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## **Goleta Police, UCSB Officials Warn of Fraudulent Solicitations**

Goleta police officials are asking the public to contact them if anyone approaches their homes soliciting donations for the UC Santa Barbara orchestra or choir.

Paul Berkowitz, chair of UCSB's Department of Music, said he has been receiving numerous reports of people posing as students going door-to-door in Goleta and Santa Barbara and telling residents that they are seeking donations to finance a trip for the UCSB orchestra and choir.

"This is not true," Berkowitz said. "It's a complete fraud. There is no such tour and no fundraising or solicitations being organized by the UCSB Symphony Orchestra."

Anyone who is approached by people posing as students seeking donations for the UCSB orchestra is urged to contact the Goleta Police Department at (805) 681-4133 or the Santa Barbara Police Department at (805) 897-2300.

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draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.