

A JOINT STATEMENT FROM UC SAN DIEGO COLLEGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

To the UC San Diego Community,

As student leaders of the UC San Diego Community, we support our fellow students' right to free speech on a public campus.

We urge UC San Diego administrative staff, especially Chancellor Pradeep Khosla, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Alysson Satterlund, and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life Patricia Mahaffey to not pursue student conduct violations against UC San Diego students peacefully protesting. Students have long been the pioneers of social movements from protesting for civil rights to calling for divestment from South African apartheid. Educational institutions should protect and encourage freedom of speech and civic engagement—they should recognize extraordinary circumstances and remove systemic barriers to these activities. As each college at UC San Diego is inherently founded on valuing student activism and student voices, penalizing students for peaceful activism undermines the values of UC San Diego.

Revelle College's motto is "[Purpose, Truth, Vision](#)", aiming to develop a student body that is educated and empowered. How can we embody these values if UC San Diego inhibits students' rights to peacefully demand change?

Muir College's motto, "[Celebrating the Independent Spirit](#)" stresses the spirit of individual choice and responsibility within the framework of a supportive and inclusive community. If UC San Diego chooses to penalize students for peacefully protesting how can we create a supportive and inclusive community?

Marshall College's motto, "[The student as Scholar and Citizen](#)", was coined during a time of transformative social change in the United States and the world, with principles of diversity and equity in mind. Justice Marshall is known for his dedication to educational opportunity for all, civil rights, and freedom of speech. As a college, founded through the [Lumumba-Zapata Coalition](#), a college founded by students for students, how can we ignore student voices now?

Warren College's motto is "[Toward a Life in Balance](#)" urging its students to engage the world as ethical citizens of our global society. How can we embody these values if our own University tries to stifle our voices when we try to engage with the world?

Eleanor Roosevelt College's mission, "[Scholarship, Leadership and Service](#)," is to deepen human connections by exploring the evolution of our global world—a spirit of

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transparency, reconciliation, and honesty. How can we uphold those values when there is only violence in response to our community members' pleas for humanity?

We have seen how university administrations across the country have tried to stifle student voices and we urge UC San Diego administrators not to follow suit – to do so would be to go against the very values and principles our institution was founded upon.

Again, we call on the UC San Diego Administration to not charge students for peacefully protesting. Let us learn from our past and take this opportunity to listen to student concerns and protect our right to free speech.

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