

ASLMU Senate at Loyola Marymount University

*A resolution in solidarity to students of color at universities all over the nation and specifically
to the student assaulted at Cornell University*

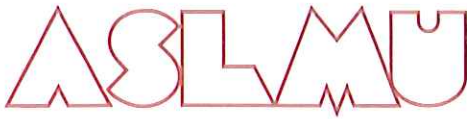
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On September, 27, 2017

WHEREAS, on the night of September 15, 2017, a group of five white members of the Chi chapter of Psi Upsilon fraternity verbally and physically assaulted a black student who attempted to break up an altercation. In response, the fraternity members turned to the black student, began calling him the N-word, and then proceeded to assault him.

WHEREAS, tragedies like this one frequently plague our communities. At times, many of us often become desensitized to these kinds of issues when they are perceived to not directly affect us. However, the impact of this senseless beating is felt by the students of this campus and others around the nation, and has challenged the sense of security of students of color in need of support. Through this letter, Loyola Marymount University affirms that we stand with you and for you in the struggle for equality, love, and justice.

WHEREAS, as a Jesuit institution, we are called to the service of faith and the promotion of justice. We cannot claim this mission if we do not truly live out the values that our founding leaders established. Some of these values include *magis* and *cura personalis*. Through a *magis* value, we strive to “do the more” and ensure that our acts are not complacent to the structures that are meant to only benefit certain communities. In addition, through *cura personalis* “we care for the other” because we realize that we are all interconnected in one way or another.

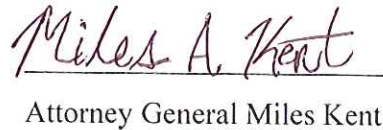


ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

ASLMU, in keeping with the Jesuit and Marymount tradition,
empowers the voice of students and actively promotes a vibrant campus life.
Driven by integrity, we devoted ourselves to being men and women for and with others.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE the creation of this letter as not only a statement of solidarity, but to firmly declare that instances like these will not be tolerated nor ignored. We are in this fight together and though we are across the nation from one another, your presence is felt by us. We demand that the five students who committed the assault are given adequate consequences for their actions by Cornell's administration in order to ensure that justice for the student assaulted is served. We, the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University, are with you. You are in our thoughts.


Vice President Mara Ley


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Senator Brenda Quintanilla


Senator Vandaleena Mahoney