A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A LOS ANGELES METRO SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR STOP AT UCLA

WHEREAS, approximately 81% of the UCLA population, including about 65% of students, regularly commuted to campus through walking, biking, driving, and transit according to the UCLA 2019 State of Transportation report; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that the commuter population of UCLA could increase for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond given the anticipated hybrid teaching style and the uncertainty of the state of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, parking permits and daily passes can be expensive, making them inaccessible for many community members; and

WHEREAS, parking competition is extremely fierce and it can be very difficult to ensure a spot where one will not incur citations given the number of people trying to park on campus every day; and

WHEREAS, UCLA transportation aims to reduce the employee drive alone rate and fleet greenhouse gas emissions through sustainable transportation programs, demonstrating a commitment to promoting greener forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, an underground station on UCLA’s campus would create a faster, more convenient, more affordable, and more sustainable alternative for commuters to UCLA and Westwood; and

WHEREAS, this station would be the highest traffic non-transfer station in the entire Metro system; and

WHEREAS, UCLA’s 2019-2026 Sustainable Transportation Plan was already created to formulate a plan for the introduction of the Metro Purple Line to the Westwood neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, commuters arriving from the Purple Line should have a direct rail connection to UCLA, rather than a bus or walking transfer, which would add additional time to a commute; and

WHEREAS, this Metro stop will not only alleviate transportation issues for the UCLA commuter students, but also allow for a more accessible way for students from working-class communities to visit a college campus.
THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA USAC council stresses the need for a UCLA underground station for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, with a direct connection to the Purple Line.