There is a Civic Center at the Cerritos Community College District. Use of the Civic Center shall be granted as provided by law. The President/Superintendent shall establish procedures regarding the use of District property and facilities, including property designated by the District as a Civic Center, by community groups, outside contractors, and others.

General Statement

It is the District’s policy to permit and encourage the use of College facilities by groups and organizations whose purposes and objectives contribute to the development and welfare of the community. The Governing Board recognizes that there are costs involved in non-college use of facilities and that charges are necessary so that college monies will not be used in support of non-college activities.

The President/Superintendent shall be responsible for the supervision of the use of District property, including but not limited to facilities, equipment and supplies, by community groups and other outside contractors.

The administrative procedures shall reflect the requirements of applicable law, including Education Code, Section 82537 regarding Civic Centers. The regulations shall include reasonable rules regarding the time, place, and manner of use of District facilities. They shall assure that persons or organizations using District property are charged such fees as are authorized by law. Public use of District property shall not interfere with scheduled instructional programs or other activities of the District on behalf of students.

No group or organization may use District property for purposes and/or activities that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, sex (i.e., gender), or sexual orientation, or the perception that a person has one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or on any basis prohibited by law.

Use of the District’s Civic Center will be only for the purposes described by the California Legislature in Education Code Section 82537(a). These purposes include use by associations “formed for recreational, educational, political, economic, artistic, or moral activities of the public school districts” in order to “engage in supervised recreational activities” or “meet and discuss, from time to time, as they may desire, any subjects and questions which in their judgment appertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic, and moral interests of the citizens of the communities in which they reside”
(Education Code Section 82537(a)). In granting permission to use the Civic Center, the District will not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint with regard to organizations engaging in expressive activities on the topics and subject matters articulated above.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Business Services

Also see AP 6700 titled Civic Center and Other Facilities Use as well as BP/AP 3410 titled Nondiscrimination and BP/AP 5550 titled Speech: Time, Place, and Manner.

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