

Official Statement



29 January 2026

**Undergraduate Senate Statement on Federal Immigration Enforcement Violence and
the January 30 Campus Walkout**

Approved for publication by unanimous vote of the Undergraduate Senate at its [January 28 General Meeting](#). See the Senate's published [memo](#) for more information about our ad-hoc procedure for non-ASSU promotional emails to the undergraduate mailing list.

Dear Stanford Undergraduates,

The Undergraduate Senate has unanimously approved a [Joint Resolution](#) in response to the recent escalation of federal immigration enforcement in Minneapolis and the killings of Renée Nicole Good and Alex Jeffrey Pretti. The vote also approved the sending of this email to the undergraduate student body. The resolution is further **co-sponsored by more than 50 student organizations** across campus, listed at the end of this statement.

Over the past month, [a major federal enforcement surge in Minneapolis](#) has [led to multiple deaths](#), widespread public concern, and urgent calls for transparency and accountability. In response, [student organizations at the University of Minnesota](#) and [community coalitions have called for a broader, nationwide shutdown](#) and coordinated student action. Many students at Stanford—especially those from immigrant and mixed-status families and communities of color—have expressed that these events are not remote headlines, but sources of fear, grief, and instability that directly affect our peers and our campus.

At a high level, the resolution:

- Expresses solidarity with the nationwide student strike and shutdown actions;
- Affirms the right to peaceful protest, walkouts, and collective action;
- Calls for independent, transparent investigations into the deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, including preservation and public release of relevant evidence; and
- Urges the University to respect student rights and refrain from punitive or retaliatory action against students who participate peacefully.



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ICE OUT!

*Justice for Alex Pretti!
Justice for Renee Good!*

NATIONWIDE SHUTDOWN!

Jan 30, 2026

Noon (12PM) @ White Plaza Stanford

NO WORK.
NO SCHOOL.
NO SHOPPING.

NATIONWIDE SHUTDOWN FRIDAY 1/30

RESPOND TO THE CALL:

**STRIKE IN SOLIDARITY
WITH MINNESOTA**

**RALLY INFO,
PROGRAMMING,
ACTIVITIES**



**MINNESOTA GENERAL STRIKE:
THE PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER
TO STOP ICE TERROR!**

ICE OUT!

Preparation - Thursday, January 29th

6:00PM	SHUT IT DOWN TEACH-IN	OKADA LOUNGE
8:00PM	ART BUILD	
Strike Day Activities - Friday, January 30th		
9:00AM	MORNING SET-UP	
9:30AM - 12:00PM	CHALKING AND FLYERING IN WHITE PLAZA	COLUMBAE FRONT LAWN
	BANNER MAKING	
10:30AM	POETRY WORKSHOP	
12:00PM	RALLY!!	WHITE PLAZA

COME BE IN COMMUNITY!!

Strike Day Activities - Friday, January 30th

1:00PM - 5:00PM	BANNER MAKING (ART BUILD)	
	CONVERSE, CHILL, EAT, FLYER	COLUMBAE FRONT LAWN
2:00PM - 3:00PM	KNIT + STUDY CIRCLE	
	ALL LEVELS WELCOME, HELP PROVIDED	
THROUGH OUT THE DAY	LIVE MUSIC/DJ	Reflections on resistance, not school
	HANG OUT EAT FOOD PAINT BANNERS GET TO KNOW SOMEONE NEW	



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Campus-Wide Walkout — Friday, January 30

Student organizers have announced a [campus-wide walkout and mobilization](#), and the Undergraduate Senate strongly encourages your participation:

Friday, January 30, 2026 | 12:00 PM | White Plaza

This demonstration is a moment for visible, collective presence. If you are able, we urge you to attend—to stand with classmates and communities impacted by state violence, to affirm our shared commitment to accountability and dignity, and to demonstrate that Stanford students will not be silent when lives and rights are at stake. As always, participation should remain peaceful and consistent with community safety.

Across the country, students and community members are responding to this moment with coordinated action. Following the killing of Alex Pretti and amid renewed debate over federal immigration enforcement, student leaders at the University of Minnesota—including the Somali Student Association and Black Student Union—have called for nationwide action and a shutdown on **Friday, January 30**.

