

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WHEREAS, more than three hundred college campuses have seen protests and encampments formed by students and demonstrators¹; and,

WHEREAS, more than 100 students have been arrested at Columbia University, nearly 100 students have been arrested at the University of Southern California, at least 45 students have been arrested at Yale University, nine students have been arrested at the University of Minnesota, and more than 100 students have been arrested at Emerson College²; and,

WHEREAS, these students were engaging in protest against their educational institution's policies and investments or the policies of their country; and,

WHEREAS, the Legal Information Institute defines a protest as a "public demonstration (usually expressing dissent) centered around an act or policy of a governing body"³; and,

WHEREAS, in the case of *Tinker v. Des Moines*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that neither students nor teachers "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate"⁴; and,

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedoms concerning religion, expression, assembly, and the right to petition; so,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College unconditionally supports every student's constitutional right to peacefully assemble and protest; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College unconditionally supports students' ability to freely express themselves while being safeguarded against doxxing, conduct, and hate of any form; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College urges the El Camino Community College District to abide by their policies relating to student expression and to protect the aforementioned student abilities and freedoms; thereby,

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Senate of the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College at the regular Senate meeting of El Camino College on May 2, 2024 by a vote of 16 in favor, 2 opposed and 4 abstentions.



*President of the Associated Students
Organization*



*Chair of the Associated Students Organization
Senate*

¹https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2024/04/30/university-campus-protests-maps/?utm_source=instagram&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main&rl8_id=0424320b-d220-4848-8e85-e88d99499e03

² [What we know about the protests erupting on college campuses across America | CNN](#)

³ [protest | Wex | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute \(cornell.edu\)](#)

⁴ [Facts and Case Summary - Tinker v. Des Moines | United States Courts \(uscourts.gov\)](#)