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Re: USC Graduate Student Workers Union

Dear Provost Guzman,

I am writing to express my hope that USC and GWOC-UAW will soon complete negotiations and conclude a mutually satisfactory agreement in this first-time negotiation between the University and the union representing its graduate student workers.

The right of collective bargaining is such an essential part of our democratic system, and the University of Southern California such an essential institution in the life of our city, it would be especially fitting if this negotiation produced an agreement that we could present to the nation as a model to be emulated.

A fair and expeditious resolution of all issues will not only best serve the interests of the parties involved directly, but those of USC students, faculty, their families, and the entire community.

I look forward to hearing news of a successful negotiation and a fair and equitable outcome for all parties.

Very truly yours,

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Paul Krekorian President, Los Angeles City Council