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*The following statement contains sensitive material that may be triggering.*

We, the 70th Associated Students Senate, would like to express our solidarity in supporting survivors in light of recent events.

We formally condemn unsafe spaces on campus, in Isla Vista, and throughout our neighboring community. We acknowledge that these spaces exist and strongly condemn any student organization that perpetuates the harassment and abuse of any person. The AS Senate calls for immediate action from UCSB administration in response to such environments that enable sexual violence.

As Senate representatives of the student body, we want to stress our willingness to listen to student's concerns and anger. We will assist any student to the best of our abilities. We also want to strengthen support for survivors and acknowledge that survivor's needs, well-being, and experiences should always be central to the conversation.

With that being said, we recognize these events are not singular and are a reflection of a greater culture that allows sexual violence to continue. This harmful culture needs to be addressed and stopped.

In addition to the campus resources linked below, we would like to offer the student body the support of the AS Senate in this conversation. We are here for you, beyond simply redirecting you to campus resources. However, please feel free to take advantage of all resources both implied and linked below.

Furthermore, we call upon the UCSB student body to actively stand with survivors. Students are welcome to come speak and share grievances at AS Senate meetings during public forum, every Wednesday at 6:30 in the Flying A room of the UCen. Our work builds upon the generations of survivors who have had the courage to create these resources and speak their truths. The 70th AS Senate believes survivors and wants to ensure they are able to heal in a supportive environment.

Sincerely,

The 70th Associated Students Senate

Campus Resources:

CARE Office

<http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/care/home>

(805) 893-4613

CAPS

<http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/>

(805) 893-4411