In solidarity with this call, student organizers at Stanford are planning a full day of **peaceful, community-centered programming** alongside the campus walkout, including banner making and art builds, chalking and flyering in White Plaza, poetry and reflection spaces, study circles, and a public rally. These activities are intended to create space for collective expression, learning, and mutual care, while affirming students' right to gather and engage in nonviolent protest.

We encourage members of the Stanford community who are able to do so to participate in these activities and the walkout as acts of solidarity and conscience, and to engage in collective action in ways that align with their values, responsibilities, and circumstances.

In Solidarity,

David Sengthay

Chair of the 27th ASSU Undergraduate Senate



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Endorsing Student Organizations

Stanford Students for Justice in Palestine

Stanford Education and Democracy United

Stanford American Indian Organization

Stanford First-Generation and/or Low-Income Partnership

Stanford Asian-American Students' Association

Stanford Indigenous Students of the Americas

Stanford Black Student Union

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Hermanas de Stanford

Cambodian Student Association at Stanford University

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Stanford Powwow

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Stanford Black Premedical Organization
Stanford Nepali Student Association

Joint Resolution

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JOINT RESOLUTION IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONWIDE STUDENT STRIKE AND OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT VIOLENCE

LEGISLATION NUMBER	ASSU-W2026-04
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SUBMITTED

ACTION	$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote of the Undergraduate Senate with Notice Waived at the Next Regular Meeting; and
REQUESTED	$\frac{2}{3}$ Vote of the Graduate Student Council with Notice Waived at the Next Regular Meeting

STATUS	UGS: 28 January 2026, Passed (11-0-0) GSC: 29 January 2026, Passed (11-0-2)
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WHEREAS Federal immigration enforcement agencies, including [Immigration and Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)](#), have a documented history of inflicting significant harm on immigrant communities and communities of color nationwide through practices including aggressive raids, family separation, prolonged detention, racial profiling, and the use of force in civilian spaces, resulting in lasting psychological, economic, and physical harm to students and their families;¹

WHEREAS Stanford University students are materially affected by federal immigration enforcement practices, as many students, their family members, peers, and surrounding communities are directly impacted by detention, deportation, surveillance, and enforcement violence, creating fear, instability, and barriers to educational access, mental health, and overall well-being;²

WHEREAS beginning in early December 2025 and escalating through January 2026, federal immigration enforcement operations conducted in Minneapolis and the surrounding region intensified under a large-scale deployment commonly referred to as [Operation Metro Surge](#), involving approximately 2,000–3,000 federal agents operating in residential neighborhoods, near schools, workplaces, and public spaces amid significant

¹ Background on interior enforcement harms (including raids, family separation impacts, and due-process concerns): American Immigration Council, [Understanding ICE Worksite Raids](#); CLASP, [The Day That ICE Came: How Worksite Raids Are Once Again Tearing Families Apart](#); ACLU, [ICE and Border Patrol Abuses](#).

² Evidence of “chilling effects” on access to school, health care, and public supports driven by enforcement fear: Brookings Institution, [What will deportations mean for the child welfare system?](#) (22 April 2025); The Conversation, [ICE agents near schools disrupt attendance, traumatizes students](#) (21 January 2026).

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public controversy and ongoing litigation by Minnesota and local governments;³

WHEREAS on 07 January 2026, **Renée Nicole Good**, a 37-year-old United States citizen, was shot and killed by a federal immigration enforcement officer during this operation, raising serious concerns regarding the use of lethal force, transparency, and the absence of meaningful federal accountability mechanisms;⁴

WHEREAS on 24 January 2026, **Alex Jeffrey Pretti**, a 37-year-old ICU nurse and United States citizen, was fatally shot by federal agents during a related enforcement encounter, with bystander video, eyewitness testimony, and subsequent court proceedings prompting widespread public concern and bipartisan calls for an independent and transparent investigation;⁵

WHEREAS these killings are not isolated incidents, but occur within a broader and well-documented pattern of federal immigration enforcement actions—including detention practices and interior operations—that have resulted in preventable deaths, injuries, and civil liberties violations, particularly in communities already subject to heightened surveillance and discriminatory enforcement;⁶

WHEREAS in response to these events and the ongoing harms associated with ICE operations, students, workers, labor organizations, community organizations, and faith

³ Reporting and official statements describing *Operation Metro Surge* and the scale of federal deployment (2,000–3,000 agents), along with ensuing legal and political controversy: PBS NewsHour, [2,000 federal agents sent to Minneapolis area to carry out “largest immigration operation ever,” ICE says](#) (06 January 2026); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), [ICE Continues to Remove the Worst of the Worst from Minneapolis Streets as DHS Law Enforcement Marks 3,000 Arrests During Operation Metro Surge](#) (19 January 2026).

