

**Council Resolution Two (CR – 02): Thanking  
Congressman Scott Peters for Constituent  
Services**



**WHEREAS**, UCSD Graduate Student Association President Rahul Kapadia student visa had lapsed, and he applied for a visa renewal while visiting family in India so as to be able to get back;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kapadia's Visa application was placed on hold under Section 221(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, India required verification of graduate student status including the request of copies of dissertation research, invitation letters from Principle Investigator and details of funding;

**WHEREAS**, the graduate student status verification process normally requires dissertation work to be verified by a processing center in the United States, typically taking 45-90 days;

**WHEREAS**, a 45-90 day delay in his return would have significantly impeded on Mr. Kapadia's ability to perform the duties of UCSD GSA President for the academic fall quarter;

**WHEREAS**, the office of Congressman Scott Peters contacted U.S. Ambassador to India Nancy J. Powell to request the expedited review and approval of Mr. Kapadia's visa renewal;

**WHEREAS**, staff of Congressman Scott Peters personally updated the UCSD Graduate Student Association regarding the pending visa renewal application;

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Scott Peters office displayed the utmost professionalism in handling the case of a foreign student ineligible to vote and thus not technically a constituent;

**WHEREAS**, Congressman Scott Peters successfully advocated to have Mr. Kapadia's visa renewal application expedited given his contribution to the UCSD community;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the UCSD Graduate Student Association recognizes Congressman Scott Peters for his dedication and service to all individuals living in his district irrespective of their citizenship status.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the UCSD Graduate Student Association looks forward to working with Congressman Scott Peters in the future to improve the lives of UCSD graduate students living in San Diego.

**Certified: Rahul S. Kapadia, 10/17/2013**