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