

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA
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Senate Resolution 06-17

**IN OPPOSITION TO NATIONAL RIOTS AGAINST THE RESULTS OF THE 2016
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:

- WHEREAS*, the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (ASUH) Senate is the elected body representing approximately 11,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH Senate strongly honors the United States’ presidential election process; and,
- WHEREAS*, the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa strongly supports peaceful, non-violent protests and rallies; and,
- WHEREAS*, the ASUH Senate strongly supports legal, fair, and peaceful presidential elections; and,
- WHEREAS*, Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution states that the President of the United States shall be elected by the Electoral College¹; and,
- WHEREAS*, in order to be elected as the 45th President of the United States a minimum of 270 votes needed to be acquired in the Electoral College; and,
- WHEREAS*, as of November 15, 2016, Donald Trump has obtained 290 votes in the Electoral College; and,
- WHEREAS*, on December 19, 2016, the Electoral College will officially elect the 45th President of the United States²; and,
- WHEREAS*, following the 2016 Presidential election results, protests emerged throughout the United States; and,
- WHEREAS*, it has been reported that some protesters have engaged in acts of vandalism, inconvenienced commuters in major U.S. cities by blocking traffic and barricading light rail transit systems, and assaulted law enforcement officers and others by throwing projectiles and using physical contact³; and,

¹ <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/provisions.html>

² <http://www.politico.com/2016-election/results/map/president>

³ <http://abcnews.go.com/US/thousands-march-trump-tower-fourth-day-protests/story?id=43494086>

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials have referred to a number of these protests as “riots”⁴; and,

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2016 police chief Mike Marshman estimated that the damage reach over \$1 million in Portland Oregon alone⁵; and,

WHEREAS, instances of vandalism, destruction of property, and violence have occurred in cities other than Oregon including Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Miami⁶; and,

WHEREAS, by November 12, 2016 more than 225 people have been arrested from protests across the nation⁷; and,

WHEREAS, protests have emerged on college campuses across the country⁸; and,

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the majority of these unlawful acts are student led⁹; and,

WHEREAS, in the state of Hawai‘i, on November 13th, 2016, over 1100 attendees including University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa students attended the Love Trumps Hate rally, and marched from Kapiolani Park to Trump International Hotel, where no illegal or violent acts occurred¹⁰; and, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUH firmly believes that the violent riots regarding the results of the 2016 Presidential Election are ineffective, unwise and dishonorable; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUH firmly believes that there are safer, more effective ways to voice one’s opinion regarding the results of the 2016 Presidential Election; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUH encourages all protesters to avoid violent demonstrations and, instead, seek non-violent alternative methods of voicing student opinion regarding the results of the 2016 Presidential Election; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to Hawai‘i State Governor David Ige; City of Portland Mayor Charlie Hales; City of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel; City of San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee; City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; City of Miami Mayor Tomás Pedro Regalado; UH President and UH Mānoa Interim Chancellor David Lassner; the UH

⁴ <http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/11/us/oregon-protest-riot/>

⁵ http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2016/11/pearl_district_ne_portland_wak.html

⁶ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/11/11/violence-erupts-in-portland-riot-as-anti-trump-protests-continue-in-cities-across-the-nation/>

⁷ Ibid

⁸ <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-protest-trump-20161109-story.html>

⁹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2016/11/09/mobs-of-tearful-angry-students-protesting-trump-victory-swarm-campuses/>

¹⁰ <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/33699749/more-than-1100-anti-donald-trump-protesters-march-through-waikiki>

Board of Regents Chairperson Jan Sullivan and Members; UH Mānoa Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Lori Ideta; UH Mānoa Interim Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Mike Kaptik; the undergraduate students at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa; the Honolulu Star Advertiser; and the Ka Leo o Hawai‘i.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ACCEPT SENATE RESOLUTION 06-17

Aye(s): Vice-President Dela Cruz, Treasurer Hinshaw, Secretary Nishihara, Senators-at-Large Chen, Enriquez, Senators Chen, Delos Reyes, Finau, Ho, Honda, Ishii, Klinestiver, Lao, Lee, Lo, Negrillo, Takagi, Urasaki, Utashiro, Wang [20]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstain(s): [0]

Introducers: Maggie Hinshaw, Treasurer; Shanda Delos Reyes, Senator of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences; Micah Leval, Senator of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences