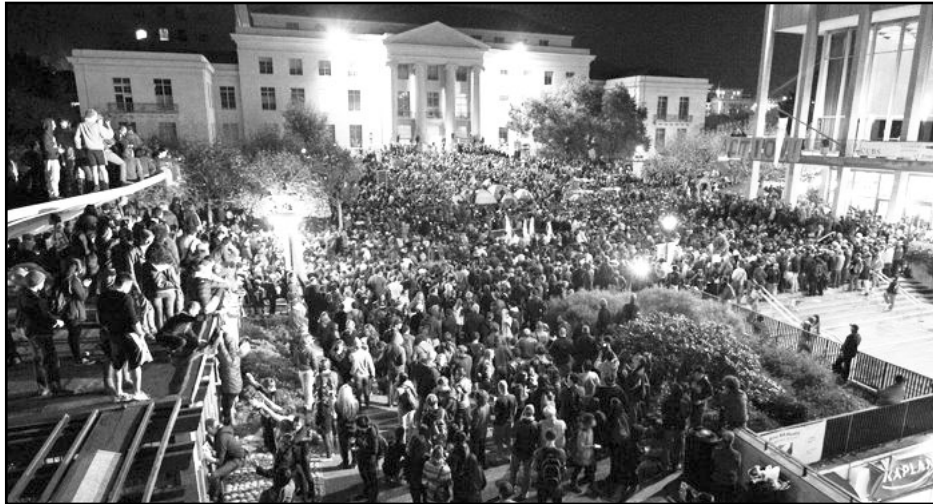


On November 15, 2011 thousands of students, faculty, and staff filled Sproul Plaza to participate in the Occupy Cal general assembly. (Crowd total estimates range from 5,000 to 10,000.) The GA discussed and voted to approve the Open Letter below:

Open Letter to the State Government, UC Regents, CSU Trustees, & All Education Administrators



Quality public education is a basic human right, not a privilege. We call on you to publicly declare your support for the following:

- 1) Stop cuts to public education. Reverse the fee hikes, layoffs, and cuts in all levels of public education to at least their 2009 levels.
- 2) Refund education and public services by taxing the rich and the corporations.
- 3) Fully implement affirmative action to stop the re-segregation of public education. Overturn Proposition 209.
- 4) Respect free speech and free assembly. No use of force against protesters on school sites.

If you fail to issue such a statement, and if you fail to take concrete actions in this direction, we will begin a wave of actions, up to and including striking, beginning on February 1, 2012 to ensure that our demands are met.

We call on all California students, teachers, workers, and their organizations to sign this Open Letter and to organize and mobilize around it at their sites and in their communities.

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We call on the UC Regents to immediately sign this Open Letter and join us on our Nov. 16 march on the banks and the State Building beginning at 1pm in San Francisco, Justin Herman Plaza.

(labor donated/nov 2011)