

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

1/21/2026

Senator Sosa-Diaz introduced the following Bill,
Senator Mateo seconded the following Bill

A Resolution

Resolution for California Community Colleges to Declare Themselves Sanctuary Campuses to Protect All Their Students & Communities from ICE aggression

SR-2526-08

Whereas: Recent events have highlighted the need for an urgent response to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities that have terrorized the communities that community colleges of California serve, “The US government is conducting an ongoing campaign of raids and detentions across the country to advance a policy of mass deportation that is ripping families apart and terrorizing entire communities.” [2]; and

Whereas: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities have caused concerns and harm among students both physically and mentally, affecting their ability to attend community colleges to continue their education safely, “But as news of international student visa revocations and reports of Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids during President Donald Trump’s second term spread across the state, many community colleges have seen some of these students switch to online learning, or stop showing up to class altogether.”[1]; and

Whereas: “approximately 408,000 undocumented students are enrolled in postsecondary education, with community colleges serving as the primary entry point for many, California has the highest number of undocumented students in higher education in the U.S., with an estimated 87,000 undocumented students enrolled” [3]; and

Whereas: The Student Senate of the California Community Colleges (SSCCC) has already passed the Resolution: Safe Haven for California Community Colleges back in 2017[4]; Additionally Senate Bill 98 also mandates for colleges to notify students, faculty, and staff of ICE activity on campus, “This bill would require, until January 1, 2031, those postsecondary educational entities, and each campus of those postsecondary educational entities, to notify, as specified, all students, faculty, staff, and other campus community members who work on campus when the presence of immigration enforcement, as defined, is confirmed on campus.”[5]; Some schools have also implemented safe space areas that ICE can not enter, resources & support for impacted students, and have provided additional education for students to know what to do if they ever encounter any federal law enforcement, “Educational institutions can go further than the above laws and enact additional protections for immigrant students and staff, as well as provide resources for immigrant students. The “safe spaces” policies adopted by many school districts across California include: restricting ICE from entering schools without a judicial warrant, not asking for data related to immigration status, offering Know Your Rights resources, referrals to partner community based organizations, assistance with developing family preparedness plans, and providing a range of educational and wraparound services to all students regardless of immigration status.” [6].

Resolved: The ASCC Senate hereby endorses SR-2526-08 and that the resolution attached (EXHIBIT A) shall be sent to SSCCC so that it can be put up to a vote by delegates.

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Resources:

- [1] [Fearing ICE may enter schools, some students skip class - CalMatters](#)
- [2] [US: ICE Abuses in Los Angeles Set Stage for Other Cities | Human Rights Watch](#) [3]https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/toolkit/Unlocking-the-Potential-of-Undocumented-Students_Final.pdf?la=en
- [4] [Safe Haven For California Community Colleges | Student Senate for California Community Colleges](#)
- [5] [SB 98: Elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education: immigration enforcement: notification. | Digital Democracy](#)
- [6] [Safe spaces PDF](#) <https://caimmigrant.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Safe-spaces-PDF-2.pdf>

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Amendment History

None.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: January 21, 2026

Senators Voting Yes: Bennett, Chamberlain, Godinez, Haque, Miranda, Nieto Mejia, Om, Raya, Rodriguez, Sosa-Diaz.

Senators Voting No: Aquino, Chavez, Chung, Hernandez, Rubianes, Valdez, Vega.

Senators Abstaining: None.

Vote Count: 10 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstain

Senators Absent: Castro, De Las Alas, Mateo, Montoya, Walters.

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EXHIBIT A

Resolution for California community colleges to declare themselves sanctuary campuses to protect all their students & communities from ICE aggression

Author: Julio Adam Sosa-Diaz

Sponsor: Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC)

Whereas, recent events have highlighted the need for an urgent response to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities that have terrorized the communities that community colleges of California serve, “The US government is conducting an ongoing campaign of raids and detentions across the country to advance a policy of mass deportation that is ripping families apart and terrorizing entire communities.” [2]; and

Whereas, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities have caused concerns and harm among students both physically and mentally, affecting their ability to attend community colleges to continue their education safely, “But as news of international student visa revocations and reports of Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids during President Donald Trump’s second term spread across the state, many community colleges have seen some of these students switch to online learning, or stop showing up to class altogether.”[1]; and

Whereas, “approximately 408,000 undocumented students are enrolled in postsecondary education, with community colleges serving as the primary entry point for many, California has the highest number of undocumented students in higher education in the U.S., with an estimated 87,000 undocumented students enrolled” [3]; and

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Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Resolved, that the Student Senate of California Community Colleges urges all community colleges across California to declare themselves a sanctuary campus and implement sanctuary campus policies such as not working with Federal Law Enforcement to detain students or providing any student information to Federal Law Enforcement; and

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Resolved, that the Student Senate of California Community Colleges urges all community colleges across California take steps to protect the students & communities they serve; and

Resolved, that the Student Senate of California Community Colleges urges all community colleges across California to see to the development of safe spaces on campus for impacted students or community members that are secure areas that ICE cannot enter, resources & support for impacted students, and provide additional education for students to know what to do if they or someone they know ever encounter any federal law enforcement officers & activities; and

Resolved, that the student senate of California Community colleges urges all community colleges across California when they alert students in accordance to Senate Bill 98, to correctly identify the immigration enforcement as “Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)” and not just “federal law enforcement” as to avoid confusing students on whether or not Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is on campus or not, as some community colleges have done before.

Submitted by: Julio Adam Sosa-Diaz

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