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Associated Students, City Residents Work to Improve Relationship Between Students and Community Members

San Luis Obispo - Cal Poly students and community leaders from the City of San Luis Obispo will come together on Saturday (Feb. 2) at 2 p.m. to discuss improved relations, enhanced communication and the importance of fostering mutual respect between students and non-students.

The Student Community Relations Workshop is a public forum sponsored by Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) and Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN). Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Detweiler will facilitate the workshop.

Attendees will hear short presentations from University Police Chief Tony Aeilts, San Luis Obispo City Administrator Ken Hampian and Rob Bryn, the city's neighborhood services manager, as well as Cal Poly ASI president Angela Hacker. There will be breakout sessions providing opportunities for students and non-students to identify issues and recommend solutions while building better relationships.

"This is a time for students and non-student residents to be in the same room and positively discuss ways to better co-exist in the community," Hacker said. "This workshop is important because the relationship can sometimes be adversarial. We would like to focus on solutions outside of law enforcement."

"We'd like workshop participants to define issues that cause friction between student and non-student residents," said Derek Huerta, ASI's commissioner of community relations. "All parties involved are looking to enrich the quality of life in San Luis Obispo."

The workshop will be at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library, 995 Palm St., in the community room, and is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Huerta at 234-5773.

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About Associated Students, Inc. (ASI)

ASI strives to enrich the quality of student life and to complement the educational mission of Cal Poly through shared governance, student employment, student advocacy and a variety of diverse programs and
services. Through the administration of the McPhee University Union, The Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center, the Recreation Center and Sports Complex facilities, ASI offers a broad spectrum of programming, services and opportunities for leadership and social interaction.