

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

11/30/2022

Director Amy Parker introduced the following Resolution,
Senator Jorge Diaz seconded the following Resolution

A RESOLUTION

Supporting Gender Neutral Bathrooms at Cerritos College

JR-2223-04

Whereas: The Associated Students of Cerritos College seeks to advocate for all measures which bring greater equity for students on campus, in particular diverse and marginalized communities; and

Whereas: Many transgender, non-binary, gender-non-conforming, and other forms of gender-diverse students seek to or prefer to use gender neutral restrooms whenever possible, for many reasons including safety, privacy, and accessibility; and

Whereas: Having access to gender-neutral restrooms is thus critical for the safety of LGBTQ+ students at Cerritos College, making it an imperative that they are widely accessible across the campus; and

Whereas: While Cerritos College has some gender neutral bathrooms, they are widely dispersed on campus, forcing students to walk significant distances just to use the restroom, further causing issues for students with disabilities and other issues that make such travel problematic and prohibitive; and

Whereas: For students with disabilities, gender-neutral restrooms provide an opportunity for greater assistance, as it avoids the issues with attendants/aid workers of a different gender from the student being unable to enter the restroom to assist the student; and

Whereas: There are many gender-neutral “staff-only” restrooms on campus which could significantly alleviate hurdles for those seeking to use gender neutral restrooms, but which are considered off-limits to students; some of these are used without issue by students, such as the gender-neutral bathroom in the Santa Barbara building; and

Whereas: Considerations for gender-neutral bathrooms have been historically left out of construction planning; for instance, the MCIS/Fine Arts complex has just one gender neutral bathroom pair (which is out of service), which leaves students in the Fine Arts complex, as well as in nearby buildings such as Business Education and Physical Science/Technology, having to travel significantly further to access gender-neutral restrooms; let it be

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College recognizes the necessity for some students to have access to gender-neutral restrooms; and let it be further

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College requests that all relevant parties provide access to publicly accessible, gender-neutral bathrooms currently designated as “staff only” to students to help mitigate the impact of the lack of campus gender neutral bathrooms; and let it be further

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College requests that all currently not-in-service restrooms that can be used as gender-neutral bathrooms be re-opened so that they can be of use to students; and let it be further

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College requests that all future developed plans for construction be cognizant of the need for gender-neutral bathrooms, and make a good-faith, strong effort to include them in construction plans; and let it be further

Resolved: The Director and Deputy of Equity and Diversity is tasked with ensuring that the provisions of this resolution are disseminated and understood by all relevant parties.

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Amendment History

No amendments.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: November 30, 2022

Senators Voting Aye: Abrowka, Alamgir, Chun, Davis, Desai, Diaz, Dunomes, Flamenco-Medina, Hernandez, Montoya, Price, Reyes, Roxas.

Senators Voting Nay: None.

Senators Abstaining: Garcia.

Vote Count: 13 Aye, 0_Nay, 1 Abstain

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No

Committee Performing Review (if applicable):

Committee Chairperson:

Committee Action: (Report complete disposition, amendments, committee vote, or date of final action.)