Article I. Name of Student Organization

**The organization shall be called California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego.**

Article II. Statement of Purpose  
California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego is a chapter of CALPIRG Students, a student-directed and student-funded public interest nonprofit that runs campaigns for various topics of interest to the general public and provides civic education.

California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego focuses on campaigns to protect the environment, make college more affordable, protect public health, promote democracy, and fight poverty in our communities. We run grassroots issue-based, nonpartisan political campaigns. We collect petitions, outreach to the media, build coalitions, and lobby our elected officials for change.

We also run a volunteer and internship program to provide students with organizing skills to run effective grassroots campaigns. Interns take on a leadership role on a campaign and attend a weekly internship course taught by CALPIRG’s professional staff on campus.

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Requirements for Membership

All UC San Diego students that pay the ten-dollar pledge fee will be considered members of California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego. Additionally, students that have attended two meetings will also be considered members. Volunteers will be considered any student that regularly attends meetings and does approximately three to five hours of work for California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego each week. Volunteers are encouraged to pay the ten-dollar pledge fee but are not required to do so. Interns will be considered students that do approximately ten hours of work for California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego each week and have signed an intern contract. Interns are encouraged to pay the ten-dollar pledge fee but are not required to do so. All students are eligible to vote in UC San Diego chapter elections as long as they have attended two of the previous chapter meetings.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

The CALPIRG Students Board of Directors shall meet regularly during the academic year and may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairperson or one third of the Directors. Notice of all regular meetings of the Board shall be mailed or delivered personally to each Director at least five days before the meeting, but any Director may waive such notice and consent to action taken at any meeting. Each notice of a meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and include the agenda.

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the acts of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which quorum is present shall be acts of the Board of Directors. If there is less than a quorum present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting and establish a time of another meeting. At any such new meeting, any business, which was to have been transacted at the meeting originally called, may be transacted without further notice.

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each Director will be entitled to cast only one vote unless an absent Director has signed a written proxy for the particular meeting authorizing another Director to cast the absent Director’s vote on a specific issue. The proxy will not be valid unless it is delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Directors prior to the meeting wherein the proxy vote will be cast.

Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without meeting by written consent, setting forth the action so taken, signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors; by conference call in which a majority of the Directors consent to the action; or by a telephone poll in which at least 75 percent of all the Directors consent to the action.

Article VI. Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

**Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization’s officers.**

The officers of California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego chapter shall be elected each Spring from among the members of the chapter (must attend two meetings). All officers must pay the ten-dollar CALPIRG pledge each quarter. All officers shall hold office for one year or until the successors are elected. If any officer fails to complete a term of 1 year, then an election may be held at any time during the school year to replace the officer. Officers may serve more than one consecutive term in their particular office. No person may serve in more than one office at one time.

Notice of elections will be announced in the weekly meeting two weeks prior to the Election.

The procedure for elections are as follows: members nominate students to run, nominees must accept, nominees give a one minute pitch for voting for them, a private ballot is cast. Chair is elected first, then Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Visibility Chair/ Member at Large.

Article VII. Risk Management

California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Article VIII. Community Advisor

The community advisor will be known as the campus organizer. The campus organizer will be a paid staff member appointed by the State Organizing Director of CALPIRG Students annually.

Article IX. Financial Management

California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego shall be financed though CALPIRG Students. Annually, CALPIRG Students shall engage an independent certified public accountant (CPA) to audit the financial statements and accounting records of CALPIRG Students. Such audit shall be full scope and will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Such an audit must include the customary auditor's opinion that the financial statements have been prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles and fairly reflect the results of the operations and financial condition of CALPIRG Students as of the date of the financial reports. In connection with such an audit, CALPIRG Students shall have the CPA review the internal controls and procedures employed by CALPIRG Students. The CPA shall be asked to comment if those controls and procedures are found to be inadequate, and to include appropriate recommendations for changes and improvements if necessary.

Copies of CALPIRG’s annual information returns filed with the federal and state governments and with the Attorney General of the State of California shall be provided to ASUCSD upon request.

Article X. Affiliation with Other Groups

The California Public Interest Research Group at UC San Diego chapter is an official campus branch of CALPIRG Students, a statewide student directed and student funded nonprofit. CALPIRG Students is directed by a student board of directors made up of students from each of the chapters. The board votes on the organization’s campaigns and statewide budget, elects the state board chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, and hires the executive director. The UC San Diego chapter has five seats on the statewide board. The five positions are usually the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and At Large member, but can be any elected member that pays the ten-dollar CALPIRG Students pledge every quarter. These five positions are elected by the UC San Diego chapter.

The UC San Diego chapter and all local chapters may elect an Alternate Director(s), who shall have the right to vote in place of a director from the same school whenever that director cannot be present at a Board of Directors meeting.

Article XI. Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be altered, amended, or repealed at any regular meeting of the five officers of the UC San Diego chapter by a two-thirds majority.