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Dear UCSB Community,

I am writing to notify our community of an incident that occurred on July 28th in Isla Vista. On the night of the 28th in Estero Park, a UCSB student was physically assaulted by a group of men, resulting in multiple serious injuries. Based upon the information available, the assailants appear to have targeted the student based upon their sexual orientation. The attack is currently being investigated by the Sherriff's Office as a criminal case, and anyone with information on the attack is encouraged to [contact them](#) or [UCPD](#).

While the attack occurred off University property, it is deeply troubling to me and to our LGBTQ+ community, who experience higher rates of physical violence than their heterosexual and cisgender peers. I am writing now to remind you of our commitments to each other and of resources that are available to you as members of the UCSB community.

UCSB is committed to building an inclusive campus community. If you see or experience incidents of bias on campus or in the community, please communicate those to us. One option for reporting such incidents is through our [Bias Reporting System](#). Some reports will result in immediate action; others can be reported anonymously or even when there is not a mechanism for follow-up (no known perpetrator, for example). This system allows us to collect and track information about incidents that happen on our campus. We follow up when we can and determine whether a judicial, criminal, educational, or employee relations response is needed. We strongly encourage the use of this tool, as it allows us to identify where additional work remains to be done in fostering a strong and inclusive campus community.

While having an emotional reaction to these incidents is normal, you may desire professional support from our clinicians at CAPS, especially if you notice it impacting your day-to-day functioning. For counseling, please contact [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (CAPS).

For support, students can reach out to Resident Assistants, Peer Mentors, Advisors, and Deans who are knowledgeable about these issues and resources. We strongly encourage our LGBTQ+ students to reach out to the [Resource Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity](#) and our new Director of LGBTQ+ Services, Craig Leets (cleets@ucsb.edu).

Sincerely,

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