



# Referendum Presentation to COSAF

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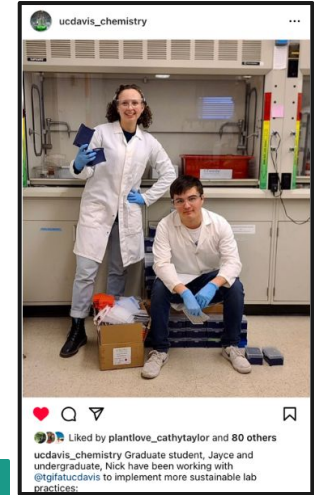
# Recap on The Green Initiative Fund

- Provide funds to UC Davis students, faculty, and staff to develop and lead projects to enhance campus sustainability measures.
- **Projects must have undergraduate involvement and/or benefits.**
- Quarterly student fee established by a Winter Quarter 2016 Student Referendum
  - \$3 undergrad fees started collecting Fall 2016
  - Grant cycles started Fall 2017
- Committee members – voting: 5 students; non-voting, ex-officio: 1 COSAF, 1 ASUCD-EPPC, 2 Sustainability Office

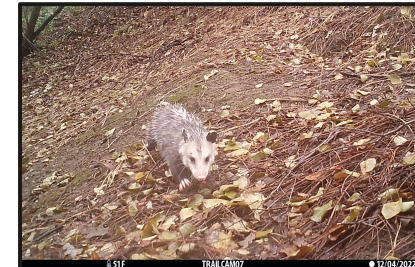
# The Future of TGIF Recap

## PolyCarbin Recycling

- Ratified in 2016, expired in Spring 2021, fee no longer collected
- Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 referendum did not have a high-enough voter turnout to pass (though all three attempts majority was in favor)
- All remaining funds, from prior years, will be exhausted this year.
- If referendum *fails*...
  - No more TGIF projects, end of AY 2023-2024
- If referendum *passes*...
  - Invest in grant management efficiency
  - Increase grant opportunities



## Suzuki WaterWay



# Referendum Renewals:

## Attempted Spring 2021

### Outcome

- ▶ 20% participation threshold required - 7.17%; **NOT ACHIEVED**
- ▶ Majority “Yes” votes - 67% Yes; **ACHIEVED**

## Attempted Fall 2022

### Outcome

- ▶ 20% participation threshold required - 5.8%; **NOT ACHIEVED**
- ▶ Majority “Yes” votes - 79.8% Yes; **ACHIEVED**

## Attempted Spring 2023

### Outcome

- ▶ 20% participation threshold required - 15.96%; **NOT ACHIEVED**
- ▶ Majority “Yes” votes - 81.92% Yes; **ACHIEVED**

# TGIF Fee Spring 2024 Election

- ▶ Summary of *new* TGIF Fee Referendum:
  - ▶ Increase to \$3.50 quarterly TGIF fee, effective AY 2024-25
  - ▶ Increase quarterly fee by \$0.50 annually thereafter for ten years
  - ▶ 25% return to aid
- ▶ Meet inflationary rise in costs for operating expenses
- ▶ Meet required increases in wages and benefits for career staff and student assistant wages

## Note

- Very modest initial increase in fee; from \$3/quarter to \$3.50/quarter
- When originally ratified, no planned increases were included

# TGIF Fee *Reinstatement* Spring 2024 Election

Table 1: Proposed Quarterly Fee, by Academic Year (AY)\*

| Academic Year | Fee per Student <b>per Quarter</b> | Return-to-Aid (25%) | TGIF Funds |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 2024-25       | \$ 3.50                            | \$0.88              | \$2.62     |
| 2025-26       | \$ 4.00                            | \$1.00              | \$3.00     |
| 2026-27       | \$ 4.50                            | \$1.13              | \$3.37     |
| 2027-28       | \$ 5.00                            | \$1.25              | \$3.75     |
| 2028-29       | \$ 5.50                            | \$1.38              | \$4.12     |
| 2029-30       | \$ 6.00                            | \$1.50              | \$4.50     |
| 2030-31       | \$ 6.50                            | \$1.63              | \$4.87     |
| 2031-32       | \$ 7.00                            | \$1.75              | \$5.25     |
| 2032-33       | \$ 7.50                            | \$1.88              | \$5.62     |
| 2033-34       | \$ 8.00                            | \$2.00              | \$6.00     |



## Revisions to Referendum Language: UCOP & COSAF

- Minor revisions.
- Mainly clarification on our continued existence despite termination of fee collection
  - Clarification that TGIF *actually will* be closing (no more new grants, simply shepherding the final remaining projects to completion) at the end of AY 23-24
  - Clarification that “As of Spring 2023, TGIF has awarded more than \$850,000” in grants despite absence of fee collection in 21-22 and 22-23
- Clarification that fee collection occurs in Fall, Winter, & Spring - added to header of second column in table.



**We appreciate your support.**

Questions?