



*Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Inc.*

## **A Resolution Against Proposition 23: Suspended Implementation of Air Pollution Control Law (AB 32)**

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**WHEREAS,** The Associated Students, Inc. (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for over 20,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA); and

**WHEREAS,** a key component of the mission of A.S.I. is to support legislation at both the State and Federal levels that provide service, programs, and protections that meet the educational, social, recreational, and cultural needs of the pluralistic community; and

**WHEREAS,** one purpose of the A.S.I. Environmental Policy Committee (E.P.C.) is to promote environmental justice by advocating for the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies; and

**WHEREAS,** Proposition 23 suspends State law requiring greenhouse gas emissions be reduced to 1990 levels by 2020, until California's unemployment drops to 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive quarters; and

**WHEREAS,** Proposition 23 also requires the State to abandon implementation of a comprehensive greenhouse-gas-reduction program that includes increased renewable energy and cleaner fuel requirements, mandatory emission reporting and fee requirements for major polluters such as power plants and oil refineries, until that suspension ends; and

**WHEREAS,** that, as stated in the E.P.C. Codes of Procedures, A.S.I. is committed to the implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, it is necessary for A.S.I. to support measures to preserve comprehensive greenhouse-reduction programs that encourage environmentally conscious practices; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of California is the only state to have a global warming and greenhouse-reduction program law in place, removal of this law would be detrimental to the advancement of other State initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS,** under Article IV, Section 3 – Issues of Social Concern in the A.S.I. Code of Procedure the Board of Directors is empowered to pass a position statement, encourage grass roots efforts, the distribution of press releases, the passage of resolutions, and all other appropriate action; let it be

**RESOLVED**, that A.S.I. shall make efforts to educate students, CSU campus administrators, faculty and staff on the negative impact of supporting Proposition 23; and let it also be

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to CSULA President James M. Rosser, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed; the CSU Board of Trustees, the California State Student Association, and the University Times.