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## **Resolution in Support of Removing Chick-Fil-A from the New University Center**

**Whereas,** Chick-Fil-A's charitable arm, WinShape Foundation is already under intense scrutiny due to their history of donating more than \$5 million to antigay groups such as Focus on the Family, Exodus International, the American Family Association, and the Family Research Council<sup>1</sup>, designated a "hate group" by the Southern Poverty Law Center<sup>2</sup>. The actions of these groups create an environment that is unhealthy, discriminatory, hostile and offensive towards the LGBTQIA community and its allies; and

**Whereas,** The University of Houston's non-discrimination statement prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

**Whereas,** Chick Fil-A's donations to known hate groups through their charitable arm the Winshape foundation violate the University of Houston's non-discrimination policies; and

**Whereas,** an online petition on [change.org](http://change.org) with over 1,600 signatures is already in circulation calling for the removal of Chick Fil-A from the University of Houston<sup>3</sup>; and

**Whereas,** The University of Houston already has a working Chick Fil-A located at the UC-Satellite and far from limiting student choices, the removal of Chick Fil-A from the New UC would increase student dining options on campus; and

**Whereas,** University students strive to be at the forefront of other civil rights and social causes throughout history.

<sup>1</sup> <http://equalitymatters.org/factcheck/201207020001>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.splcenter.org/get-informed/intelligence-files/groups/family-research-council>

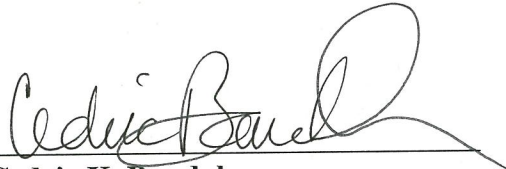
<sup>3</sup> <http://www.change.org/petitions/chick-fil-a-university-of-houston-stop-serving-anti-gay-chick-fil-a-on-campus>

**Therefore be it resolved the 49th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

That the University of Houston Student Government Association in accordance with the University of Houston's non-discrimination policy, requests Aramark to remove Chick Fil-A as one of their dining options at the new UC; and,

Ask that a task force be created by the Senate specifically assigned the duty of working in conjunction with the Aramark and the Food Services Advisory Committee to find another cost-effective, ethically sound eating establishment; and,

**Be it further resolved** that the University of Houston Student Government Association opposes the opening of any establishment on campus that violates the University of Houston's non-discrimination policies or have a history of donations to organizations that actively fight to deny equal rights to people on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

  
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