

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316921

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 02 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN DIEGO CONDEMNING THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE TRUMP
ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACKS ON HIGHER EDUCATION
AND AFFIRMING THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S
COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING HIGHER EDUCATION
FROM POLITICAL INTERFERENCE.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. The City of San Diego (City) is home to a diverse and robust higher education ecosystem that includes public universities, private universities, community colleges, graduate institutions, and leading research centers that contribute significantly to the region's economic vitality, workforce development, scientific innovation, and civic life. Institutions such as University of California San Diego (UC San Diego), San Diego State University, University of San Diego, and the San Diego Community College District educate hundreds of thousands of students, employ thousands of workers, and drive research and innovation that benefits the broader public.

B. Recent actions and rhetoric by the federal administration under President Donald Trump have raised serious concerns regarding political interference in higher education institutions through threats to withhold federal funding, attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, restrictions on academic and scientific research, suppression of student speech and lawful protest, and policies targeting transgender and international students. These actions undermine long-standing democratic principles including academic freedom, freedom of expression, institutional independence, equal access to education, and the ability of colleges and universities to operate free from ideological political pressure.

C. These concerns have directly impacted San Diego. In March 2026, the Trump Administration launched an investigation into admissions policies at the UC San Diego School of Medicine, alongside investigations into Stanford University and Ohio State University medical schools. The U.S. Department of Justice demanded seven years of admissions records, internal communications regarding DEI, and other institutional records, while warning that federal funding could be at risk if the universities did not comply.

D. The investigations are part of a broader national effort targeting universities over admissions policies, diversity initiatives, campus protests, transgender protections, and academic programming. These actions have raised concerns among educators, researchers, students, and public officials regarding government overreach into academic governance and institutional independence.

E. These principles are especially important in San Diego, where universities and research institutions are major economic drivers and critical community partners. Political interference in higher education threatens not only students and educators, but also the broader regional economy and the values of free inquiry and open debate that institutions of higher education are intended to uphold.

F. The City of Los Angeles and the City and County of San Francisco have both adopted resolutions condemning the Trump Administration's attacks on higher education and affirming their support for academic freedom, diversity, innovation, constitutional rights, and the protection of international students.

G. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

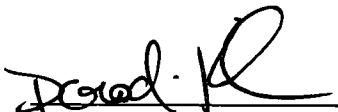
ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Council condemns the political interference and attacks on institutions of higher education by the Trump Administration, including attempts to withhold federal funding to advance ideological political objectives.
2. The Council affirms the City of San Diego's commitment to protecting academic freedom, institutional independence, antidiscrimination, scientific research, freedom of speech, peaceful protest, and the rights and safety of students, faculty, researchers, and staff.
3. The City Clerk shall transmit copies of the approved Resolution to the Governor of California, California's Congressional delegation, the President of the University of California, the Chancellor of the California State University, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, local higher education institutions located within the City of San Diego, and other appropriate educational and governmental entities.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By


David J. Karlin
Senior Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
AUG 25 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7/2/26
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on **August 25, 2026**, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	☒	☐	☐	☐
Jennifer Campbell	☒	☐	☐	☐
Stephen Whitburn	☒	☐	☐	☐
Henry L. Foster III	☐	☐	☒	☐
Marni von Wilpert	☒	☐	☐	☐
Kent Lee	☒	☐	☐	☐
Raul A. Campillo	☐	☐	☒	☐
Vivian Moreno	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sean Elo-Rivera	☒	☐	☐	☐

Date of final passage SEP 02 2026.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

DIANA J.S. FUENTES

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By , Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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