

PRESS CONFERENCE

Pause.

Who: Associated Students, Local Affairs

When: Friday, March 9th at 1:00pm

Where: Patio Outside the Nati Conference Room in Associated Students

What: Associated Students wants to acknowledge the current stress levels and well being of students in the aftermath of the Thomas fire and recent events in the Isla Vista community. We want to respond to these issues by bringing the community together in a Town Hall to discuss these issues, ask questions and find solutions. This event will be held on April 3rd at 6:00pm next quarter by the EVPLA office.

Why: This event will be held out of necessity to address the overall mental health, drug abuse, and stress of students. This is directed to the campus officials, leadership, faculty, staff, and our fellow students. At a meeting held on March 7th with UCSB and Isla Vista officials and experts it became clear very quickly that we are experiencing an unprecedented level of mental health effects due to stress and dire circumstances. Some of these circumstances are outside of our control, some of them within our control. We need to talk about these differences and we need to take action. We are calling this event "Pause." because need to take a moment to evaluate our current situation. And we invite you to Pause. from self medication, from self harm, and from other destructive actions towards yourself and others and come together and talk about it.

Batsheva Labowe-Stoll, EVPLA: "We need to come together to address the issues and stresses we have faced as students in the past couple weeks and the past couple months."

Daniel Renteria, IVTU Chair: "We need to address that students are going through unprecedented levels of stress due to recent events and we need to address this issue with our fellow students, staff, faculty, and the broader Isla Vista community."