

Resolution on Inclusion, Justice, and Equity, and the proposed renaming of Le Conte Avenue

Whereas, Westwood is an inclusive and welcoming community to all people; and

Whereas, since 1929, Westwood has been home to UCLA, which has welcomed, educated, and healed people of all races, faiths, creeds, nationalities, genders, and orientations; and

Whereas, the Westwood community stands against racism, sexism, nativism, ageism, religious intolerance, homophobia, or discrimination of any kind; and

Whereas, the Westwood community supports equity, inclusion, diversity, tolerance, and racial justice for all:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council supports meaningful, impactful, and significant actions that will improve the lives and opportunities for all; and

Be it further resolved that we call on the City of Los Angeles to focus its resources to address the urgent problems of homelessness, access to housing, poverty, public health, education, employment opportunities, and justice for all; and

Be it further resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council supports meaningful actions that will improve the lives and opportunities of Black people in Westwood, such as UCLA's recently announced plan to create a Black Student Resource Center on campus; and

Be it further resolved that the Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the proposed renaming of Le Conte Avenue, as we believe this is a purely symbolic gesture, lacking substance, a needless waste of City resources, devoid of any real benefit to the lives of Black people, a distraction from the urgent changes that must be made, and lacking the seriousness of purpose that is called for in these times; and

Be it finally resolved that we strongly encourage members of the Westwood community to be allies and advocates for the Black community in Westwood and throughout Los Angeles, and to actively support other meaningful actions that advance inclusion, justice, and equity for all people in Westwood, throughout Los Angeles, and across the nation.