BOD 2023-2024 – 2R
Resolution in Support of the Philippine Human Rights Act

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 12,500 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB’s Shared Strategic Commitments includes being dedicated to “enhance our inclusive campus, responding to the backgrounds and interests of our diverse community and promoting their academic, professional and personal development;”¹ and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up roughly 23% of California State University, East Bay undergraduate students, making this demographic the second largest population in CSUEB;² and

WHEREAS, “The Bay Area is home to around 500,000 Filipinos, according to the 2017 American Community Survey, which represents 12% of the entire 4 million Filipinos in the United States,”³ making up many of the friends and family who support our community and have ties back in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, students are still concerned with the violence associated with the Philippine government’s drug war and recognize the injustices and inhumane treatments such as red-tagging, political assassinations and extrajudicial killings driven by the Philippines government’s War on

² California State University, East Bay. Facts. Retrieved from: https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/facts.html
Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act, claiming the lives of over 30,000 people thus far⁶; and

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA) if passed: “will suspend all security funding to the Philippines until basic human rights standards are met by the Philippine government, including: compliance with audits and investigations; ensuring the end of killings of unionists, journalists, indigenous, farmers, LGBT activists, and all other groups targeted by the Philippine government; and the prosecution of members of the Philippine military and police found to have violated human rights;”⁷ and

**WHEREAS**, having the bill passed will also “[send] a clear signal: respect for human rights and dignity should be the foundation of U.S. foreign policy, not a talking point that we selectively use when it's politically convenient.”⁸ will also improve on who the U.S. should be providing funding for; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, “the U.S. helped inaugurate Duterte’s drug war by giving $32 million to the Philippine police (supposedly for “training and services” in “policing standards” and “rule of law,” besides equipment). In July 2018, the United States announced an additional $26.5 million in U.S. tax dollars to beef up support for Philippine police, in the name of “counter-terrorism;”⁴ and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Terror Bill allows the Philippine government absolute power to define terrorism and carry out warrantless arrests of suspected terrorists including US travelers and visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, “in the first six months of the Marcos administration alone, the Alliance for Advancement of People’s Rights (Karapatan) has documented 17 extrajudicial killings, 165 illegal arrests, 9,159 forced evacuations, and 357,726 cases of harassment and intimidation;”⁸ and

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WHEREAS, the promotion and protection of human rights are essential principles that uphold the dignity and well-being of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, this issue continues to directly impact our students because US taxpayer funds are bankrolling a growing human rights issue when they could be redirected to supporting our education system, institutional support, healthcare and other social services in the US; and

WHEREAS, ASI passed Resolution in Support of the Philippine Human Rights Act,⁵ be it therefore

RESOLVED, this resolution supersedes the previous version (ATTACHMENT I); and let it be further

RESOLVED, California State University, East Bay’s Associated Students Incorporated fully endorses the Philippine Human Rights Act and will lobby with elected officials to show support of, as well as collaborating with AAPI organizations to create resources and spread awareness for the campaign; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI allows the usage of its logo on the campaign website, and any other outlets affiliated with supporting the Philippine Human Rights Act; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns the unjust actions fueled by the Philippine War on Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns the decision to send US Taxpayer money to the Philippine military and police; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI embraces diversity and fair human rights for all individuals, and continues to compile resources for the Filipinx-American community to publicly support the Philippine Human Rights Act; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that ASI of CSUEB strongly supports the Philippine Human Rights Act and urges its passage to ensure that U.S. assistance to the Philippines is contingent upon the Philippine government's commitment to upholding basic human rights standards, ending violence and extrajudicial killings, and holding accountable those who have violated human rights;

RESOLVED, that ASI of CSUEB calls upon the members of the U.S. Congress representing our district to co-sponsor and support the Philippine Human Rights Act, recognizing the importance of human rights in U.S. foreign policy and the need to protect the rights and dignity of all individuals, including those in the Philippines;

RESOLVED, that ASI of CSUEB stands in solidarity with Filipino Americans, human rights organizations, and advocates working tirelessly to address the human rights crisis in the Philippines and advocates for justice, accountability, and the protection of human rights; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the U.S. Congress representing our district and other relevant authorities, urging them to take immediate action in support of the Philippine Human Rights Act and the promotion of human rights worldwide.
Authored by: Nolan Clara, President/CEO
Kushal Sheshadri, Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff
Danny, Chair

Approved On: Wednesday, Oct 18th, 2023

ASI President/CEO does hereby [ ] approves / [ ] refuses to approve this resolution.

Nolan Clara
ASI President/CEO

Kushal Sheshadri
ASI Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff

Dane Lopez
Chair

Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2023-2024
ATTACHMENT 1
CSU EAST BAY, ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. (ASI)
Resolution in Support of the Philippine Human Rights Act
BOD 2021-2022 – 2R
Resolution in Support of the Philippine Human Rights Act

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 15,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB’s Shared Strategic Commitments include being dedicated to “enhance our inclusive campus, responding to the backgrounds and interests of our diverse community and promoting their academic, professional and personal development;” and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders makeup roughly 23% of California State University, East Bay undergraduate students, making this demographic the second largest population; “2 and

WHEREAS, “The Bay Area is home to around 500,000 Filipinos, according to the 2017 American Community Survey, which represents 12% of the entire 4 million Filipinos in the United States,” 3 making up many of the friends and family who support our East Bay community and have ties back in the Philippines, and

WHEREAS, students are still concerned with the violence associated with the Philippine government’s drug war and recognize the inhumane treatment and injustices driven by the Philippine government’s War on Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act, resulting in over 27,000 deaths thus far, and

