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We, the undersigned faculty in the Department of Sociology at UC Davis, unequivocally support the members of our department who join the 48,000 academic workers striking on November 14 to resolve Unfair Labor Practices (ULPs). The workers are represented by UAW 2865 (the Union of Academic Student Employees at UC), UAW 5810 (Postdocs and Academic Researchers), and SRU-UAW (Student Researchers)

Graduate students, postdocs, and other academic student employees are essential to the teaching, research, and public service mission of the University of California. Given the escalating costs of living in California, we support these workers' struggle for better wages, freedom from rent burden, expanded resources for working parents, sustainable transit benefits, equity for international scholars, and other improvements that would strengthen teaching and research across the University of California. A full list of their demands is available at fairucnow.org.

We call on our campus leaders to work with the UC Office of the President to resume good faith negotiations and settle fair contracts with the unions that allow these essential community members—academic workers, postdocs, and student researchers—to return to their vital roles in making the UC system the world-class institution that it is.

As sociologists, we understand that economic stability is central to the ability to thrive; we therefore support the demands of our students, postdocs, and student researchers.

In solidarity,

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