

California State University Channel Islands' Student Government
Ventura County, California
In Opposition To The Proposed Prison Hospital In Camarillo, California

WHEREAS, it is the mission of California State University Channel Islands' Student Government to advocate on behalf of the student body with one voice; and

WHEREAS, Prison Health Care Receiver J. Clark Kelso has proposed a potential Prison Hospital to be constructed in Camarillo, California; and

WHEREAS, many students have expressed grave concern with the proposed Prison Hospital in Camarillo; and

WHEREAS, informal polling throughout the California State University Channel Islands' student population has shown widespread disapproval with the proposed Prison Hospital; and

WHEREAS, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government is aware that such a facility could have several major negative impacts on the community; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, Ventura County already has less than half the nurses per capita than the national average; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, the implementation of the Camarillo Prison Hospital would more than double the number of hospital beds in the county, further escalating the nursing and qualified health care professional shortage crisis; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, this increased strain would negatively impact the health care options for the citizens of Ventura County; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, this proposed Prison Hospital would be located approximately half a mile from residences, approximately one mile from Mesa Elementary School, and less than two miles from Rio Mesa High School; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, in an already volatile housing market, this proposed Prison Hospital may plunge housing values in the neighboring communities; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, this decrease in value may pose a significant hardship on the residents; and

RECOGNIZING THAT, the potential negative impacts of the proposed Prison Hospital are not limited to those expressed above; and

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WHEREAS, this body recognizes that the students of California State University Channel Islands are among the community members that will be impacted by the proposed Prison Hospital; and

WHEREAS, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government has a responsibility to its constituents to respond proactively and gracefully to the concerns of the student body; therefore be it

RESOLVED, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government shall stand in opposition of the proposed Prison Hospital; and be it further

RESOLVED, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government will initiate a campus-wide education campaign regarding effects of the implementation of a Prison Hospital in Camarillo; and be it further

RESOLVED, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government shall initiate a more formal, campus wide poll, using varying types of media, as to more completely understand the opinions of the student body on this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government will join and send representatives to organizations in the Greater Camarillo Community who also oppose the prison hospital, specifically the Prison Hospital Action Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government will forward this resolution to California State University Channel Islands' President, Dr. Richard R. Rush, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Dawn S. Neuman, Vice President of Finance Joanne Coville, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, and Vice President for Advancement Julia Wilson, and whosoever Student Government deems appropriate; and finally be it

RESOLVED, California State University Channel Islands' Student Government will review its position upon completion of the above stated formal polling, information outreach, and the publishing of the Environmental Impact Report.

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