

Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution #9

Converting 2 Forest Park into a Resource Center

ABSTRACT: This resolution indicates the opinion of the Student Assembly concerning the future use of the house previously used by the Chi Chapter of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

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Whereas, Vice Presidents Ryan Lombardi and Fred Van Sickle released a statement in regards to the Chi Chapter of Psi Upsilon and their fraternity house located on 2 Forest Park Lane;

Whereas, the statement announced the Psi Upsilon alumni Board of Governance's plan to close the Chi Chapter at Cornell indefinitely;

Whereas, the Board of Governors announced the the fraternity house will be "dedicated to promoting a diverse and inclusive student community;"

Whereas, in response to recent events, President Pollack stated "I will not tell you 'this is not who we are,' as the events of the past few weeks belie that. It is absolutely not who we want to be;"

Whereas, the reuse of the former Psi Upsilon building to promote inclusion would be one of those necessary first steps towards making this campus the safe, welcoming, and diverse place that we have always wanted it to be;

Whereas, the First Generation Student Union and International Student Union, among others, have requested for the development of safe spaces and resource centers;

Whereas, it is important that underrepresented students find supportive communities and gain access to academic and structural resources not available to them today;

Whereas, communities who face discrimination and distress everyday need the support of the student body and the administration now more than ever;

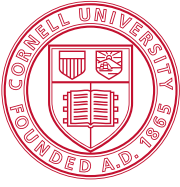
Whereas, hiring dedicated staff and developing physical spaces are only the first steps;

Be it therefore resolved, we, the Cornell University Student Assembly, request the Administration to adhere to the requests of underrepresented communities on campus.

Respectfully Submitted,

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