

**A Resolution
In Support of Beach Flats Community Garden**

Sponsored by:
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Whereas, the Beach Flats Community Garden is a public resource that has served the community of Beach Flats for over twenty years¹; and

Whereas, the Beach Flats Community Garden provides healthy food and a community space for the people of Beach Flats²; and

Whereas, the community of Beach Flats has used the Nueva Vista Community Center and the Beach Flats Garden as resources to foster an engaged and involved community; and

Whereas, the Beach/South of Laurel neighborhood has the highest concentration of an underrepresented population in the City of Santa Cruz where about 46% of residents identify as Hispanic/Latino compared with 17% citywide³; and

Whereas, Santa Cruz Seaside Company Inc. is interested in reclaiming the land for commercial use; and

Whereas, the rapid enrollment growth of the University of California, Santa Cruz has put land pressure on the City of Santa Cruz;

Whereas, the University and the City of Santa Cruz must work together to find solutions to the land use problems that benefit both the students and the community

Therefore be it resolved, the Student Union Assembly recognizes the importance of keeping the Beach Flats Community Garden in its current configuration; and

Therefore be it further resolved, the Student Union Assembly recognizes the Beach Flats Community Garden as an valuable resource to the City of Santa Cruz that must be supported to prevent further gentrification; and

Therefore be it finally resolved, the Student Union Assembly formally supports the Beach Flats Community in their request of the City of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Seaside Company to work together with members of the community to find a long-term solution for keeping the entirety of the garden open as a public space.

¹ "A Community Uprooted," City on a Hill Press, <http://www.cityonahillpress.com/2015/10/08/a-community-uprooted/>

² Beach Flats Garden Community Webpage, <http://beachflatsgarden.org/>

³ "City Of Santa Cruz Lower Ocean - Beach/South Of Laurel Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area," City of Santa Cruz Economic Development Department, <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=26018>