

Associated Student Senate of Fullerton College Letter of Support

Letter in support of the Fossil Fuel Divestment Resolution supported by the Sustainability Committee.

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Fullerton College Faculty Senate,

The Fullerton College Associated Student Senate acknowledges the forward momentum our college has made in terms of support for sustainability initiatives across campus. With the passing of both the sustainability BP and AP in Spring of 2021 and the creation of the position and hiring of a Director of Sustainability, we see this support and the subsequent turn to action. We are again asking for your support and action as a Fossil Fuel Divestment Resolution is now placed before you.

The relevance of and need for resolutions such as this grow in urgency with each passing day. The current information brought forth in the 2021 iteration of the IPCC's assessment report on current global warming and anthropogenic climate change dictates the necessity for an increased call to action. Echoing this need, world leaders have met at the COP-26 in a continued effort to fuel progress on combating climate change. These leaders will look to make policy and regulations geared towards combating the common threat to citizens of the world and the existence of all life as we currently know it. We do not need to wait for such policies to subsist in order to take action. Fossil fuel emissions are the largest contributing factor to greenhouse gasses and the consequent climate change. The United States of America paves the road and sets the bar in many innovative and progressive ways. The unfortunate truth is that the US has also been the largest contributing nation to greenhouse gas emissions. Divestment of college funds in the fossil fuel industry is a step towards reparations with the climate and the world.

We too are world leaders, and our actions dictate which side of this fight we are on. The future depends on today, and today we ask you to join us in supporting the Fossil Fuel Divestment Resolution. Fullerton College has taken steps forward in creating a more sustainable campus, and now we must dig deeper. Making these changes in sustainability practices and yet rewarding

our scholars with money that has deepened the pockets of climate change perpetrators is counterintuitive. Let us stand up for what we stand for with a clear conscience and intention.

Fullerton College Associated Student Senate