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A Statement by the Chicano/Latino Concilio on Higher Education of San Diego County:

Chicano /Latino Educators Condemn UCSD Actions and Call for Dismissal of Charges Against Arrestees and Declare No Confidence in UCSD Chancellor

The San Diego Chicano/Latino Concilio on Higher Education, a long-standing coalition of educators, condemns the administration of UCSD's decision on May 6, 2024, to use violent police force to repress what was a non-violent student and community demonstration that expressed support for the Palestinian people and opposed the Israeli government's genocidal actions. As educators, some with over forty years in higher education, we are knowledgeable about the significant role of students as a moral conscience of the university and as agents of positive change.

We stand against policies and practices that perpetuate racist agendas, silence student voices for social justice, and repress student freedom of expression and academic freedom. Such institutional actions are traumatic for those arrested and other students. In our view, such inexcusable and repressive acts constitute institutional betrayal that can only engender fear and anxiety among Latinx students and create a hostile climate for them and their peers.

We call for the immediate dismissal of charges against and suspension of arrested students, faculty, and community members and any disciplinary action against them.

We vote no confidence in the UCSD Chancellor. We call on the President of the University of California to dismiss the UCSD Chancellor.

We also call on the President to remind the Chancellors of the other UC campuses of their responsibility for the safety and welfare of **ALL** students and to dismiss other officials who betray the solemn trust that parents, students, and taxpayers have placed in the University of California.

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