⁴ Reporting on the killing of Renée Nicole Good and the resulting transparency and accountability concerns: Reuters, [US immigration agent fatally shoots woman in Minneapolis, mayor disputes government claim of self-defense](#) (08 January 2026); Reuters, [Renee Good shooting could test limits of ICE immunity](#) (26 January 2026); PBS NewsHour, [Minnesota officials say they can’t access evidence after fatal ICE shooting and FBI won’t work jointly on investigation](#) (08 January 2026).

⁵ Reporting on the killing of Alex Jeffrey Pretti, including bystander video and eyewitness accounts that contradicted initial DHS statements, and subsequent court proceedings and bipartisan calls for an independent and transparent investigation: Reuters, [Deaths mount as Trump immigration push intensifies](#) (25 January 2026); Reuters, [Minneapolis shootings put Trump’s immigration surge at center of election-year fight](#) (26 January 2026); The Washington Post, [Body-camera footage of shooting being preserved, U.S. officials say](#) (26 January 2026).

⁶ Documentation that immigration detention and interior enforcement have produced preventable deaths, injuries, and recurring civil liberties violations—including concerns about medical neglect, use of force, and discriminatory enforcement impacts: ACLU / Physicians for Human Rights / American Oversight, [Deadly Failures: Preventable Deaths in U.S. Immigration Detention](#) (June 2024); Congressional Research Service, [ICE Health Care: Policy, Standards, and Oversight](#) (IF12623) (December 2024); ACLU, [ICE and Border Patrol Abuses](#) (accessed January 2026).

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leaders across Minnesota organized a large-scale economic shutdown and mass protest action on 23 January 2026, demanding accountability, the protection of civil liberties, and the removal of ICE from their communities;⁷

WHEREAS following these actions, student organizations at the University of Minnesota—including the Somali Student Association and the Black Student Union—publicly issued a call to expand the shutdown and to mobilize nationally through coordinated walkouts, teach-ins, and collective action in solidarity with impacted communities;⁸

WHEREAS students at Stanford University have organized in response to this national call, planning [a campus-wide walkout and mobilization on January 30, 2026](#), emphasizing that this effort is student-initiated, student-led, and rooted in solidarity with Minneapolis and with all communities harmed by federal immigration enforcement;

WHEREAS Article I, Section 5 of the ASSU Constitution authorizes the Association to take positions on issues that directly and substantially affect Stanford students in a manner distinct from the general public, including matters impacting student safety, civil liberties, mental health, family stability, and access to education;

No Association governing body, including the Association legislative bodies, members of the Association legislative bodies, the President, and the Vice President, shall exercise this right in matters not directly affecting Stanford students. A matter shall be construed as directly affecting Stanford students only if there is at least one Stanford student who is affected by the matter in a substantially different manner than would be the case if he or she were not a university student.

⁷ Reporting and coverage describing the January 23, 2026 “Day of Truth & Freedom” / “economic blackout” and statewide strike actions—organized by a coalition of community groups, labor, and faith leaders—calling for mass noncooperation (“no work, no school, no shopping”) and demanding ICE withdrawal, legal accountability for shootings, and investigation of ICE for human rights and constitutional violations: Reuters, [Thousands brave bitter cold to demand ICE leave Minneapolis](#) (24 January 2026) (covering the Jan. 23 general-strike actions); MPR News, [Across Minnesota, many businesses closed Friday to protest ICE action](#) (23 January 2026); The Guardian, [Minnesotans strike in protest against ICE surge: ‘No work, no school, no shopping’](#) (23 January 2026); ICE Out of MN, [Day of Truth & Freedom / Demands](#) (site materials describing the January 23 actions and stated demands).

⁸ University of Minnesota student-organizing statements and coverage describing the call to expand the shutdown and mobilize nationally through coordinated walkouts, teach-ins, and collective action: Somali Student Association (University of Minnesota) & University of Minnesota Black Student Union, [Nationwide Shutdown! Jan 30th 2026!! \(Instagram post\)](#) (25 January 2026) (primary statement); The Minnesota Daily, [Day before second fatal shooting by ICE agents, Minnesotans united in a general strike](#) (25 January 2026) (reporting calls to expand the general strike nationwide following the Jan. 23 shutdown and subsequent events).

