the city government began investing in the development of the Downtown area;¹¹ and
- WHEREAS** some of the notable attractions invested in, such as the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, Shoreline Village, Marina Park, and Aquarium of the Pacific, resulted in an increase in the cost of living within certain districts; and
- WHEREAS** the effects of gentrification taking place fell on the historically marginalized groups residing in the city who were not homeowners;¹² and
- WHEREAS** as shown by the previously noted history, the current housing system perpetuates the problem of systematic racism; and
- WHEREAS** massive displacement and gentrification in Long Beach is a result of luxury developments, particularly in the Downtown area;¹³ and
- WHEREAS** according to a study from the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, lack of affordable housing leads to housing insecurity for low-income renters increasing higher threats of displacement, eviction and homelessness;¹⁴ and
- WHEREAS** students, faculty, and staff residing in Long Beach deserve to stay in their communities rather than be displaced to areas far from their school; now therefore; be it
- RESOLVED** that ASI and Lobby Corps will work in collaboration with different stakeholders in regards to housing affordability in Long Beach; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that Lobby Corps will obtain all information regarding the potential rent control and affordable housing initiatives at the local and state level and host educational campaigns and voter registration drives to inform students about the issues pertaining to affordable housing; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that ASI will help in activating students at CSULB, informing them about the housing crisis in Long Beach through tabling sessions; and be it further

⁹ <https://www.npr.org/2017/05/03/526655831/a-forgotten-history-of-how-the-u-s-government-segregated-america>

¹⁰ <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2014/05/the-racist-housing-policy-that-made-your-neighborhood/371439/>

¹¹ <http://www.lbds.info/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=3969>

¹² <http://www.pbs.org/pov/flagwars/what-is-gentrification/>

¹³ <https://lbpost.com/news/city/with-no-rent-freeze-in-place-tenants-suffer-price-hikes-as-landlords-fear-rent-control-in-long-beach/>

¹⁴ <https://www.nlchp.org/ProtectTenants2018>

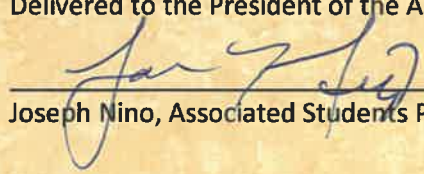
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RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Vice President for University Relations and Development Andrea Taylor, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, Cal State Student Association, all current ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Magazine.



Sofia Musman, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



Joseph Nino, Associated Students President

5/9/18
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