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### Reading Response Five

Before reading chapter four of Angela Kong's *Re-Examining Diversity Policy at UCSD*, I had no idea that there were racist problems such as this going around on campus. The terms of majority minorities and model minority never crossed my mind until reading this passage; it opened my eyes to how I saw UCSD students. It is clear to me that the majority of students on campus are Asian; because of this, I never considered them a minority within UCSD. This paradox of being hyper-visible, and yet de-minoritized is shocking. I feel like a person would have to put on a certain lens to be able to see these problems, it is hard to see these problems with the naked eye, especially since many are busy just worrying about themselves, rather than the community.

It is obvious that there are a very limited amount of black students in UCSD; however, I never knew about the threatening, racist acts against them. The Black Student Resource Center allows them to have at least some sort of support when they are seeking of it, how come Asian Americans do not have this type of resource center? The racial wedge between black and brown students, yellow students, and white students devalue the criticisms of specific races, which hide the fact that this racial inequality is not okay and should be fixed.

My view of UCSD is completely different from Kong's perspective. I can clearly see the racist problems within the campus now; however, I still see UCSD as a sort of safe haven. These two pictures portray exactly how I see UCSD. It may seem like these are just pictures of

breathhtaking view and a few friends, but a person must put on a certain lens to see my perspective, just as I did to see Kong's point of view.

The campus is filled with places to see beautiful sceneries and nature-filled landscapes, but this picture specifically shows warmth. This warmth may come from a handshake, a pat on the back, a hug –just an type of support. UCSD is accepting of everyone and tries its hardest to make everyone feel welcomed and included, no matter their race, gender, or any type of difference.

My second picture portrays a picture of a group of friends. We were once strangers, but at some point we became family. To me, UCSD is one big family; yes, each person is different in their own way, but we are all accepting of each other.

#### Work Cited

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