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WHEREAS the actions of ICE and federal immigration enforcement agencies directly implicate these interests by contributing to fear, trauma, and material harm within the Stanford student body and the broader communities from which Stanford students come;

WHEREAS numerous Stanford students are members of mixed-status families, immigrant households, refugee communities, or communities of color that are disproportionately impacted by federal immigration enforcement and detention, rendering these policies not abstract political questions but lived realities with immediate consequences for students' safety and stability;

WHEREAS the presence of heavily armed federal agents conducting enforcement actions in residential neighborhoods, workplaces, and public spaces has been widely documented to deter individuals from accessing healthcare, education, employment, and community resources, producing chilling effects that directly undermine student and community well-being;⁹

WHEREAS federal immigration detention practices have been repeatedly criticized by medical professionals, legal advocates, and oversight bodies for subjecting individuals to inhumane conditions, prolonged confinement, inadequate medical care, and preventable deaths, further amplifying the moral urgency of reform;¹⁰

WHEREAS the lack of transparent oversight, meaningful civilian review, consistent body-worn camera policies, and timely public disclosure following incidents involving ICE or Border Patrol use of force has eroded public trust and raised serious questions

⁹ Evidence documenting “chilling effects” from immigration enforcement presence—deterring access to healthcare, education, and other essential services, and disrupting workplaces and community stability: Brookings Institution, [What will deportations mean for the child welfare system?](#) (22 April 2025); Washington Post, [ICE agents near schools disrupt attendance, traumatize students, and damage their academic performance](#) (21 January 2026); American Immigration Council, [Understanding ICE Worksite Raids](#) (accessed January 2026).

¹⁰ Detention-condition critiques and oversight findings documenting inhumane conditions, inadequate medical care, and preventable deaths in U.S. immigration detention: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG), [Many Factors Hinder ICE’s Ability to Maintain Adequate Medical Staffing at Detention Facilities](#) (OIG-22-03) (29 October 2021); Congressional Research Service, [ICE Health Care: Policy, Standards, and Oversight](#) (IF12623) (December 2024); ACLU / Physicians for Human Rights / American Oversight, [Deadly Failures: Preventable Deaths in U.S. Immigration Detention](#) (June 2024).

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about the agencies' accountability to the communities they police;¹¹

WHEREAS the killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti occurred despite both individuals being United States citizens, underscoring that the harms of large-scale immigration enforcement operations can extend beyond immigration status and pose risks to students, workers, bystanders, and the general public;¹²

WHEREAS the dissemination of conflicting or incomplete official narratives following these killings—later challenged by video evidence, investigative reporting, and court proceedings—has further heightened concerns regarding institutional credibility, due process, and the suppression or delay of critical evidence;¹³

WHEREAS students and workers across the country have historically used strikes, walkouts, and mass noncooperation as legitimate and effective tools to demand accountability, protect civil rights, and catalyze institutional change, including within higher education settings;¹⁴

¹¹ Transparency and accountability concerns in federal immigration enforcement use-of-force incidents—including inconsistent body-worn camera implementation, limited public disclosure, and disputes over evidence preservation and access following shootings: The Washington Post, [Many ICE and Border Patrol officers still don't wear body cameras](#) (24 January 2026); U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), [ICE announces updated policy for body-worn cameras](#) (06 August 2025) and [ICE announces initial deployment of body-worn cameras](#) (11 September 2025); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), [DHS/ICE/PIA-060\(a\) ICE Use of Body Worn Cameras](#) (14 February 2024); U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), [Body-Worn Camera Video Releases](#) (policy page; accessed 26 January 2026); U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), [Law Enforcement: DHS Should Strengthen Use of Force...](#) (GAO-23-105927) (24 July 2023); The Washington Post, [Body-camera footage of shooting being preserved, U.S. officials say](#) (26 January 2026).

¹² Documentation that both Renée Nicole Good and Alex Jeffrey Pretti were United States citizens, underscoring that large-scale immigration enforcement operations can endanger students, workers, bystanders, and the general public beyond immigration status: Reuters, [Who was Renee Nicole Good, the woman killed by a US immigration agent in Minneapolis?](#) (09 January 2026); Associated Press, [A Minnesota nurse is the 6th person to die during the US immigration crackdown](#) (26 January 2026); Reuters, [Can ICE agents be prosecuted for Minneapolis shootings?](#) (25 January 2026).

