

To: UCSD Black Student Union

Education For All Coalition  
1313 Park Blvd  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear BSU of UC San Diego,

The San Diego Education For All Coalition would like to express our support, respect, and solidarity with the BSU and supporting organizations during this crisis. We condemn the highly aggressive and offense events; the “Compton Cookout”, the Koala media broadcast, the hanging of a noose, and the inappropriately ignorant and arrogant response of the UC system and administration. We praise the leadership demonstrated by the BSU to lead the resistance against this injustice prevalent throughout the UC system, in particular at UCSD with its distressingly diminutive 1.3% African-American population. This is an essential issue that highlights the historic lack of support for underrepresented communities of color – not just blacks, but Latinos, Arabs, Asian-Americans, and Filipino and Filipino Americans included.

It’s utterly tragic that the UC system has failed to contextualize the reality of their responsibility for the atmosphere which has manifested these disgraceful events. The Chancellors condemnation and simultaneous inaction exhibits the systems actual insincerity to social justice and equality. We applaud the efforts of your organization as well as the other leadership elements which have made prominent the structures hypocrisy. For the UCSD Chief Diversity Advisor has zero budget and no staff, there has been immaterial action on the Yield Report which was released three years ago, and the administration offers dismal funding for campus organizations that support underrepresented communities of color (APSA, BSU, KP, MEChA, NASA, SDC, QPOC); what evidence exists to support the claim of the administration’s commitment to fostering a diverse educational environment?

Of particular importance, we’d like to highlight the inspiration you have provided to people and communities throughout the nation. Through your resistance to iniquity and racism, the beautiful manifestation of compassion, love, respect, and solidarity has crystallized. This essential bond invokes a powerful strength into the efforts against social injustice throughout its vast existence. Through our diverse experiences of struggle and exploitation, we are coming together as one, in a collective vision of community that defends all at the expense of none.

In Solidarity,

-Education For All Coalition, San Diego