

Eva Jussim

Hi Bruins! My name is Eva Jussim (she/her) and I am proudly running to be your next External Vice President.

I truly know what it means to be an organizer and an advocate. As the current Chief of Staff to the EVP and as the Organizing Director of the UC Student Association, I represent 280,000 UC undergraduates. In these positions, I have lobbied the state legislature and UC Regents for CalGrant and CalFresh expansion on-campus and across the UCs. As an intern for the City of LA and as a tenants' rights organizer, I've rallied for affordable housing and a sustainable transportation system within LA. From these experiences, I have a strong desire to promote the needs of UCLA students as the next EVP.

Affordability, labor, and accessibility are my top concerns. Supporting myself through college inspires me to establish an affordable university where students can focus on their education first. Knowing the struggles of being a student worker makes me eager to renew labor consciousness at UCLA. Even as a highly engaged student, I still struggle to access UCLA's resources. Further, as a lesbian, I am motivated to make our campus a physically and intersectionally accessible space.

I have three years of experience working for the EVP, and I will leverage my unique institutional knowledge and connections to effectively organize the student body, advocate with students like you, and build coalitions to achieve an equitable UCLA.

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Platforms

AFFORDABILITY — Reduce the cost of living in Westwood by advocating for increased CalGrant and Pell Grants; Westwood rent control; lobbying to reform zoning laws that promote affordable Westwood housing; and guaranteeing parking spots for working and commuter students. Additionally, mitigate food insecurity through expanded food resource options on campus.

LABOR – Expand resources for student labor organizing by establishing the Grassroots Organizers for Working Students (GROWS) Grant; support the AFSCME 3299 \$25/hour minimum wage campaign for all UC workers; foster a culture of collective organizing with labor organizations through teach-ins and workshops; and fight to fund unpaid 195ce internships.

ACCESSIBILITY – Continuing the UC Student Association’s campaign to hire more university disability specialists; ensuring access to preventative care such as Plan B, Narcan, and Fentanyl testing; growing the LA Tenants Union; divestment from UCPD; advocating for the heavy-rail alternatives for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor to facilitate easier access to LA.

Qualifications

Chief of Staff for EVP – Assisted the current EVP with legislative tasks to forge connections with UCLA administrators. Currently supervises three teams in EVP on projects, generating the UC's highest voter turnout increase in 2022 and allocated \$20,000 to Mother Organizations and other student associations to support their advocacy.

Board Member & Organizing Director, UC Student Association – Appointed to represent the 280,000 UC undergraduates for statewide organizing efforts and lobbying. My lobbying has contributed to increased funding of the Pell Grant, bonds to support the growth of affordable housing in CA, and student priorities in the CA state budget.

Director of University Relations for EVP – Developed connections to the UC Regents, UC Office of the President, and UCLA campus stakeholders to form coalitions. Successfully established CalFresh at UCLA to support food insecure Bruins and got UCLA Housing to commit to building affordable housing units in the next decade.

Community Engagement Intern, Los Angeles City Controller – Attended and participated in neighborhood council and city council meetings, discovering the ins-and-outs of local government while developing skills in outreach, grassroots organizing, and project management, all of which are necessary to engage the UCLA student body and local advocacy within broader LA.

Outreach & Legal Intern, The Tenants Law Firm – Building on my experience as a Political Science and Urban/Regional Studies student, I canvassed buildings with LA city code violations, discussed rights that tenants have and suggested pathways to legal action in pursuit of these rights, and led workshops with residents.