¹³ Documentation of conflicting official narratives and later challenges via video evidence/court proceedings: FactCheck.org, [Video Analyses at Odds with DHS Statements on Minneapolis Shooting](#) (26 January 2026); Reuters, [Trump administration defends killing American in Minneapolis, contradicts videos](#) (25 January 2026); Washington Post, [Fatal shooting of ICU nurse stirs anger, scrutiny of DHS enforcement tactics](#) (24 January 2026); Washington Post, [Body-camera footage of shooting being preserved, U.S. officials say](#) (26 January 2026).

¹⁴ Examples of student and worker strikes, walkouts, and mass noncooperation used to demand accountability, protect civil rights, and catalyze institutional change—including in higher education settings: San Francisco State University J. Paul Leonard Library, [SF State College Strike Collection](#) (covering the 1968–69 SF State student strike); Columbia University Archives, [1968 Crisis](#) (research guide and archival collection on campus building occupations and strike actions); National Archives, [United Auto Workers' sit-down strike](#) (Jan. 1937) (documenting the sit-down strike as a pivotal U.S. labor tactic used to secure recognition and improved conditions); Library of Congress, [Youth in the Civil Rights Movement](#) (Civil Rights History Project) (documenting student-led boycotts, walkouts, and direct-action tactics used to advance civil rights).

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WHEREAS student-led movements have played a central role in advancing civil rights, opposing state violence, and shaping public policy, and the current nationwide strike call continues this democratic tradition of collective action in response to injustice;¹⁵

WHEREAS failure by student governance bodies to respond to these events risks normalizing enforcement violence and undermines the responsibility of student representatives to advocate for the safety, dignity, and rights of the communities they are elected to serve; and

WHEREAS the urgency of the nationwide strike and the scale of student mobilization reflect not a momentary political disagreement, but a widening crisis of legitimacy and public trust surrounding federal immigration enforcement practices and their impacts on students and communities nationwide.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSU LEGISLATIVE BODIES:

THAT the Associated Students of Stanford University (ASSU), through its Undergraduate Senate and Graduate Student Council, expresses solidarity with the nationwide student strike and shutdown actions responding to federal immigration enforcement violence and the killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti; and

THAT the ASSU affirms the right of students, workers, and community members to engage in peaceful protest, walkouts, strikes, and other forms of collective action as protected expressions of democratic participation and political speech; and

THAT the ASSU calls for independent, transparent, and timely investigations into the deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, including the preservation and public release of all relevant evidence, body-camera footage, and investigative findings; and

THAT the ASSU condemns the use of excessive or lethal force by federal immigration enforcement agencies and urges federal policymakers to reevaluate the scope, funding,

¹⁵ Examples of student-led movements advancing civil rights, opposing state violence, and shaping public policy—continuing a democratic tradition of collective action in response to injustice: Library of Congress, [Youth in the Civil Rights Movement](#) (Civil Rights History Project: Articles and Essays) (accessed 26 January 2026); Library of Congress, [1968: East Los Angeles Walkouts](#) (A Latinx Resource Guide: Civil Rights Cases and Events) (updated 07 July 2025); Axios (San Francisco), [The San Francisco student strike that created Black studies](#) (01 February 2024).

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oversight, and rules of engagement governing Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

THAT the ASSU recognizes and supports student-led organizing efforts at Stanford, including walkouts, teach-ins, coalition-based mobilizations, and other forms of peaceful collective action, as legitimate and necessary responses to national events that materially impact students and their communities; and

THAT the ASSU encourages the Stanford administration to respect and protect students' rights to peaceful protest and political participation, and to refrain from punitive, retaliatory, or disciplinary measures against students engaging in such actions; and

THAT copies of this resolution be transmitted to Stanford University leadership, relevant federal and state officials, and student organizations participating in the nationwide strike; and

THAT the ASSU directs its elected leadership to actively communicate this resolution to the Stanford student body; to coordinate with student organizations engaged in solidarity actions; and to use the Association's official platforms to ensure students are informed of their rights, available resources, and avenues for civic and collective engagement, including clear information about the January 30, 2026 campus-wide walkout at White Plaza; and

THAT for the limited purpose of implementing this resolution and supporting student-led mobilization, the ASSU authorizes (a) the Chair of the Undergraduate Senate (or designee) to transmit an official communication to the undergraduate student body and (b) the Chairs of the Graduate Student Council (or designee) to transmit an official communication to the graduate student body regarding this resolution and the walkout, and further authorizes the publication of a public list of individual and organizational co-sponsors and endorsers, as confirmed in writing by those co-sponsors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ASSU encourages all members of the Stanford community who are able to do so to participate in the **30 January 2026 campus-wide walkout and related teach-ins in solidarity** with impacted communities and in support of transparent accountability, while emphasizing the expectation that all participation remain peaceful and consistent with University policies and community safety.

