

Student Organization Name: Active Voicez (AVZ)

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Article I - Name

The exact name of this student organization is **Active Voicez (AVZ)**. The acronym **AVZ** may be used in addressing the organization. The term “Berkeley” may be used only as “Active Voicez at Berkeley” if referencing geographical location.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of Active Voicez is to empower students to find their cause, amplify their voices, and drive collective social change. AVZ hosts regular meetings, workshops, and forums to teach civic engagement, advocacy skills, and open dialogue across differences. Unlike other student organizations that focus solely on political issues or volunteer work, AVZ prioritizes student voice itself, ensuring all students have the tools and confidence to speak, be heard, and lead on issues that impact their communities. AVZ also fosters a fun, inclusive environment where students can collaborate, learn, and enjoy the process of making a difference together.

Article III - Membership

Only currently registered students, faculty, and staff may be active members in a registered student organization. Only active members may vote or hold office.

Active Members: Active members are students, faculty, or staff who participate regularly in meetings, workshops, events, and activities. They help shape the direction of the club and have voting rights.

Executive Team (Officers): The Executive Team consists of all elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinators and Outreach & Communications Chairs. This team manages the organization’s operations, coordinates events, handles outreach and communications, and makes major decisions. While all Executive Team members are active members, not all active members are officers.

We will not have according to California State Law.

We will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth),

physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services (including membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed services).

This organization agrees to adhere to the guidelines described in the RSO Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH) Prevention and Response Policy which aligns with the University of California's Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy. This RSO agrees to send at least one representative to participate in a Path to Care training annually. RSO will also follow the SVSH prevention and response guidelines if and when SVSH harm occurs within the organization.

Associate Membership: Off-campus participants, including alumni, may be recognized as non-active or associate members. Associate members may participate in workshops, attend events, and contribute to discussions but do not hold voting rights or officer positions.

Article IV - Officers & Elections

Officer Positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Event Coordinators
- Outreach & Communications Chairs

Executive Team: All officers make up the Executive Team. They are responsible for leading weekly officer meetings, planning events, coordinating outreach and communications, and making major organizational decisions.

Election Process: Officers are elected by the current Executive Team (all officers). Any active member may be nominated for an officer position. Elections are held by majority vote of the existing officers, with 50% + 1 required to elect a candidate.

Election Timing: Elections occur each spring semester in April or whenever a vacancy arises.

Term Length: Officers serve one-year terms.

Officer Removal/Replacement: An officer may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the current Executive Team after a meeting is held to hear arguments. Vacant positions may be filled through a special election by the Executive Team.

Article V - Meetings

Frequency:

- **General Meetings:** Weekly meetings for all active members and officers, including discussions, workshops, and collaborative planning.
- **Officer Meetings:** Weekly meetings of the Executive Team to coordinate events, outreach, and internal operations.

Meeting Call: The President calls all general and officer meetings.

Quorum: Quorum for general meetings is 50% of active members plus one. Quorum for officer meetings is 100% of the Executive Team.

Special Meetings: Special emergency meetings may be called by the President or Executive Team. Notification will be sent via email or group communication at least 48 hours in advance.

Article VI - Constitutional Amendments

Proposing Amendments: Any active member may propose an amendment.

Proposal Process: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Team.

Notice Period: Active members must be notified of the proposed amendment at least two weeks prior to the vote.

Approval: Amendments require a 2/3 majority vote of active members to pass.

Required Amendments Clause: All amendments, additions, or deletions to this document must be filed with OASIS at oasis.center@berkeley.edu, or OASIS at 312 Eshleman Hall.

Article VII - ASUC Sponsorship (Optional)

This organization hereby wishes to seek ASUC sponsorship. This organization adopts and incorporates by reference Schedule A of ASUC Bylaw 2201, and the same as may be amended from time to time, completely and fully as part of this [constitution, charter, articles, etc]. This organization cannot amend this clause unless and until the ASUC has certified that this organization has ceased to be ASUC-sponsored, all ASUC property has been returned to the ASUC, access to all ASUC resources and facilities has been relinquished, and any debts, liabilities, or other responsibilities to the ASUC have been resolved. This organization will continue to be bound by any provisions specified in Schedule A for actions it took while this

clause was in effect, even if this clause is amended.

