

Resolution as introduced:

Resolution Supporting Public Use of Community College Facilities

Whereas, The San Mateo County Community College District operates the College of San Mateo, Skyline and Canada Colleges; and

Whereas, San Mateo County taxpayers have paid billions to build and operate these beautiful campuses, and this District is well-funded, requiring no state funding; and

Whereas, SMCCCD policy (8.80 BP 6700) pursuant to the Civic Center Act (Education Code Sec 82537 et seq), endorses public use and enjoyment of community college facilities when not required for instructional purposes; and

Whereas, the SMCCCD has contracted out operation of athletic facilities at CSM to a private, for-profit company, removing union jobs from the bargaining union representing college employees, effectively pricing out thousands of county residents including students, with high fees, the public were not informed that the District intended to build and operate athletic clubs, and the District is considering adopting a similar arrangement at Canada College; and

Whereas, such arrangement is highly unusual among the California community colleges, and not in the spirit of the Civic Center Act; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the SMCDCC supports and urges the San Mateo County Community College District to make its college recreation/athletic facilities available to the public for use and enjoyment at low or no fees, and that said facilities be operated and maintained by public employees; be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees.

As suggested by the Resolutions Committee to meet CDP

Resolutions requirements:

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Whereas, San Mateo County taxpayers have invested billions to build and operate the three campuses of the San Mateo County Community College District including Skyline College, the College of San Mateo and Cañada College requiring no state funding; and

Whereas, SMCCCD policy endorses public use and enjoyment of community college facilities when not required for instructional purposes; and

Whereas, the SMCCCD has contracted out operation of athletic facilities at CSM to a private, for-profit company, removing union jobs from the bargaining union representing college employees, effectively pricing out thousands of county residents including students, with high fees, and without notice to the public that the District intended to build and operate athletic clubs including a new facility proposed to be similarly operated at Canada College; and

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the SMCDCC supports and urges the San Mateo County Community College District to make its recreational/athletic facilities available to the public for use and enjoyment at low or no cost, and that said facilities be operated and maintained by public employees; and

Be it further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees.