

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR UCLA TO ESTABLISH A FIREWALL FOR FREEDOM

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WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles prides itself on being a campus that supports the civil and human rights of all members of our community, and recognizes that the ability to criticize our government, its policies, and even its foundational philosophies is critical to our civil and human rights and protected by the First Amendment;

WHEREAS, the White House is pressuring university officials to assist it in targeting students, faculty, and staff who are not U.S. citizens, including holders of non-immigrant visas and lawful permanent residents, as punishment for the lawful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression under the Constitution and international law;

WHEREAS, across the country, students are increasingly afraid of being accosted and taken from their communities by federal law enforcement agents, including those who conceal their identity and refuse to provide basic information, and who abuse immigration laws to target students for what they believe and who they are;

WHEREAS, protected political speech and association alone—no matter how offensive to members of the campus community—should never be the basis for discipline, nor should it lead to an individual's arrest, detention or deportation;

WHEREAS, the White House and federal agencies are threatening to deprive universities across the country of federal grant money and other sources of support, in order to gain their cooperation and capitulation in efforts to punish dissent, attack non-citizens, students of color, and LGBTQ+ youth, and dictate educational programs;

WHEREAS, this includes brazen attempts to intimidate schools into abandoning lawful efforts to create inclusive learning environments;

WHEREAS, schools are obligated under federal law to protect students from discrimination, harassment, threats, and violence;

WHEREAS, schools are also obligated under federal law to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of student records, including against unwarranted disclosure to the government or private parties;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the student body of University of California, Los Angeles declares its support for the protection of civil and human rights of all members of our campus community and calls upon the University of California, Los Angeles chancellor to take all possible measures to ensure that our campus is a safe space, where students may exercise their rights without fear or intimidation;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student body encourages the University of California, Los Angeles Chancellor to resist White House and federal agency demands that undermine academic freedom and our civil and human rights in exchange for an illusory promise of continued federal grantmaking;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student body calls on the University of California, Los Angeles President to ensure notification of a timely manner of federal immigration enforcement presence on its campus;

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the student body of University of California, Los Angeles calls on the University of California, Los Angeles Chancellor to employ their authority to establish a firewall for freedom, prohibiting employees of the University of California, Los Angeles from voluntarily providing information or assistance in response to a request from federal authorities or out-of-state authorities that seeks—

- A. To identify, or impose civil or criminal liability or other penalties, including termination or reduction of grant funding, upon a person or entity based on their participation in activities protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution including assembly, petitioning, expression of viewpoints, and speech;
- B. To identify or apprehend a person in order to subject them to immigration detention, removal or deportation proceedings; or to prosecute a person or persons for offenses related to immigration status based on their participation in activities protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution including assembly, petitioning expression of viewpoints and speech; and
- C. To investigate the sex or gender of a student, faculty, or staff member.