To the UC administration and students, 

March 5th, 2020

We, the ZETA Chapter of Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Incorporated, are writing to assert our support for graduate students at UC Santa Barbara and the graduate students across the University of California system that are fighting for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment. We recognize the important work that graduate students contribute to our educational experiences at UC Santa Barbara. Without graduate students, we would not be able to have the classes necessary for our evolution in our scholastic journey. Without graduate students, we would not have as much opportunity to receive the academic support and mentorship that is crucial to our education and to our development as students. We support their efforts in demanding proper compensation for their irreplaceable labor.

As undergraduates of UC Santa Barbara, we support graduate students’ efforts to ensure that their basic needs are met. In solidarity with our graduate students, we demand that there is no retaliation from administration against any UCSB graduate students participating in a grading strike or full working strike. We fully rebuke any attempt on the part of the administration to frame graduate students’ demands for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment as harming undergrads. We support them in their fight to make the University of California a more equitable institution for all students. We also call on our administration to denounce the increased presence of cops and other law enforcement that has been increasing on our sister campuses and has resulted in police brutality and is affecting graduate and undergraduate students alike.

We will not remain quiet and will come out in support of our graduate students in their fight against exploitation.

In Solidarity,

The Sisters of the ZETA Chapter of Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Incorporated