FAQs

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FAQs — Joint Resolution in Solidarity with the Nationwide Student Strike and Opposition to Federal Immigration Enforcement Violence

What is this Joint Resolution?

This Joint Resolution is a formal action adopted by the Associated Students of Stanford University (ASSU) through its Undergraduate Senate (UGS) and Graduate Student Council (GSC). It expresses solidarity with the nationwide student shutdown and addresses federal immigration enforcement violence in Minneapolis, including the killings of Renée Nicole Good and Alex Jeffrey Pretti. The resolution affirms students' rights to peaceful protest and calls for transparency, accountability, and non-retaliation.

Why is the ASSU taking action on this matter?

The ASSU may take positions on issues that materially affect Stanford students and their communities. Many students—particularly those from immigrant, mixed-status, and marginalized communities—have articulated fear, grief, and instability in response to these events. The resolution reflects student concern and the Association's responsibility to respond to issues with direct student impact.

Who initiated this resolution?

The resolution was advanced at the request of student walkout organizers, who sought a clear, student-led, and coalition-based response from student government and a transparent means of communicating with the undergraduate population.

What does the resolution do?

The resolution:

- Expresses solidarity with the nationwide student shutdown and the January 30 campus walkout;
- Affirms the right of students and community members to engage in peaceful protest, walkouts, and collective action;
- Calls for independent, transparent, and timely investigations into the deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, including the preservation and public release of relevant evidence;
- Urges the University to respect student rights and refrain from punitive or retaliatory action against students who participate peacefully; and
- Authorizes ASSU leadership to communicate with students regarding the resolution and related mobilization.

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Does the resolution require participation in the walkout?

No. Participation in the walkout is entirely voluntary. The resolution affirms students' right to participate if they choose to do so and encourages peaceful engagement. Students should make decisions based on their individual circumstances and responsibilities.

What is taking place on Friday, January 30?

Student organizers have called for a campus-wide walkout as part of a nationwide student shutdown:

Date: Friday, January 30, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: White Plaza

The walkout is intended as a peaceful demonstration of solidarity with communities impacted by immigration enforcement violence.

Does the resolution encourage unlawful activity?

No. The resolution explicitly emphasizes peaceful participation and community safety. It does not instruct students to violate laws or University policies.

What does “non-retaliation” mean in this context?

Non-retaliation means that students will not face punitive or disciplinary consequences from the University solely for engaging in peaceful protest or political expression related to this action.

Why are student organization endorsements being collected?

Endorsements demonstrate that this effort is broad-based and coalition-led, rather than driven by a single individual or organization. Endorsing organizations will be publicly listed to reflect the diversity of student support and to center communities most affected by these events.

What does it mean for an organization to endorse?

An endorsement indicates that an organization supports the resolution's principles and the call for solidarity. Endorsement does not obligate individual members to participate in the walkout or any specific action.

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Will an email be sent to all undergraduates?

Yes. The resolution authorizes the Chair of the Undergraduate Senate to send an official communication to the undergraduate student body outlining the resolution, the context for student action, details of the January 30 walkout, and a list of endorsing organizations.

What if I have concerns about safety, academics, or work obligations?

These concerns are valid. Students are encouraged to prioritize their safety and academic and employment responsibilities. Students may consult ASSU leadership or appropriate University offices for guidance.

How can students access support or ask questions?

Students with questions or concerns may contact the Chair of the Undergraduate Senate at sengthay@stanford.edu or reach out to appropriate campus support resources, including advising offices and confidential counseling services.

Is this resolution partisan?

No. The resolution is grounded in student welfare, civil liberties, and democratic participation. It does not endorse any political party or candidate.

How can an organization endorse the resolution?

Organizations interested in endorsing should contact ASSU leadership with the organization's name and a point of contact. Endorsements must be confirmed by organizational leadership before public listing.