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Cal Poly Club "Poly Voice" Seeks San Luis Obispo City Council Candidate

San Luis Obispo -- Poly Voice is looking for students, faculty and/or interested parties to run for San Luis Obispo City Council to represent Cal Poly students.

Students are underrepresented in our current city council, said Derek Huerta, club chair. The members of Poly Voice are working to solve this disparity by encouraging student participation in civics.

Poly Voice was founded in October of 2001 to encourage and increase civic participation among students and has sponsored such events as Rock the Vote and a student community relations' workshop. In an effort to inspire students to register and vote, Poly Voice is seeking a candidate who will be able to articulate their views and concerns at the city-wide level.

Supporters of this search include David Blakely, Cal Poly information technology consultant and former San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors Chair, according to Huerta.

"I think the students are the sleeping giant of San Luis Obispo politics," Blakely said. "If students exercised political power, they would see significant change in the way politics are done here."

Filing for all candidates began at 8 a.m. April 1 and continues through 4 p.m. May 1. A mandatory candidate meeting will be held in UU 212A, at 4 p.m. on May 1.

Poly Voice will aid the selected candidate, both financially and with student volunteers during the campaigning process.

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