

Ben Gould

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

ASUC and Graduate Assembly Execs Unanimously Endorse Ben Gould for City Council

Elected student leaders support Ben Gould to be the first student City Councilmember in over 30 years

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Berkeley, CA – Demonstrating robust student support for Ben Gould's candidacy, every executive officer* of both the ASUC and the Graduate Assembly has endorsed Ben Gould for City Council District 4.

ASUC President Will Morrow, Executive Vice President Alicia Lau, and Academic Affairs Vice President Frances McGinley joined ASUC External Affairs Vice President André Luu in endorsing Ben Gould for City Council.

In addition, Graduate Assembly (GA) President Kena Hazelwood-Carter joined GA External Affairs Vice President Jonathan Morris, Campus Affairs Vice President Dax Vivid, Internal Vice President Aaron Smyth, and Vice President of Finance Andrew Schwartz in endorsing Ben.

"Ben Gould represents the next generation of leadership on Berkeley City Council," said ASUC President Will Morrow. "He understands the housing crisis students face and how the City and University can create more affordable student housing. As a District 4 resident, I want Ben as my elected representative on City Council."

“Ben’s strong environmental background will ensure Berkeley can continue to lead the fight against climate change; and his commitment to keeping Berkeley a welcoming and inclusive place for people of all backgrounds and identities will protect students from the harmful policies of the new administration,” he said.

André Luu, ASUC EAVP, said, “I support Ben because as a student, he understands the needs of students, and he will fight to ensure our interests are represented. Ben has a proven track record of working to represent students as a Delegate in the Graduate Assembly, as Chair of The Green Initiative Fund, and on the Chancellor’s Community Partnership Fund.”

These student leaders join Ben’s strong support across the community. He currently has endorsements from Councilmembers Lori Droste and Susan Wengraf, former Councilmembers Gordon Wozniak and Darryl Moore, UC Berkeley Professors Dan Kammen and Karen Chapple, and many others.

Students can check whether they live in District 4 and their voter registration status on Ben’s website, at www.bengould.org/voting. The election will be mail-in only, with ballots going out February 6th and due by March 7th.

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From left to right: Frances McGinley, André Luu, Ben Gould, Will Morrow, Alicia Lau.

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