

California State Polytechnic University Pomona

Resolution on Affirming ASI's Leadership in Stewarding Conversations about Ceasefire in Gaza

WHEREAS, The [vision](#) of Cal Poly Pomona states: "Cal Poly Pomona will be the model for an inclusive polytechnic university that inspires creativity and innovation, embraces local and global challenges, and transforms lives"; and

WHEREAS, In a [letter](#) to the campus community on November 7, 2023, Interim Provost Gomez, Vice President of Student Affairs Gonzalez, and Presidential Associate for Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Pickett wrote: "Cal Poly Pomona affirms the importance of free speech and expression in fostering the intellectual life of our community"; and

WHEREAS, Across the United States, college students have been in the vanguard of those calling for a ceasefire in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona students have joined that vanguard, engaging in peaceful demonstrations and protests; and

WHEREAS, In a [letter](#) to the campus community on May 2, 2024, President Coley wrote: "I commend the protesters at CPP for their courage and conviction in bringing issues of importance to the attention of the community", and affirmed that "Cal Poly Pomona is committed to free expression as essential to its educational mission, and we will continue to support and promote civil discourse"; and

WHEREAS, At Cal Poly Pomona, student elected leadership, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI), has facilitated discussions among disparate student constituencies with an aim towards passing a Ceasefire Resolution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate applauds the courage and temperance of students exercising their rights to articulate their beliefs and engaging in peaceful protests on campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate recognizes the courage and persistence of ASI's leadership in trying to find a consensus about calling for a ceasefire among disparate views; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate calls on university leadership to continue to respect and protect students' rights to free speech; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate encourages faculty to consider flexibility for students who have been impacted by the conflict; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be distributed to Cal Poly Pomona Faculty, Staff, and Students, Cal Poly Pomona President, CSU Chancellor, CSU Board of Trustees, Academic Senate of the CSU, CSU Campus Senate Chairs, Cal Poly Pomona ASI, and California State Student Association