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A MESSAGE FROM UC SANTA BARBARA DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE ABOUT

HALLOWEEN IN ISLA VISTA

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Dear CalPoly Student,

As you are probably aware, for many years Isla Vista was annually the site of an un-hosted, unsponsored Halloween street party that negatively impacted the local community of families, long-term residents, students and small businesses. In recent years, collective community efforts have been successful in deterring out of town visitors. It is, however, important to continue efforts to dissuade visitors to Isla Vista since they have historically accounted for the majority of problems including arrests, citations, vandalism, and other serious public safety issues. **The hope of the Isla Vista community is to emphasize community pride and collective accountability, and to keep this celebration safe and local. To this end, a number of special measures will be in place to help protect the community again this year.** Therefore, it is important that you are fairly warned about the potential serious consequences of a visit to Isla Vista during the Halloween weekend.

Over the Halloween weekend, **a large contingent of peace officers and deputies will be deployed in Isla Vista to enforce the law and local ordinances**, heightening the risk of visitors to Isla Vista leaving with an arrest record. **Most misdemeanors, such as public intoxication, along with felonies, will mean spending at least one night in the Santa Barbara County Jail.**

Here are a just a few of the enforcement efforts planned:

- California Highway Patrol (CHP) **sobriety checkpoints** in the Isla Vista and Goleta areas
- **Stringent enforcement by CHP of vehicle code violations** on the Highway 101 corridor from San Luis Obispo/Ventura
- **Alcohol and Beverage Control agents monitoring Isla Vista and**

Goleta for sales of alcohol to minors and the illegal transportation of alcohol

- **CHP, UC Police, and Sheriff's Department saturation patrols** in areas surrounding Isla Vista

- **Sweeps of Goleta hotels** by Sheriff's Officers for underage drinking
- **Zero tolerance enforcement (no warnings)**

Residents of Isla Vista are being urged to host only private celebrations and not to allow access to people they don't know and those under the age of 21. Potential visitors should also note that there will be no live or pre-recorded amplified music allowed in public in Isla Vista during the Halloween period, from Saturday, October 26 through Monday, November 4, each evening from 6 pm to 7 am the following morning. Sheriff's officers will be enforcing local ordinances that prohibit people from blocking public right-of-ways (e.g., streets and sidewalks). **Street parking in Isla Vista and on neighborhood streets in Goleta will be severely restricted, and tow companies are prepared to tow illegally parked cars.** Oversize vehicles such as RVs and campers are prohibited from parking on Isla Vista streets. Out-of-town visitors will not be allowed to park on the UCSB campus or in commercial lots surrounding Isla Vista, and **UCSB policies prohibit Halloween weekend guests in our residence halls and apartments.**

Given the strict enforcement and the negative impact that out of area crowds have on the community of Isla Vista, I hope that you will decide to stay away for your own safety and protection and choose to celebrate Halloween locally in your own community.

Sincerely,



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