

I write (or type) this letter as notification of my resignation from my position as senator for housing and residential education, not out of bad blood but out of schedule complications. My brief yet fast paced time here within Student Government has allowed me the privilege of learning not only the process/ins and outs of being a state recognized body, but also how to represent one's people. I am eternally grateful for my election from my peers and the support I have received throughout my time within this role. I especially would like to thank Vice President Jazmin Guajardo for her help and support. There was never a time where I felt alone in my role or without guidance, all due to VP Guajardo and her knowledge through pure intellect and experience. I would also like to thank Ms. Alatorre for her guidance as well. Ms. Alatorre provided a welcoming yet hard working environment and also provided me with various opportunities outside of SG to not only further my skill set as a senator, but to further myself as an individual.

Throughout this semester, though only halfway through, I have been under immense pressure and stress due to many schedule complications and conflicts. Trying to balance my class schedule with work as well as my other involvements on campus has proven to be too daunting of a task to combine with the immense responsibilities of a Senator and law school applicant. I feel due to this I will not be able to both properly uphold my required duties nor properly represent the student body within Housing and Residential Education. I do not wish to hold my fellow senators and constituents back due to my lack of time available.

The recent vote to raise tuition for the CSU system has been a stark reminder of the ever felt futility of the student voice, especially at Channel Islands. I strongly implore the Senate to understand the importance of momentum and action when in a position of constant glare from those who feel they have been done ill from the very system they pay to support. I feel communication from SG to the student body about the various moves and actions made for the said student body will remedy the reputation that precedes us. In terms of communication, I am also willing to work on the HRE survey with whoever is willing to take upon the task for themselves. Regardless, I have confidence that these two semesters will be a productive, constant, and collaborative effort from all within SG. To my fellow Senators: Do not be afraid to put your foot down, do not be afraid to walk through obstruction.

I thank you all for everything, see y'all around campus.

-Andreas Garza