November 15, 2022

Michael Drake, President
University of California
Office of the President
1111 Franklin Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear President Drake,

As a member of the California Legislature and a University of California alumnus, I urge you to swiftly resolve the Unfair Labor Practice strikes of UAW-represented UC academic workers.

I understand that the University of California may be resisting agreements on several outstanding demands. To prevent further disruption to the UC mission and operations, I join with many of my colleagues to ask that you bargain in good faith as one of California’s largest employers and finalize fair union contracts soon. As you know it is becoming increasingly difficult for our graduate student instructors and post-docs to afford life in and around our campuses. With our state experiencing rising costs of living and historic inflation, I hope that the University will seize this opportunity to lead in setting industry standards for academia and other public employers.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 318-6994.

Sincerely,

Ben Allen
Senator, 26th District