

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

March 29, 2023

Senator Brandon Flamenco-Medina introduced the following Bill,
Senator Bea Roxas seconded the following Bill

A RESOLUTION

Rise Up in Athletics Act: Gender Neutral Locker Rooms SR-2223-02

Whereas: The Associated Students of Cerritos College are seeking to advocate for the continuation of ensuring that our most marginalized groups are given an environment where they are able to thrive, succeed, and be safe; further

Whereas: In a time where LGBTQ+ Athletes - Especially Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Non-Conforming Athletes - are under constant attack and being prohibited from using Locker Rooms that align with their gender identity - Cerritos College must continue to be a leader and advocate for creating a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for The LGBTQ+ community.; further

Whereas: For LGBTQ+ Athletes the introduction of Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms would allow for less hurdles that queer athletes face when wanting to participate in sports and athletic activities. Additionally, Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms helps to promote the inclusion & representation of LGBTQ+ Athletes in sports & athletic activities. LGBTQ+ Athletes are less likely to encounter violence, assaults, and attacks with access to Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms.; further

Whereas: Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms would also provide other athletes who do not feel comfortable, safe, or secure an alternative place they can use to prepare for their sport or athletic activity.; further

Whereas: After a walkthrough through the athletics zone on the Cerritos College campus we have come upon various spots of where Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms could potentially be built. One spot is between the *Kinesiology Building* and behind the *Aquatics Pool* where there is a isolated patch of fake green grass, next to *The Falcons Team Rooms Building*.; further

Whereas: One other area of interest is by the entrance of the *Student Health Center*. We had found a small opening that is near the parking zone in front of the *Student Health Center*, and we could convert a few of the parking spaces to build a Gender-Neutral Locker Room. However, the best option is to use the open isolated patch of fake green grass that we came upon.; further

Whereas: As we live through a time where LGBTQ+ Athletes - Especially Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Non-Conforming Athletes - who are fighting for their right to participate in sports and athletic activities Cerritos College will help lead the charge to introduce Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms, and be an example of what other educational institutions in California & The United States must do in order to promote the safety & inclusion of LGBTQ+ Athletes, and protect LGBTQ+ students rights to participate in sports.; further

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Whereas: After the passage & introduction of Gender-Neutral Bathrooms, Cerritos College must continue its progress to providing a secure & safe environment for the LGBTQ+ community.; let it be

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College are advocating for the safety, comfort, and security for LGBTQ+ Athletes by providing Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms on Campus (Specifically in the Athletics Department/Zone); further

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College recognize the urgency & necessity for LGBTQ+ Athletes to have access to Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms; further

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College are requesting that any future plans for additional construction for structures on campus - the creation of Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms are included in the discussion; further

Resolved: Senator Flamenco-Medina & Senator Roxas will be tasked to be in constant communication with all involved parties to oversee the creation & introduction of Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms on campus.; further

Resolved: Let it be known that this legislation is here for future references for the creation of Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms if unable to create the locker room immediately - whether due to location, expenses/cost, or any other reasons that delay the creation of Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms. In addition, where The Associated Students of Cerritos College stand on Gender-Neutral Locker Rooms.

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Amendment History

No amendments.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: March 29, 2023

Senators Voting Aye: Alamgir, Bolagh, Buckley, Chun, Dargo, Desai, Diaz, Dunomes, Echeverria, Flamenco-Medina, A. Hernandez, J. Hernandez, V. Hernandez, Morales, Mora, Murillo, Phungraksakiat, A. Reyes, S. Reyes, Sapkota, Roxas, Vashi

Senators Voting Nay: None

Senators Abstaining: None

Vote Count: 22 Aye, Nay, 0 Abstain

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No