

Associated Students of San Francisco State University
Resolution Supporting the Brown's Last Chance Campaign

WHEREAS, human induced climate change is one of the greatest crisis of this age, subjecting communities around the world to extreme weather disasters, insatiable wildfires, and inability to source essential basic needs. The world today is currently not on a sufficient path to meeting the global precedent of keeping the global climate from warming past its threshold of 2°C.

WHEREAS, the extraction and burning of fossil fuels is one of the primary drivers of human induced climate change.

WHEREAS, California is the third largest oil producer in the United States. California produces about 200 million barrels of oil per year¹. California processes some of the dirtiest crude oil in the world that contributes to harmful pollutants and gases in the atmosphere².

WHEREAS, our state's over 40,000 oil wells and refineries are primarily located in low income communities and communities of color³.

WHEREAS, communities in close proximity to fossil fuel extraction sites and refineries suffer from higher health risks⁴ including increased asthma attacks⁵ and respiratory issues⁶, higher hospitalization rates⁷, higher cancer rates⁸, high-risk pregnancies and premature births⁹, and higher rates of birth defects¹⁰.

WHEREAS, more than 800 organizations have signed onto the Brown's Last Chance campaign. This campaign demands that Governor Jerry Brown takes action to ensure that no new permits are issued for oil and gas drilling and direct plans are created to phase-out all fossil fuels projects as quickly as possible.

WHEREAS, Associated Students (AS) and San Francisco State University have been leaders in the higher education system through fossil fuel divestment accomplishments. Thanks to student

¹ ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/annual_reports/2015/PR03_2015.pdf

² <http://oilindependents.org/the-story-of-california-crude/>

³ <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/california-fracking-risks-report.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.psehealthyenergy.org/our-work/publications/archive/the-science-on-shale-gas-development/>

⁵ <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2534153>

⁶ <https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/ehp.1307732>

⁷ <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0131093>

⁸ <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0170423>

⁹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26426945>

¹⁰ <https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/ehp.1306722>



and faculty collaboration, San Francisco State University was the first public university to divest from coal and tar sands¹¹.

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that Associated Students at San Francisco State University will again publicly stand up against detrimental fossil fuel industries by signing onto the Brown's Last Chance campaign.

RESOLVED, that Associated Students at San Francisco State University will urge the California State Student Association to also sign onto the Brown's Last Chance campaign in support of the effort to urge Governor Brown to protect the people of he serves rather than the profits of the fossil fuel industry.

¹¹ <https://gofossilfree.org/san-francisco-state-university-divests-from-coal-and-tar-sands/>