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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A DIFFERENT FOOD VENDOR ON THE CAMPUS OF EL CAMINO COLLEGE

WHEREAS, there is an observed lack of menu variety being offered by the current food vendor of El Camino College; and,

WHEREAS, that lack of variety across both locations that the food vendor serves has created a general discontent across the student body over the variety of meals offered; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Organization created a prompt asking, “What can ASO do for you;” and over twenty-eight students have answered that prompt by requesting a new food vendor that has “healthier option”, with “Halal, Vegan, and Kosher” meal options; and,

WHEREAS, in 2022, El Cappuccino was opened to the Students of El Camino College¹; and El Cappuccino promised to offer a variety of food options, and still does not offer those option; and,

WHEREAS, the current vendor’s negligence for inventory across both locations has contributed and perpetrated the lack of variety for the student body and groups who have dietary or religious restrictions; and,

WHEREAS, 96% of El Camino College students believe that El Camino College values and respects and supports students from different religious affiliations²; and,

WHEREAS, we consider a meal to be defined as “an adequate, well-balanced serving of a variety of wholesome, nutritious foods”³; and,

WHEREAS, the current food vendor offers no Halal, Vegan, or Kosher meal options; and,

WHEREAS, 96% of El Camino College students believe that El Camino College values and respects and supports students from different economic backgrounds⁴; and,

WHEREAS, 33% of El Camino College students at El Camino College said that they could not afford to eat balanced meals all of the time⁵; and,

¹ <https://eccunion.com/opinion/editorials/2023/05/11/food-for-thought-campus-dining-options-need-improvement/>

² https://www.elcamino.edu/about/institutional-research/docs/surveys/student%20campus%20climate%20survey%20report_final%20version.pdf

³ <https://www.lawinsider.com/dictionary/meal>

⁴ https://www.elcamino.edu/about/institutional-research/docs/surveys/student%20campus%20climate%20survey%20report_final%20version.pdf

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WHEREAS, Food insecurity is associated with poorer health and academic outcomes among college and university students⁷; and,

WHEREAS, SNAP and EBT benefits decreased rates of food insecurity by about 30%⁹;

WHEREAS, El Cappuccino and Café Camino do not accept EBT cards⁸; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Organization of the El Camino College as the unified and collective voice of 25,000 students supports the approval by the Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District to enter a contract with a food vendor that reflects the needs and restrictions of the diverse student population of El Camino College; and,

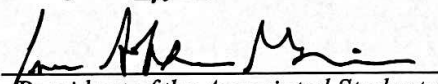
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College supports a food vendor that will cater Halal, Vegan, and Kosher meal options to all students; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College supports a food vendor that will accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Cards and CalFresh benefits provided by the Basic Needs Center and the government for students who face food insecurity; and,

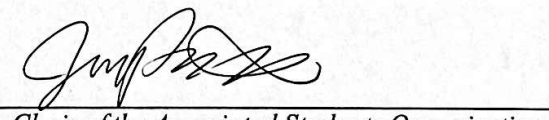
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College supports the current guidelines set in the Request for Proposal (RFP) by the El Camino College Food Services Committee for a new campus food vendor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will serve as a document of support on behalf of the Associated Students Organization and the 25,000 students they serve to the El Camino College Food Services Committee for their course of action in ensuring that needs and restrictions of El Camino College's diverse student population are met; and so be it,

PASSED, SIGNED, AND ADOPTED by the Senate of the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College at the regular Senate meeting of the Associated Students Organization of El Camino College on 3/28, 2024.



*President of the Associated Students
Organization*



*Chair of the Associated Students Organization
Senate*

⁶ https://www.elcamino.edu/about/institutional-research/docs/surveys/student%20campus%20climate%20survey%20report_final%20version.pdf

⁷ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6366643/>

⁸ <https://eccunion.com/opinion/editorials/2023/05/11/food-for-thought-campus-dining-options-need-improvement/>

⁹ [https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2021/20_0587.htm#:~:text=SNAP%20benefits%20decreased%20rates%20of,%25%20in%202018%20\(4\).](https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2021/20_0587.htm#:~:text=SNAP%20benefits%20decreased%20rates%20of,%25%20in%202018%20(4).)