CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY – FULLERTON SOCIALIST CLUB PROTESTS MEMORIAL HONORING FALLEN HEROES

[FULLERTON, CA] – On February 6th the California State University, Fullerton chapter of Students for Quality Education (SQE), a socialist organization funded by the California Faculty Association, protested an event on campus to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

“These protests are simply another way to further divide us,” said CSUF Republicans President Amanda McGuire. “Though student groups have the right to protest peacefully, we need to remember our humanity. Law enforcement officers make a selfless commitment to all people, regardless of race, gender, or political affiliation. This memorial was a way to come together as humans to say thank you to fallen heroes and, unfortunately, it became something to protest.”

The CSUF Republicans hosted Law Enforcement Appreciation Day to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of campus and community law enforcement officers. Several University Police Department (UPD) officers attended the event, offering students the chance to meet and talk with the people who serve and protect their campus daily.

SQE members stood about 50 ft. from the memorial with flyers titled “Why Blue Lives Matter is Problematic,” asserting that, “Black and Brown civilians do not want to place police lives on a sacrificial pyre in exchange for their own.”

Meanwhile, the CSUF Republicans invited students to tie ribbons with names of fallen officers on a wooden frame. Participants also wrote thank you messages on sticky notes, which were posted on a police car parked on campus and later attached to a board gifted to the CSUF UPD.

“The purpose of our event is to remember fallen officers who have died protecting the community,” said Event Coordinator Hansol Suh. “We honor and respect those we consider heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I’m shocked and disturbed that this event would be politicized as anything other than a memorial for the fallen.”

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