



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

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 36,  
A CHANGE IN THE “THREE STRIKES LAW” INITIATIVE**

Authored by

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- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for nearly 20,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA); and
- WHEREAS,** A.S.I. recognizes public education is a right and not a privilege and that the promise of free or affordable public education in the California Master Plan for Higher Education is one of the greatest democratic achievements in California's history; and
- WHEREAS,** California is experiencing a \$15.7 billion dollar deficit crisis and the CSU System has been cut upwards of \$750 million dollars, yet the State still commits approximately 11% of California's budget to State prison funding; and
- WHEREAS,** the State now spends nearly \$10 billion a year on prisons, which is about twice of what it spends from the general fund for the University of California and the California State University combined; and
- WHEREAS,** this amount is further demonstrated by the fact that seven times as many dollars are spent on prison inmates than on K-12 students; and
- WHEREAS,** Proposition 36, according to the California Legislative Analyst's Office and the California Department of Finance, will incur savings related to prison and parole operations in the amount of \$70 million annually, with the possibility of savings up to \$90 million annually, over the next couple of decades; and
- WHEREAS,** the passage of Proposition 36 could save taxpayer money that could be used to fund schools, fight crime, and reduce the State's deficit, while restoring the original intent of the Three Strikes law by focusing on repeat offenders of serious or violent crimes; and
- WHEREAS,** A.S.I. fights for the prioritization of the of State funds being allocated towards K-12 and Higher Education, believing in the academic funding of an educated California workforce with the capability of contributing to a vibrant economy and strengthened tax base; let it be
- RESOLVED,** that A.S.I. may produce material, before November 2012, that educates our community as to the cost of State prison funding, the inequality of the pressure of the Three Strikes law on minorities, and preventable crime funding; and let it also be



**RESOLVED,** that A.S.I. supports, but will not commit more than 10% of the annual budget to the passage of Proposition 36, and any peaceful rally, event, or activity on campus that would further promote and bring awareness about this Proposition; and let it finally be

**RESOLVED,** that copies of this Resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to California State Governor Jerry Brown, Los Angeles County District Attorney Stephen Cooley, the Los Angeles Attorney General, the CSU Board of Trustees, CSULA Vice President of Institutional Advancement Kyle Button, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, Vice President of Legislative Affairs of California State Student Association Pedro Ramirez, CSULA University Times, and CSULA Public Affairs Executive Director Nancy Miron, and CSULA President James M. Rosser.