

## Student Statement Regarding Giovanni's Pizza Boycott

I never thought I would experience this level of discrimination in Isla Vista.

Last night, I showed my Mexican issued government ID to the Gio's Manager to acquire a cup for beer. She questioned my ID and requested further documentation specifically a passport. It wasn't until I showed her my CA ID which was TWO years expired that she finally gave me a cup. Minutes later my friend showed his German national ID to acquire a cup, which wasn't even in English, and she gave it to him with no questions asked. Clearly, this was not about foreign IDs.

Furthermore, another friend showed her EAD card (which is an ID given by the FEDERAL government to undocumented immigrants who qualify for DACA) and she was given the same discriminatory treatment and denied a cup. At this exact moment a drunk bystander engaged aggressively with my friend's partner and shoved him out of the way. This lack of support from my fellow students broke my spirit because at that very moment I felt like I did not belong in this community. Everyone saw this unjust treatment but no one did anything or had our back.

We were kicked out of Gio's while this white aggressor stayed inside. My friend was physically and verbally abused while trying to reason with the manager by this bystander. We weren't starting anything. We weren't the ones who actually physically threatened another individual. But we were the ones kicked out. The anger I feel is indescribable. This is something we cannot and must not stand for in our community. I ask everyone to join us in solidarity and boycott Gios.

