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Resolution for Fully Funded Campus Safety Partnerships

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The Student Senate,

RECOGNIZING that SCU Campus Safety Services (CSS) runs off of an operating budget of \$90k per year that they use for basic costs including uniforms, hardware/software, equipment, gasoline for vehicles, mandated employee training, general maintenance, the Blue Phone system, and Bronco Alert, **and that this money is used up entirely each year—**

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that CSS costs have increased by 10-15% in recent years due to inflation, yet their budget has remained static, and that they have **zero** discretionary funding, meaning they **do not currently have the finances for student-led programs that they have committed to sponsor**, including Safe Walk and self defense classes through IMPACT Bay Area—

ACKNOWLEDGING that CSS is dedicated to student-driven changes and partnerships, and that in 2021, an [audit of CSS](#) was shared which included a primary recommendation to “transition CSS into the Division of Student Life as a way to integrate support for a diverse and inclusive community in a manner that fosters safety, equity and belonging, and that encourages student learning and success.” Along with this, 22 supplementary recommendations were posed to CSS, **21 of which were accepted and completed** (the other recommendation was also accepted but is still in progress). In 2023, CSS committed to funding Safe Walk and self defense classes, but their budget was not increased accordingly to accommodate this partnership. **No current permanent funding source for these programs exists—**

WITH AWARENESS of the need for these programs on campus, and the additional need for them to be funded. Since the fall of 2021, **98 students have received a successful Safe Walk**, with multiple of these instances also warranting a call to EMS, highlighting the necessity of this program; however, **it is important to note that even one call demonstrates student desire for this program on campus**. Suspicious circumstances on campus have [risen by 23.14%](#) since last school year, and during a typical day there are [up to 10,000 people](#) traveling on/around campus. From a survey of [SCU students conducted in 2022](#), **99% of respondents said that Safe Walk makes them feel safer walking around at night and 100% of respondents said they want Safe Walk to continue operating**. Further, multiple past SCU attempts at a Safe Walk program have failed in the past due to lack of funding. This increase in funding would **demonstrate SCU’s commitment to safety, violence prevention, and student initiatives—**



BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Associated Student Government, strongly implore that the administration **increases CSS operating budget by \$30,000**, earmarked specifically for Safe Walk and three self-defense classes per year with IMPACT Bay Area. Any money not used for these programs will be reserved for other student-led partnerships and programs with CSS.

So signed by the following individuals, representative of the collective approval of the Associated Student Government of Santa Clara University,

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