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As the Board of Directors of Associated Students which represents the students that attend San José State University, we issue the following statement in solidarity:

**Associated Students stands in solidarity with the Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Tribe in the fight against the Dakota Access pipeline.**

The Dakota Access pipeline was originally proposed to cross the Missouri River 10 miles from Bismarck, North Dakota. The original route was rejected due to its proximity and potential threat to Bismarck's water supply. The new location crosses the Missouri river and is roughly half a mile away from the Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Tribe reservation. The threat is greater in this new location, and it is discriminatory to ignore the pleas of the indigenous communities to stop the building of this pipeline. Moreover, there was no meaningful consultation before the rerouting of the pipeline with the indigenous communities that stand to suffer the most if and when the Dakota Access Pipeline breaks.

Dakota Access exemplifies colonization and the trauma, discrimination, and violence that accompany that colonization is seen inflicted on the people in the Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Tribe reservation and indigenous communities worldwide.

The Dakota Access pipeline violates Article 2 of the Fort Laramie Treaty of April 29, 1868.<sup>1</sup>

The Dakota Access pipeline violates Executive Order 12898 on Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.<sup>2</sup>

The Dakota Access pipeline violates Executive Order 13007 on Indian Sacred Sites.<sup>3</sup>

The Dakota Access pipeline and the actions taken by our government are in violation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.<sup>4</sup>

Dakota Access took part in a process that did not go through reviews by the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.<sup>5</sup>

Associated Students of San José State University strongly opposes the Dakota Access Pipeline and asks San José State University and the California State University to issue statements in solidarity with the Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Tribe in the fight against the Dakota Access pipeline.

In Solidarity,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th\\_century/nt001.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/nt001.asp)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-executive-order-12898-federal-actions-address-environmental-justice>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.achp.gov/EO13007.html>

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS\\_en.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/25/opinion/taking-a-stand-at-standing-rock.html>