

## **A Resolution to Recognize and Celebrate the Service of Raja Bhattar at UCLA**

WHEREAS, Raja Bhattar has served seven exemplary years as the Director of the University of California, Los Angeles Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Campus Resource Center;

WHEREAS, they are a social justice educator who has helped transform the campus into a space where Bruins feel welcomed and validated regardless of sexual or gender identity,

WHEREAS, the LGBT Campus Resource Center is a safe haven and valuable educational resource for students, staff, and faculty alike,

WHEREAS, they have highlighted the LGBT Campus Resource Center's values in acknowledging the importance of intersectional advocacy and community-building in the LGBTQIAA community;

WHEREAS, under Raja's leadership, the UCLA was named one of the top six most LGBT-friendly universities in the nation by College Choice, a college ranking website<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, in the last seven years, UCLA has made greater commitments to its LGBTQIAA students, investing in gender-inclusive restrooms<sup>2</sup>, opening the Gender, Sexuality and Society Community floor<sup>3</sup>, including gender and sexuality questions in the UC application, and allowing for preferred names on UCLA Bruin Cards<sup>4</sup>.

WHEREAS, Raja has demonstrated a commitment to and fostered the growth of student leaders through advocacy, trainings, educational workshops, high visibility events,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) recognizes the contributions and great service of Raja Bhattar's campus work and community organizing through their leadership in programs that enrich and better the inclusivity of the campus for Bruin staff, faculty, and students alike;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USAC acknowledges that under Raja Bhattar's activism, leadership, and hard work, the campus and LGBT Campus Resource Center have found progress towards creating a safer and more inclusive campus,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dailybruin.com/2016/05/09/director-founders-reflect-on-20-years-of-lgbt-campus-resource-center/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://dailybruin.com/2014/07/07/ucla-to-put-up-gender-inclusive-signs-for-certain-campus-restrooms/>  
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<sup>4</sup> <http://dailybruin.com/2017/10/04/recent-change-allows-for-students-to-use-preferred-names-on-bruincard/>

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that USAC formally thanks Raja Bhattar for their leadership and service and wishes them nothing but the best in all their future endeavors.

Resolution passed 2/27/18.