

Dr. Folt,

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As you're well aware, the University of Southern California has lost its way. The thousands of brilliant, hardworking and dedicated students, staff and faculty of this university have seen their work and reputations tarnished by the despicable actions of an elite few and the utter failure of leadership to address it. It has been a very difficult few years to be a Trojan. As the incoming president, you have the opportunity to change the toxic culture and narrative surrounding our school – not through superficial housecleaning of bad actors, but through genuine, foundational and transformational changes to the way this university functions as both an educational institution and essential piece of the fabric of Southern California. To that end, we present the following demands that will ensure USC is a safer, more upstanding and more equitable institution, fully equipped to carry out its mission in a new era.

Accessibility

Admission and full scholarship for a designated number of low income students from LAUSD.

Housing

Affordable housing for existing and displaced residents impacted by USC development and expansion.

Community Benefits

Development and implementation of community benefits agreement in coordination with local residents and stakeholders.

Campus Safety

A campus free from sexual assault, harassment, and violence.

Labor Rights

Just compensation for graduate workers and faculty. The right to organize free from intimidation, harassment, or retaliation. Immediately recognize and bargain with Roski faculty.

We appreciate your time and hope to meet with you soon to discuss these important issues.

Sincerely,

USC Forward