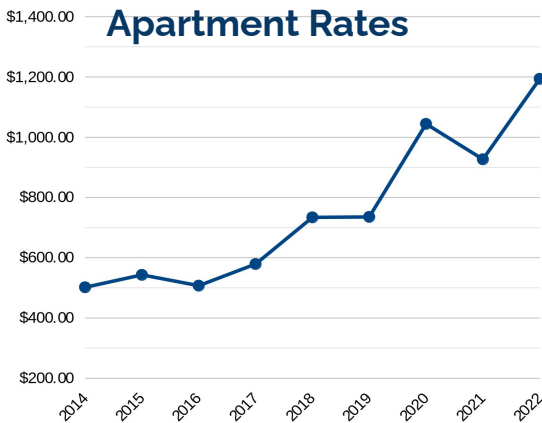




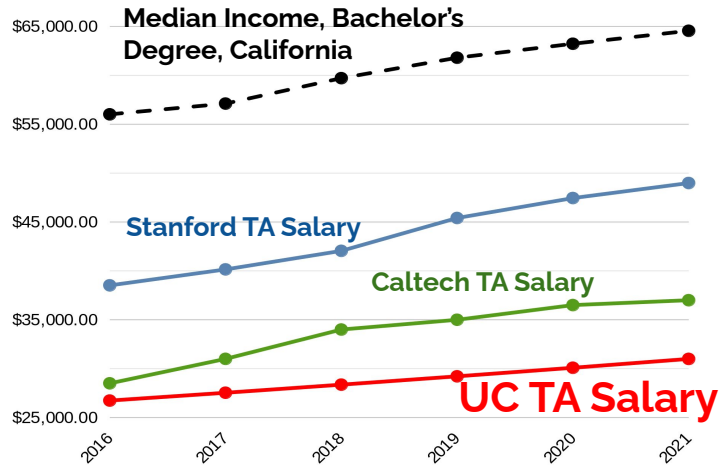
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A tragedy in 3 graphs

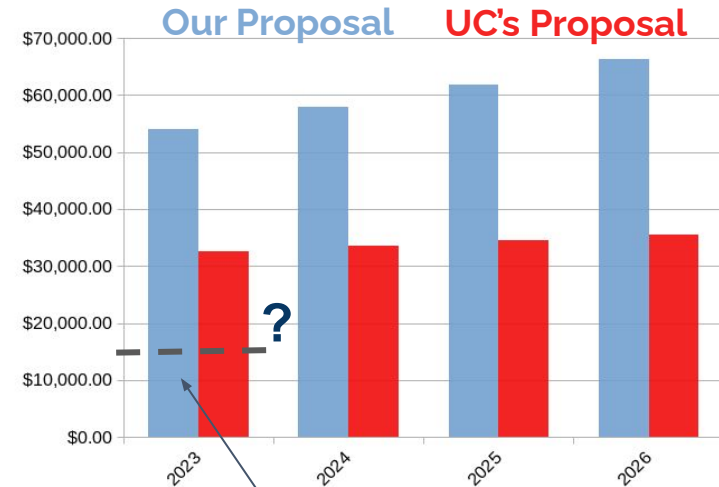
**Merced 1-Bedroom Apartment Rates**



Sources: Zumper historical listings data, Zillow rent index



Sources: ACS 5Y Survey, Stanford University, California Institute of Technology, UC Office of the President



Merced 1-Bedroom Apartment Rates 2022

- UC Wages lag far behind peer institutions
- Meanwhile, costs of living continue to skyrocket across the state, with **California rents at all-time highs**
- Our new contract proposal will raise appointments **\$54,000**, enough to **lift all workers out of rent burden**

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