## UCLA OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Dear Campus Community Members:

The day following the presidential election, Chancellor Block joined the UC chancellors and the president of the University of California in a <u>statement</u> underscoring our unwavering support for all members of our community. As the UC Principles Against Intolerance make clear, the University "strives to foster an environment in which all are included" and "all are given an equal opportunity to learn and explore" free of harassment based on immigration status, racial/ethnic background, religion, sexual orientation or political views.

Particularly since the election, there have been disturbing reports from across the nation of intimidation, harassment, and, in some cases, violence against individuals and targeted groups. If this has happened to you, or you have witnessed such incidents, I encourage you to file a report with the <u>UCLA Police Department</u> (310 825-1491) or through our <u>hate/bias reporting site</u> so that these incidents can be thoroughly investigated. Other campus resources include the <u>Undocumented Student Program</u>, <u>undocumented legal support services</u>, and <u>Counseling and Psychological Services</u>.

Many of our students have expressed uncertainty and fear over possible changes to federal immigration policies that may directly affect them and/or their families. Therefore President Napolitano has convened a working group to develop for the UC the best and most effective responses to possible changes to federal immigration policies under the incoming administration. The unequivocal goal of these efforts is to protect all members of our community and ensure their continued success in the University of California. The working group is moving quickly, and we will keep you posted about its efforts.

In the meantime, let us continue to live, learn and work together with mutual respect and cooperation. As noted in the Principles Against Intolerance, "(we are) best served when members of the University community collaborate to foster an equal learning environment for all, in which all members of the community are welcomed and confident of their physical safety."

Sincerely,

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