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Isla Vista Community Services District Stands with Survivors
As a disclaimer, this press release contains descriptions of sexual assault

Isla Vista, CA- The Isla Vista Community Services District stands with survivors. In the past month, two incidents of sexual assault were reported at Sigma Pi Fraternity along with additional incidents at an unidentified fraternity involving date rape drugs. Sexual assault cannot be tolerated in Isla Vista and we strongly condemn all perpetrators of sexual assault and the culture that enables them

The IVCSD provides multiple resources alongside other community organizations to survivors of sexual assault and other interpersonal violence crimes. In partnership with Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) we recently opened a Survivor Resource Center at 970 Embarcadero Del Mar where survivors and their loved ones can meet with STESA. STESA may be contacted at: (805) 564-3696. We also partner with the UC Police Department to provide an Interpersonal Violence Investigations and Prevention Detective for the Isla Vista community. Kovena Avila is a specialized trauma informed investigator that is dedicated to working with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and other related crimes in order to achieve their intended justice. Detective Avila may be contacted here: kovena.avila@police.ucsb.edu. Further resources include Campus Advocacy Resources and Education (CARE) that can be contacted at: (805) 893-4613.

“As a woman in the Greek Community, I am mortified of the incidents that have happened in the past few weeks. What is supposed to be a body of empowered individuals- proud of the commonality in which safety, close ties, and academic excellence are prioritized- is facing public scrutiny due to the horrible incidents at hand. As a director on the board and as a survivor myself, I stand with survivors that must live with these traumatic memories for the rest of their lives. I, along with the rest of the IVCSD board, are fully committed to protecting survivors and offering the resources to promote greater preventative measures. No one should feel afraid in this community. Isla Vista is our home and everyone that resides here should feel welcome and safe.” said Kristie Nguyen, Isla Vista Community Services District Director. Ethan Bertrand, also an IVCSD Director, said “The IVCSD stands with survivors. We are

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committed to providing support for survivors, educating the community about sexual assault prevention, and funding investigation services to seek justice for those who have been sexually assaulted in our community. Everyone deserves to feel safe in Isla Vista.”

“Our community is horrified by this recent incident. We unequivocally stand with survivors. We deserve to live in a community free of sexual violence. No one should have to spend their nights out in fear. It’s on us to take a deep look at the culture that enabled this incident, and correct it.” said Board President Spencer Brandt.

The Isla Vista Community Services District is Isla Vista’s first broad based local government, achieving 47 years of community advocacy for self governance. The IVCSD is empowered to provide eight critical services including public safety, housing mediation, community facilities, parking, graffiti abatement, lighting and sidewalks, and both a municipal advisory council and area planning commission. The Board is composed of five publicly elected directors and two directors appointed by UC Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara.