

# SOCC

STUDENTS OF COLOR COALITION

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## Pledge and Endorsement Agreement

### Commitment to Community

As a Stanford University Students of Color Coalition (SOCC) endorsed Candidate for ASSU Senate, I, the undersigned, hereafter referred to as "the Candidate," pledge to uphold, maintain, and advocate for the issues most pertinent to Communities of Color at Stanford and beyond, listed as, but not limited to:

- Supporting Community Centers, their staff and academic programs;
- Increasing faculty and graduate student diversity;
- Addressing acts of intolerance on campus;
- The reduction of costs for all voluntary student groups (VSOs),

as well as other issues of importance to myself and directly affecting the Stanford community if elected to the ASSU Senate.

### I Pledge to Act on these Issues

To maintain the values espoused by the University, further reiterated by the SOCC Leadership Board, and now a part of my own platform, the Candidate agrees, if elected, to advocate for, work on and produce, on minimum, in the upcoming academic year of 2015-2016:

- Defend and further build on the Funding Reform that is not only responsive and sensitive to the current economic situation, but has engaged and garnered student understanding, approval and input;
- Increase transparency for all parts of the Senate and uphold Senate Bylaws and Procedures as set forth by the Senate;
- Support for the full restoration of funding to Community Centers as soon as the University is able to do so, while also advocating for full restoration of budget allocations to the Vice Provost of Student Affairs and the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education;
- Hold the University accountable to upholding all provisions of its Non-Discrimination Policy, not only by understanding the implications of excluding students from the privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University, but also by ensuring that the University deals with any instance of

discrimination in an appropriate and transparent manner.

### **I Pledge to be Accountable**

The Candidate, if elected, as a proponent of maintaining the Institution's values of diversity and excellence and entrusted by SOCC to be a strong voice and ally when representing issues most pertinent to Communities of Color as well as the campus at large in the Senate, agrees to maintain connections with and foster the relationship between themselves and their constituency by:

- Visiting all Community Centers by the end of Spring Quarter immediately following their transition to the Senate;
- Meeting at least two Community Center Directors by the end of Spring Quarter;
- Spending face time with at least one student chair of a VSO directly related to each space.

As a collective body, the Candidates endorsed by SOCC, if elected, must:

- Attend all meetings called by the SOCC Leadership Board;
- Meet with all previous SOCC-endorsed Senators on campus by end of Spring Quarter to find their progress reports on previous initiatives that pertain to the previously enumerated SOCC values, and continue to work on them;
- Attend at least 1 event *per community* per quarter;
- Attend at least 1 core meeting per quarter;
- Bi-weekly emails updating a pre-assigned SOCC point person including:
  - Current projects and deliverables to achievement,
  - Any advice or guidance the Senator may need or any relevant questions pertaining to effects on SOCC communities,
  - Any problems that may arise;
- Meet to report once a quarter as to the status of all committees in the Senate to the SOCC Leadership Board regardless of Candidate presence in said committees.

### **SOCC may Withdraw the Endorsement**

If the Candidate or Candidates elected fail to follow through with their commitments, which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Appropriately representing the SOCC viewpoint on Senate motions impacting SOCC issues;
- Maintaining visibility within The Community;
- Meeting regularly with The SOCC Leadership Board;

The SOCC Leadership Board maintains the right to publicly withdraw the SOCC endorsement from relevant Candidates and inform SOCC communities as well as campus newspapers of the change in status. Eligibility as a Candidate elected to the Senate will be reevaluated every quarter at the discretion of the SOCC Leadership Board. Reinstatement as a Candidate will also be at the discretion of the SOCC Leadership Board and will be undertaken on a case by case basis.

**I Agree to the Privacy and Confidentiality of Information and Materials**

Information given to the Candidate, regardless of election results and standing status as a SOCC-endorsed Candidate, will never go beyond that which is established by the SOCC Leadership Board. Specifically, all campaign materials must be kept confidential and out of the hands of non-SOCC-endorsed candidates and general public, including the Candidate's own campaign managers and supporters who although may participate in the process, shall not be privy to the documents. The proliferation of such information inadvertently, indirectly, or anonymously will result in the immediate withdrawal of the SOCC endorsement from said Candidate failing to uphold the demands of this last section and the Candidate will be publicly disclaimed by the SOCC Leadership Board as well as other potential consequences.

**I Accept the SOCC Endorsement**

I, the undersigned Candidate, agree to fully commit to, support, and advocate for the aforementioned SOCC values. I understand the repercussions of my failed commitment and action to the SOCC communities as stated in this document. With my signature, I accept the SOCC endorsement and all inherent responsibilities.

Stanford, California, March 16, 2015