



Board of Directors 2023-2024
Resolution in Opposition to the City and County of Los Angeles Parking Tax

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Approved: TBD

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) is the recognized voice of nearly 25,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population while igniting students' potential and empowering their voices for the betterment of Cal State LA students; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is requiring California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) to pay a 10% tax on all on-campus parking¹, in response to a 2019 California Supreme Court ruling that allowed charter cities to require state colleges and universities to impose the Los Angeles parking occupancy tax.²; and

WHEREAS, California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) exists within the California State University system and is not owned or controlled by Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has a \$46.7 billion budget³, that the county Board of Supervisors approved on October 3rd, 2023, for 2023-24⁴; and

WHEREAS, California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) does not keep any revenue generated from the tax; it is collected by the University and remitted to the city of Los Angeles⁵; and

WHEREAS, On January 1st, 2023, California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) began collecting a 10% parking occupancy tax on all campus parking fees for all parties parking on campus, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, administrators, community members, etc. Which applies to all daily, hourly, monthly, and semester permits⁶; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of this 10% parking tax increase, California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) students are now required to pay an additional \$22 for a total amount of \$242 for each semester of Fall 2023 and Spring 2024⁷; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate students' financial security, housing security, food security, etc.; and therefore,

¹ <https://www.calstatela.edu/parking/parking-occupancy-tax-faq>

² <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/12-s242835-app-conditional-non-opp-to-resp-bd-trustees-csu-req-jud-notice-060818.pdf>

³ <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/budget/>

⁴ <https://www.dailynews.com/2023/10/03/la-county-oks-amended-2023-24-budget-boosting-spending-by-3-4-billion/#>

⁵ <https://www.calstatela.edu/parking/parking-occupancy-tax-faq#:~:text=Cal%20State%20LA%20does%20not,and%20remitted%20to%20the%20city.>

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⁷ <https://www.calstatela.edu/parking/parking-permits>



WHEREAS, Cal State LA's Office of Communications and Public Affairs manages internal and external communications, including marketing, media relations and public information. Its efforts center on building awareness and recognition of the achievements of those in the Cal State LA community and furthering positive relations with the campus community and its many audiences⁸.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, Associated Students of California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) strongly opposes the City and County of Los Angeles requiring students to pay an additional 10% tax on parking at Cal State LA, which puts an undue financial burden on students who already struggle to afford living and completing their education; and let it be further

RESOLVED, Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) believes the City/County should exempt Cal State LA from the 10% parking tax increase in the name of supporting higher education and student access; and let it be further

RESOLVED, That Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) call on the Department of Parking and Transportation Services and the University administration to consider having a week grace period at the start of each semester, where students are allowed to park on campus free of cost; and let it be further

RESOLVED, Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) will work with the Office of Communications and Public Affairs of the University on research and lobbying efforts to persuade the City of Los Angeles to grant Cal State LA an additional exemption period.

⁸ <https://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/publicat>