Dear UC Administration,

We, A.S. Human Rights Board’s Students for Reproductive Justice, are writing to announce 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 of graduate students that critically impacts our educational experiences at UC Santa Barbara. Without graduate students, the classes that we need in order to finish our degrees could not be taught. Without graduate students, we would have comparably less opportunity to receive the academic support and mentorship that is crucial to the educational trajectory of many students. We support their efforts in demanding proper compensation for their labor.

As undergraduates of UC Santa Barbara, we support any and all graduate students’ efforts to ensure their basic needs are met. In solidarity with our TAs, 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’ demand for a cost-of-living adjustment as harming undergads: we support their fight to make the the University of California a more equitable institution for all students. Furthermore, we call upon our administration to denounce the increased militarization and police brutality that is occurring on our sister campuses and affecting graduate and undergraduate students alike.

An injury to one is an injury to all, and we will not remain quiet while our graduate students are exploited.

Signed,

A.S. Human Rights Board, Students For Reproductive Justice