

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: President Thomas A. Parham
California State University Dominguez Hills

FROM: Trahitra Avery, Executive Director, CSUDH Toro Auxiliary Partners
Trahitra Avery

SUBJECT: Update on Socially Responsible Investing by TAP Finance and Investment Committee

On behalf of the CSUDH Toro Auxiliary Partners (TAP) Board of Directors, Finance and Investment Committee, I am writing to provide an update on our ongoing commitment to maintaining socially responsible investing as outlined in our Investment Policy. Following a thorough review of our current portfolio, we remain steadfast in ensuring that our investments are free from associations with activities such as genocide, ethnic cleansing, or violations of fundamental human rights.

The CSU policy states, "...the Board acknowledges the importance of understanding the potential risks and value that environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors may have on CSU investments. Therefore, the Board expects that the consideration of ESG factors shall be integrated into the investment decision processes of the CSU."

In alignment with this policy, the TAP policy articulates, "... a primary fiduciary responsibility to maximize investment return, while taking into consideration appropriate risk, to further its educational purposes. At the same time, California State University endeavors to be a good corporate citizen and responsible investor."

Our commitment to these principles is substantiated by our advisors at Merrill Lynch, who have confirmed that our organization maintains less than 1% exposure (less than \$35,000) within mutual funds, while Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) and Alternative Investments have no exposure. We conclude this information satisfies the level of transparency necessary for any inquiries.

TAP recognizes the imperative to continuously monitor and review our investments to ensure alignment with both our financial objectives and the CSU investment standards. This ongoing diligence is essential not only for achieving the financial goals of our institution but also for upholding the values we share with our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We remain dedicated to these principles and are available for any further discussion or clarification you may require.

References:

[Toro Auxiliary Partners Investment Policy](#)

[CSU Master Investment Policy](#)

Cc: Nicole Harper Rawlins, Chair, Toro Auxiliary Partners
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