

Opinion Poll language

Since 2010, the Sustainability Office has received funding from Measure 45 to provide paid student jobs and internships to undergraduates, fund the annual Sustainability & Social Justice Inter-Organizational Retreat which serves over 100 students, and pay for a small percentage of staff support. The current fee assesses each undergraduate student \$2.75/quarter (\$11/year) and sunsets in 2020.

In 2009, 53.36% of voting undergraduate and graduate students voiced their support in favor of a \$3.75/quarter fee (\$15/year) for the continued support and function of the Sustainability Office. Following an evaluation of core budget needs, in 2010, the Sustainability Office pursued Measure 45 at a \$2.75/quarter fee, which passed with 62.94% of the undergraduate vote.

The Sustainability Office is seeking to renew Measure 45 for 2020-2030 and is re-exploring the option of a \$3.75/quarter fee. The increase of the fee from \$2.75/quarter to \$3.75/quarter would augment the wages the Office can pay students, expand the availability and reach of events and programs, including the Sustainability & Social Justice Inter-Organizational Retreat. The Sustainability Office staff recognizes the steep cost of living in Santa Cruz, is committed to providing students higher wages, and seeks to do so through a nominal fee increase.

If Measure 45 is not renewed, the Sustainability Office will not have the ability to offer 25+ paid positions to undergraduate students or continue existing programs, including the annual Sustainability & Social Justice Inter-Organizational Retreat which serves over 100 students.

Question 1: If a measure to renew support of the Sustainability Office was on a future election ballot, would you vote “yes” to continue the current \$2.75/quarter fee to: i) fund paid student positions in sustainability across campus and in the Sustainability Office; and ii) promote cross-campus dialogue and collaboration through opportunities such as the annual Sustainability & Social Justice Inter-Organizational Retreat, which serves over 100 students?

Question 2: If yes to Question 1, what is the maximum fee amount you would agree to contribute?

\$2.75/quarter (\$11/year)

\$3.00/quarter (\$12/year)

\$3.25/quarter (\$13/year)

\$3.50/quarter (\$14/year)

\$3.75/quarter (\$15/year)

If a majority of students who complete this opinion poll indicate a willingness to support this student fee, the Sustainability Office will pursue placing a referendum on the Spring 2020 student Election Ballot. The Sustainability Office students and staff thank you for completing this opinion poll.