

## **RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE INCREASE OF ANY AND ALL PARKING PRICES.**

**Sponsors:** Brad Mleynek (Organizing Director), Israel Molina (Commissioner of Diversity), Max Hufft (Commissioner of Academic Affairs)

WHEREAS, Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) is proposing a three-year series of annual increases to most Parking fees and program fares starting in July 2015 and continuing through June 2018. <sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, Annual A permits are increasing 4.55%, while Annual R permits are increasing 9.49%, Academic Year C permits are going up 7.36%, and Quarterly R permits are increasing 9.89%, and;

WHEREAS, Packets of 25 scratch-off R-permits are increasing 10% per year indefinitely, and;

WHEREAS, Parking meters and pay stations are increasing 33% per year.

WHEREAS, This multi-year proposal will increase these fees for the first time since July 2006,

WHEREAS, Over \$350,000 is being set aside to expanding parking for Long Marine Laboratory and the Seymour Center (the Coastal Sciences Campus), an area where most undergraduate students do not park at, and;

WHEREAS, Over \$200,000 of this projected revenue is being set aside for parking for Social Sciences 3, a building that does not exist nor has funding set aside to begin construction, starting in 2016-2017.

WHEREAS, These allocations are not a part of the public proposal TAPS is providing.

WHEREAS, While TAPS is in a \$1,700,000 transit deficit, its parking and transit budget are completely separate, and profits from parking cannot be used to offset the transit deficit, and;

WHEREAS, The proposal claims that part of the reason for the increase is to "meet debt requirements", but TAPS has approximately half a million dollars in parking reserves.

WHEREAS, The current costs of parking permits are already at an extreme high.

WHEREAS, Students are already facing an increase in tuition and the Student Services Fee from UCOP, and other proposed increases in the upcoming 2015 campus elections from various campus entities, and;

WHEREAS, This strengthens another barrier for students pursuing an affordable and accessible education.

WHEREAS, The current cost of permits have forced many students to take parking spaces in front of homes, businesses, and churches that otherwise would be used by permanent residents of Santa Cruz, harming relations between the university and the surrounding community.

WHEREAS, The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) has one vacant seat, for an undergraduate student to sit on this committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Union Assembly opposes the proposed increases, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That future fee and capital project proposals seek substantial consultation from the campus community, and not just a single committee, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That SUA Chair Lardinois write a letter, condemning the fee increase proposal, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That SUA Chair Lardinois and IVC Wheeler immediately appoint an SUA member to fill the last seat on the Transportation Advisory Committee, that will adequately represent the undergraduate student body and;

THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That SUA calls on Chancellor Blumenthal to not sign off on any parking price increases and to divert some form of central funds to lower the cost of parking permits.

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, That Vice Chancellor of Business and Administrative Services, Sarah Latham, and higher administration, work with TAPS to not only address their debt, but to find ways to lower the already high costs of parking permits and sustainable transportation options.