Schedule A

1 This organization is organized and operated exclusively for nonprofit purposes. The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes specified in its primary governing document and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

2 This organization recognizes that current or past ASUC sponsorship or funding does not imply a guarantee of continued or future sponsorship or funding and that status as a university registered student organization does not guarantee status as an ASUC-sponsored student organization or ASUC funding.

3 The ultimate constitutional, budgetary, and policy making authority of this organization shall be vested entirely and exclusively in ASUC members, at least a majority of whom shall be undergraduate students. Only ASUC members may hold officer positions in this organization. This section shall not be interpreted to prevent non-ASUC members from holding advisory positions in the organization.

4 This organization is not a unit of the ASUC or of the University of California. Unless otherwise specified in its primary governing document, this organization shall be considered an unincorporated association organized under the laws of California.

5 All funds, facilities, and resources allocated or provided to this organization by the ASUC (including the Graduate Assembly) during the term of its sponsorship shall remain the property of the ASUC at all times. If the organization ceases to be sponsored or ceases to exist, all ASUC property and unspent funds shall be immediately returned to the ASUC (including the Graduate Assembly).

5.1 Any property [## other long term property / subscriptions] purchased by this organization using funds provided to it by the ASUC (including the Graduate Assembly) shall be the property of the ASUC. The ASUC shall retain ownership proportional to its contribution in any property purchased partially with ASUC funds.

6 This organization may use funds, facilities, and resources allocated or provided to it by the ASUC (including the Graduate Assembly) only for purposes which promote the general welfare of the student body and which are not inconsistent with the meaning of United States Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

6.1 Funds, facilities, and resources allocated or provided to this organization by the ASUC (including the Graduate Assembly) shall not be used to participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office or for activities which primarily consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise

attempting to influence legislation.

7 This organization shall follow all regulations found in the ASUC Constitution and Bylaws during the term of ASUC sponsorship.

8 All disputes involving this organization may be resolved by mandatory binding arbitration through the ASUC Judicial Council.

8.1 The ASUC Judicial Council shall operate in accordance with the ASUC Constitution and the Judicial Council Rules of Procedure.

8.2 The ASUC Judicial Council shall have the power to order any remedy it sees fit. Mandatory binding arbitration may be initiated against the organization by:

8.2.1 Any member of this organization

8.2.2 Any member of the ASUC

8.2.3 Another ASUC-sponsored organization, the ASUC, or any unit of the ASUC

8.2.4 A unit of the University of California, with the consent of the ASUC Judicial Council

8.2.5 Any other person or entity, with the consent of this organization and the ASUC Judicial Council.

9 This organization shall defend, indemnify and hold the ASUC, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits including attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from the acts, errors or omissions of this organization in relation to its relationship with the ASUC, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the ASUC.

10 All officers and authorized representatives of this organization are individually and jointly responsible for the financial obligations of the organization to the ASUC, incurred by this organization during the tenure of the officer or authorized representative. This shall include any damage or defacement of ASUC property.

11 All books and records of this organization shall be subject to inspection by the ASUC Judicial Council, ASUC Chief Financial Office, ASUC Chief Legal Officer, and ASUC professional legal counsel. These individuals may make copies and extracts of such records.

12 Upon the dissolution or winding up of this organization, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to the ASUC, unless the primary governing document of the organization has specified some other nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or

educational purposes, to receive such funds. In the event that the designated organization no longer exists or has ceased to be a non-profit organization, the distribution shall be made to the ASUC.

13 This organization shall be considered dissolved if it is inactive and (a) fails to register as a student organization with the University for more than five full academic years or (b) it ceases to have any members. The ASUC shall have the authority to wind-up the affairs of this organization in such case, but shall not assume any responsibility for any debts or liabilities of this organization.

Article VIII - Dissolution

Dissolution Decision: Dissolution requires a 2/3 majority vote of active members.

Unspent Funds: If the organization is ASUC or GA Sponsored, all unspent ASUC funds shall return to the ASUC; all Graduate Assembly funds shall return to the Graduate Assembly.

Article IX - Parliamentary Authority

For points not covered in this constitution, **Robert's Rules of Order** shall govern the procedures of meetings, elections, and decision-making processes.