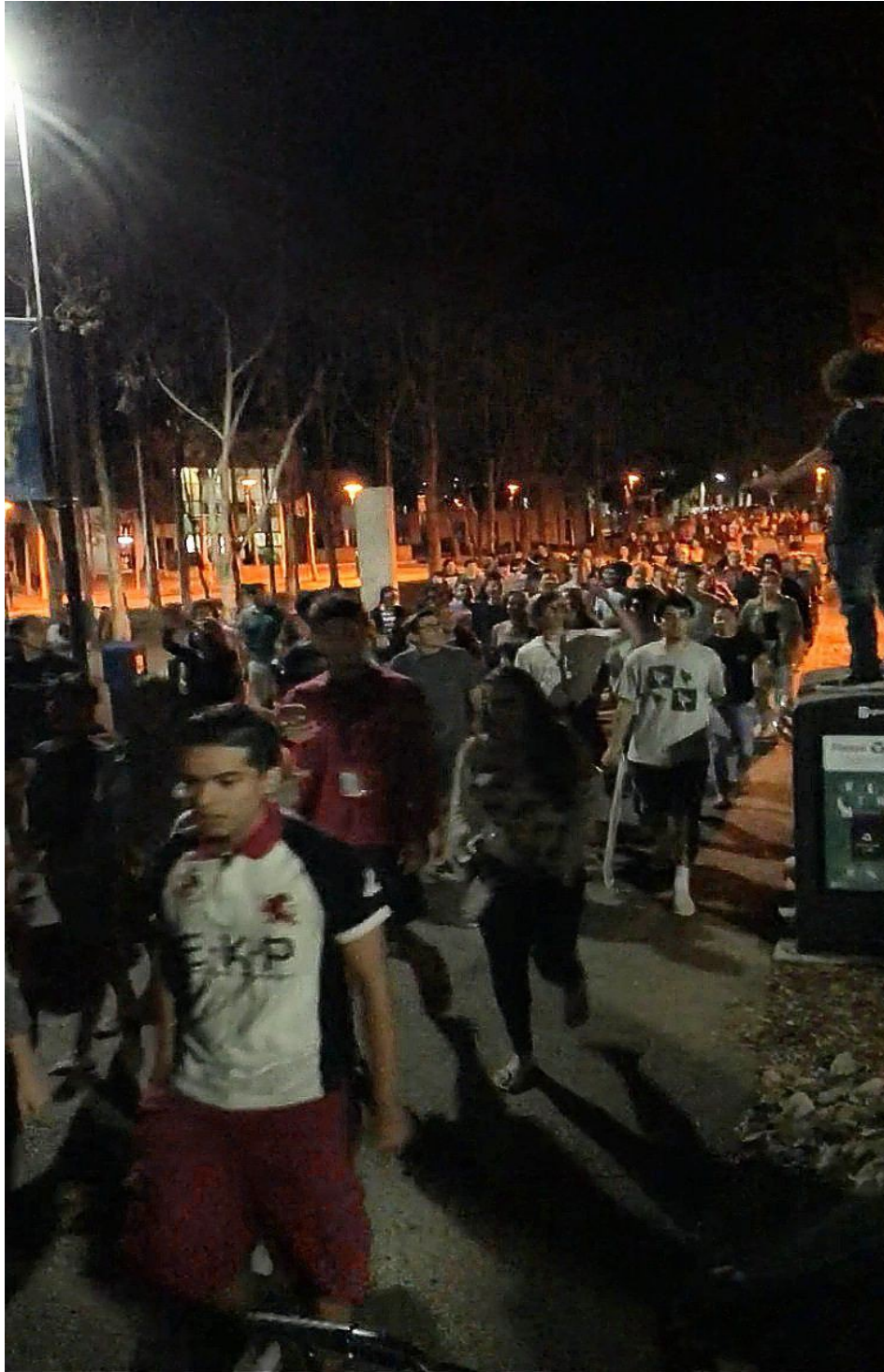


### Reading Response 5



I took this picture the night of Donald Trump's election. It depicts UCSD students coming together in order to comfort those who may have felt afraid, angry, or alone.

Kong's analysis of the UCSD campus climate was very powerful and informative, it had me asking questions and considering other perspectives, although, it did not change my view of the UCSD campus. In the aftermath of the recent election, I came to realize that there are so many different ideas and opinions on how our country's issues are meant to be dealt with. Many of these opinions are offensive and ignorant to the feelings of the minorities in our country, however, I'm becoming less surprised when I encounter such people. It is because of the lack of education that people seem to believe segregation is the way to solve issues, and so I'm not surprised that the Compton Cookout took place. I myself identify as both caucasian and native american, and before coming to UCSD I was completely unaware that many native americans were still dealing with discrimination and the pain of being a minority. I was uneducated until joining NASA, and prior to university I had dressed up as an indian for Halloween, unaware of the effect it may have had on people around me. I feel as though the UCSD fraternity had a similar mindset, and were unaware of how ignorant and hurtful their actions were. It is important that not only the UCSD education system makes sure that students know what is hurtful and offensive, but high school and middle school education systems should take similar measures. I learned little to nothing about the history of different cultures, and what those cultures still endure to this day. It is necessary that children are taught these important life lessons early on in their lives.

Witnessing the riots following Trump's election, I would say the campus climate is very united. Although there are always going to be people who are ignorant to other cultures, most of the UCSD students I've encountered are very respectful and understanding of other student's feelings. I am proud to say that I go to such an educated and close knit school.