

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

1/21/2026

Senator Godinez introduced the following Bill,
Senator Raya seconded the following Bill

A Resolution

Promoting Civic Literacy and Strengthen Informed Engagement at Cerritos College SR-2526-14

Whereas: Cerritos College is home to a wide range of students, from those just stepping out of high school to those returning after years in the workforce, and despite these differences, many share a common uncertainty about how our government actually functions

Whereas: We're living in a time where partisan noise and sensationalized media often overshadow reliable information, leaving many students unsure about what elected officials can realistically deliver versus what simply sounds good on a campaign flyer

Whereas: A misunderstanding of how government works doesn't just affect political opinions, it can shape whether someone knows how to access social services, advocate for themselves, or recognize when a policy claim is grounded in reality

Whereas: Improving civic literacy isn't about steering anyone toward a particular ideology or major, but about giving every student the chance to approach public issues with clarity instead of confusion

Whereas: Cerritos College already provides opportunities, through events, workshops, discussions, and accessible courses, for students to gain a clearer grasp of the systems that shape their daily lives, and these resources become even more meaningful when students feel encouraged to engage with them

Whereas: A campus community that is informed, thoughtful, and grounded in a shared understanding of what government can and cannot do is better equipped to reduce division, foster respect, and move toward a more peaceful and united environment for all

Resolved: The ASCC Senate encourages every student who calls Cerritos College home to take small, accessible steps toward understanding how their government works, whether that means attending a campus forum or guest speaker event, reading informational materials offered by the Library or Student Activities, participating in faculty-led discussions, or exploring introductory opportunities open to all students that break down the basics of civic life. These steps require no specific major or academic direction, only curiosity and the willingness to be informed.

Resolved: The ASCC Senate makes clear that this resolution is strictly nonpartisan and is not intended to uplift or promote any particular department, field of study, or political

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viewpoint. Its sole purpose is to help students better distinguish between meaningful policy commitments and surface-level campaign rhetoric.

Resolved: The ASCC Senate recognizes that a better-informed student body naturally leads to healthier dialogue, less division, and a deeper sense of shared understanding across our campus, regardless of background, ideology, or academic pathway.

Resolved: The ASCC Senate supports the cultivation of a campus climate rooted in respect, factual understanding, and a genuine desire to build a more tolerant, stable, and peaceful community here at Cerritos College.

Resolved: ASCC will pass SR-2526-14 encouraging civic literacy and strengthening informed engagement at Cerritos College will help foster a respectful, fact-based, and sincere desire to create a more peaceful, stable, and tolerant campus community.

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Amendment History

None.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: January 21, 2026

Senators Voting Yes: Aquino, Bennett, Castro, Chamberlain, Chavez, Chung, De Las Alas, Godinez, Haque, Hernandez, Mateo, Miranda, Montoya, Nieto Mejia, Om, Raya, Rodriguez, Rubianes, Sosa-Diaz, Valdez, Vega.

Senators Voting No: None.

Senators Abstaining: None.

Vote Count: 21 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain