

De Anza Associated Student Government Senate

Resolution Against Section 6.40 of the Parking and Traffic Regulations of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District

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Whereas, Section 6.40 of the Parking and Traffic Regulations established by the Foothill De Anza Community College District Police Department , currently bans any “person to ride or propel roller-skates, roller blades, any motorized or non- motorized skateboard, hoverboards, or similar device upon a walkway, roadway or grounds of the District.”¹;

Whereas, there are many students, faculty, and individuals who attend classes, activities, and events on the De Anza College campus who use methods of transportation which include rollerskating/rollerblading, skateboarding, hoverboards, and any of the other conveyances listed within the regulation, to attend their respective locations at various places and buildings within the campus;

Whereas, banning the aforementioned forms of transportation on the campus has a disproportionate impact on those who are unable to drive or afford to purchase a car, as they are unable to find a reliable and convenient means of arriving to their class or participating in certain extracurricular meetings and activities at their scheduled timings;

Whereas, banning them within campus’s jurisdictions limits an individual’s right to self-expression, since some of these activities may be a quintessential feature of their personal identity and makes them an acknowledged participant of a much larger community;

Whereas, the methods of transportation listed within the regulation are environmentally sustainable, as they generate very few carbon emissions, if any, in comparison to the other transportation modes that students could be using as a consequence of them being forbidden;

Whereas, skateboarding and rollerskating/rollerblading has shown numerous health benefits due to the physical exertion that is required to propel the devices used;

Whereas, according to a study conducted by the USC Rossier Pullias Center for Higher Education in 2020, a significant proportion of the surveyed respondents who skateboarded were LatinX or biracial, thirty-six and thirty-three percent respectively.² This regulation,

¹ Parking and Traffic Regulations for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District https://police.fhda.edu/_services/Parking%20Regulations%20Approved%20August%202016.pdf

² USC Rossier Pullias Center for Higher Education study entitled “Beyond the Board: Findings from the Field” <https://skate.pullias.usc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Beyond-The-Board-Findings-From-The-Field.pdf>

consequently, is discriminatory against marginalized communities who are disproportionately shown to be predominant users of these methods of transportation, especially skateboarding, throughout the country;

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED, the De Anza Student Government recommends the unequivocal and immediate removal of Section 6.40 in the “Parking and Traffic Regulations” of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Police Department.