

**SENATE RESOLUTION
S.R. W17-008**

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TITLE	Resolution in Support of Campus Free Speech and Political Inclusivity

WHEREAS, the results of the recent national elections have further polarized campus political groups and caused an increase in campus political activity; and

WHEREAS, there been numerous threats to free speech on college campuses as of late, including the cancellation of conservative author Suzanne Venker’s presentation at Williams College in 2015, forced cancellation of presentation by conservative commentator Ben Shapiro at CSULA in 2016, and disruptions during Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton’s speech on UC Riverside campus in 2016; and

WHEREAS, property at the Berkeley College Republicans table was destroyed; and

WHEREAS, students on our brother and sister UC campuses have been assaulted for political views on both sides of the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, by targeting an individual for expressing their beliefs or acting on their right to assemble, that individual’s constitutional rights are suppressed; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure the ability of all students, regardless of their political views or background to be able to express their political beliefs freely on campus; and

WHEREAS, free-flowing political discussion and difference of opinions are necessary to avoid the pitfalls of echo chambers and selective exposure; and

WHEREAS, ASUCR should take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of students engaging in political discussions and demonstrations on campus, including the condemnation of any violations of free speech; Now, therefore be it be,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of University of California, Riverside

- (1) Condemns any threats to free speech on campus.
- (2) Calls for respectful dialogue and free-flowing political discussions.
- (3) Condemns any violent acts committed against those who are expressing their political views.

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