development with the demise of Munger Hall and the delay in completing the Ocean Road Housing Project for UCSB faculty and staff. We then turn to California’s broader housing crisis, which includes examining housing across the UC system and the University of California’s recent decision to invest in housing as a profit-seeking endeavor. Following this section, we introduce alternative housing solutions our campus can evaluate that better utilize the University’s existing resources.

Finally, we connect the campus housing crisis to the Blum Center’s Central Coast Regional Equity Initiative (CCREI), which addresses widening inequities on the Central Coast. Here we spotlight the graduate student housing experience at UCSB in the wake of COLA strikes and the high cost of living graduate students face to attend the University. We also provide an overview of existing campus resources and programs that UCSB students are eligible to use.

Thank you for supporting this work. We hope it helps you determine how the University should proceed with its construction of urgently needed campus housing.

In Solidarity,

The Blum Center Student Leader Team