

Resolution in Support of The LGBTQIA+ Community After Discriminatory Supreme Court Ruling

WHEREAS, discrimination and regression and repeal of laws that have fought for the protection and existence of LGBTQIA+ communities and individuals, last Friday, the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of a Christian web designer in Colorado who wanted to refuse to create websites to celebrate same-sex weddings out of religious objections;

WHEREAS, the ruling was rooted in free speech grounds and could create a massive hole in state public accommodation laws for businesses that sell so-called "expressive" goods, allowing for companies that provide customized, expressive products and services to pick and choose who they work with;

WHEREAS, this decision's promotion and protection of anti-LGBTQIA+ actions and sentiments only backfires on those who are pushing it because it does not invite, include, nor accept queer people into the marketplace;

WHEREAS, the overall state of the latest decisions by the life-appointed justices has only instilled more fear, violence, and danger for the country being subjected to these decisions. Notably, there is fear the current court is setting its sights on overturning the 2015 marriage case¹;

WHEREAS, students at this institution represent our future healthcare workers, law makers, and innovators;

WHEREAS, through education on LGBTQIA+ issues, collective efforts amongst all students wield the power to change and create an inclusive environment for the community, even in light of decisions that are not directly in our control;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council respects and shares the unique history of the LGBTQIA+ community at UCLA in the struggle for equity against laws that engender them;

¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/30/politics/supreme-court-303-creative-lgbtq-rights-colorado/index.html>

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council commits to supporting students to educate themselves on the community's history of activism, cultivate a safe space for the community, and actively invite community members to take space in student leadership at UCLA.