California State University, East Bay. Retrieved from: https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/

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WHEREAS, the Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA) strives: "to suspend United States security assistance with the Philippines until such time as human rights violations by Philippine security forces cease and the responsible state forces are held accountable;" and

WHEREAS, in 2016, "the U.S. helped inaugurate Duterte’s drug war by giving $32 million to the Philippine police (supposedly for “training and services” in “policing standards” and “rule of law,” besides equipment). In July 2018, the United States announced an additional $26.5 million in U.S. tax dollars to beef up support for Philippine police, in the name of “counter-terrorism;” and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Terror Bill allows the Philippine government absolute power to define terrorism and carry out warrantless arrests of suspected terrorists including US travelers and visitors, and

WHEREAS, this issue continues to directly impact our students because US taxpayer funds are bankrolling a growing human rights issue when they could be redirected to supporting our education system, institutional support, healthcare and other social services in the US, and

WHEREAS, ASI passed Resolution in Support of the Philippine Human Rights Act; and

RESOLVED, this resolution supersedes the previous version (ATTACHMENT I); and let it be further

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RESOLVED, California State University, East Bay’s Associated Students Incorporated fully endorses the Philippine Human Rights Act and will lobby with elected officials to show support of, as well as collaborating with AAPI organizations to create resources and spread awareness for the campaign; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI allows the usage of its logo on the campaign website, and any other outlets affiliated with supporting the Philippine Human Rights Act; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns the unjust actions fueled by the Philippine War on Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns the decision to send US Taxpayer money to the Philippine military and police; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI embraces diversity and fair human rights for all individuals, and continue to compile resources for the Filipinx-American community to publicly support the Philippine Human Rights Act; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Governor Gavin Newsom, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Bob Hertzberg, Congressman Brad Hertzberg, Congressman Eric Swalwell, all local representatives in the East Bay Area, the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Chancellor, our University President, the Vice President for Student Affairs, Coordinator of Diversity, Diversity and Inclusion Center, Executive Director for International Programs, President of each CSU Student Government, Vice President of Legislative Affairs of the California State Student Association, President of the California State Student Association, President of University of California Student Association, the Pioneer, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

Authored by: Anjelica de Leon, President/CEO
Kabir Dhillon, Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff, Alumni & 2019-2020 President/CEO

Daisy Maxion, President/CEO

Approved On: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

ASI President/CEO does hereby [ ] approve [ ] refuse to approve this resolution.

Anjelica de Leon
ASI President/CEO

Kabir Dhillon
ASI Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff

Daisy Maxion
Alumni

Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2021-2022
ATTACHMENT 1
CSU EAST BAY, ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. (ASI)
Resolution in Support of the Philippine Human Rights Act

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 14,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the benefit of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up roughly 2.7% of California State University, East Bay undergraduate students, making this demographic the second largest population; and

WHEREAS, "The Bay Area is home to around 700,000 Filipinos, according to the 2017 American Community Survey, which represents 12% of the entire 4 million Filipinos in the United States," making up many of the friends and family who support our East Bay community and have ties back in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, students are becoming increasingly concerned with the violence associated with the Philippine government's drug war and recognizes the inhumane treatment and injustices driven by the Philippine government's War on Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act, resulting in over 22,000 deaths thus far; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA) strives: "to suspend United States security assistance with the Philippines until such time as human rights violations by Philippine security forces cease and the responsible state forces are held accountable;" and

1 California State University, East Bay. Accessed: from https://www.government.ca.gov/about/calibay
2 NBC Bay Area. Filipino Community Forms Bay Area Filipino Compliance Group Ahead of Census 2020
WHEREAS, in 2016, the U.S. helped inaugurate Duterte’s drug war by giving $12 million to the Philippine police (supposedly for “training and services” in “policing standards” and “rule of law,” brokered supposedly). In July 2018, the United States announced an additional $35.5 million in U.S. tax dollars to help quash support for Philippine police in the name of “counter-terrorism,”

and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Terror Bill allows the Philippine government absolute power to define terrorism and carry out warrantless arrests of suspected terrorists including US residents and visitors,

and

WHEREAS, this issue directly impacts our students because US taxpayer funds are being used by a growing human rights issue when they could be re-directed to supporting our education system, institutional support, healthcare and other social services in the US, be it therefore

RESOLVED, California State University, East Bay’s, Associated Students Incorporated fully endorses the Philippine Human Rights Act and will lobby with elected officials to show support of, as well as collaborating with APIA organizations to create resources and spread awareness for the campaign, and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI allows the usage of its logo on the campaign website and any other media affiliated with supporting the Philippine Human Rights Act, and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns the unjust actions started by the Philippine War on Drugs, De Facto Martial Law, and Anti-Terrorism Act; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI condemns the decision to send US Taxpayer money to the Philippine military and police; and let it be further

RESOLVED, CSUEB ASI endorses diversity and fair human rights for all individuals, and commits to compile resources for the Filipinos American community to publicly support the Philippines Human Rights Act, and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor Gavin Newsom, Speaker Bob Hertzberg, Congressmen Brad Sherman, Congressman Eric Swalwell, the Cal State Board of Trustees, Office of the ASI Chancellor, Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of International Students, California State University Association, University of California Student Association, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

Author: Aurora de Leon, Vice President of University Affairs
Bretney Golez, Vice President of Communications

Daisy Marzian, Advisor

Approved By: Wednesday, August 26, 2020
ASI President/CEO does hereby [ ] approve / [ ] refuse to approve this resolution.

Aurora de Leon
ASI President/CEO

Bretney Golez
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