



****PRESS ADVISORY****

UAW 2865 AND COALITION PARTNERS WILL RALLY TOMORROW AT DAVIS TO DEMAND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ON CAMPUS

Davis, CA -- The United Auto Workers Local 2865, which represents more than 18,000 academic workers across the UC system, will rally together with coalition partners on Wednesday at 1pm to demand that Davis Chancellor Gary May does more to make housing affordable on campus. Recent spikes in the cost of housing mean that many academic workers are now spending in excess of 60% of their salaries on rent. And decisions made by administrators are exacerbating the issue.

“Against the advice and will of students, **the University’s housing administration has consistently chosen to increase rents**, continuing to put us all in a rent-burden crisis,” said Kavitha Iyengar, President of UAW 2865. “Last week, our union sent a [demand to bargain](#) over these issues to the University, but the University has refused to come to the table. Enough is enough.”

WHO: UAW 2865 members and coalition partners

WHAT: Rally and delivery of a demand-to-bargain letter to Chancellor Gary May

WHEN: 1pm, Wednesday, Feb. 12

WHERE: Mrak Hall

WHY: To demand that the UC come to the bargaining table and provide an equitable, contractually-guaranteed solution for all student-workers through the following actions:

1. Housing stipend: The University must provide all student-workers with a housing stipend such that after fees, nobody suffers rent burden. This translates to between \$1,400 and \$3,100 a month.

2. Make existing on-campus housing affordable: The University must lower the rent on existing on-campus units such that rents are affordable.
3. Build affordable on-campus housing for the future: The University must commit to expanding the existing on-campus housing with affordable, high-density units, such that all student-workers have access to an affordable on-campus unit.

Read the full framework [here](#).

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