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Reading Response 1

Although I have only been a student at UC San Diego for about three months, I have become well versed in the campus climate and atmosphere. In the image I created, I wrote down words that I felt represented the UCSD that I love. I feel that UCSD has been a big family to me and encourages values that I agree with. Even with some of the messages students have spread (i.e. the chalk messages), the majority of the campus does not agree with looking down upon another group of people and values inclusion in learning and social life.

The reading by Kong did not change my current view of UCSD, but it did change my view of UC San Diego's past. I feel that society as a whole has changed since 2010, so hopefully instances such as the Compton Cookout never occur again, on a UC campus or anywhere. I also learned a lot more about the Asian American community. This was where my thoughts and feelings were altered the most because I never realized how underrepresented of a group they are. Especially because there are so many sub-groups under Asian-American, we need to recognize them all and understand that their needs as students may vary.

The University of California San Diego campus' climate is a mix of the passion to succeed in all intellectual endeavors and a diverse, inclusive family. My experience at UCSD has shown me that the people who surround me are academically driven and pride themselves in getting a good education. The people I am surrounded by have also shown me that UCSD is a place to make life-long friendships and meet incredible people. I have never experienced a more

diverse group of people and it has allowed me to experience and understand cultures I previously knew nothing about.

