



Associated Students of Fullerton College Resolution

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Abstract: An Associated Students Resolution recommending that Fullerton College and the NOCCCD Board of Trustees take action to encourage and mandate the use of the COVID-19 vaccine to safely return to campus.

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control "serious side effects that would cause a long-term health problem are extremely unlikely following COVID-19 vaccination. Long-term side effects following any vaccination are extremely rare.

Vaccine monitoring has historically shown that if side effects are going to happen, they generally happen within six weeks of receiving a vaccine dose. For this reason, the Food and Drug Administration required each of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines to be studied for at least eight weeks after the final dose.

Millions of people have received COVID-19 vaccines, and no long-term side effects have been detected. The CDC continues to closely monitor COVID-19 vaccines." [1]

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, "COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. COVID-19 vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials. The vaccines met FDA's rigorous scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality needed to support emergency use authorization." [1]

WHEREAS, in data produced by the Centers for Disease Control, "over 189 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the United States from December 14, 2020, through April 12, 2021." [1]

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, "the federal government is providing the vaccine free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status." [2]

WHEREAS, according to the California government website on the COVID vaccine, "the State of California will equitably distribute a safe and effective vaccine to everyone in California who wants it. All Californians 50 or older are now

eligible for vaccination. Every Californian 16 and up will be eligible for vaccination on April 15, 2021." [3]

WHEREAS, according to NPR, "Colleges have long required vaccinations for infectious diseases. In a survey of about 100 four-year institutions representing all 50 states and Washington, D.C., nearly all required at least one vaccine for enrollment. The MMR vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps and rubella, was required at 87.5% of campuses surveyed."
[4]

WHEREAS, in an article written by the Los Angeles Times, "The University of California and California State University announced Thursday that they intend to require COVID-19 vaccinations for all students, faculty and staff on campus properties this fall once the Food and Drug Administration gives formal approval to the vaccines and supplies are sufficiently available." [6]

WHEREAS, according to the Associated Press, "Universities including Rutgers, Brown, Cornell and Northeastern recently told students they must get vaccinated before returning to campus next fall. They hope to achieve herd immunity on campus, which they say would allow them to loosen spacing restrictions in classrooms." [5]

Therefore, be it resolved, Associated Students of Fullerton college believes in the science and the rigorous testing involved in creating the COVID-19 vaccine and encourages everyone without a medical exemption to receive the vaccine as soon as they are able.

Be it further resolved, Associated Students of Fullerton college recommends that any student who is able to receive the vaccine and does not have a medical exemption but wishes to return in-person to campus must receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Be it further resolved, any person who is able to receive the vaccine and does not have a medical exemption but wishes to participate in an Associated Students in-person activities must be vaccinated.

Be it further resolved, Associated Students of Fullerton College will take appropriate steps to spread truthful information about the vaccine across campus and decries any misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be sent to the office of the Dean of Student Support Services, the Associated Students Advisor, Director of Student Life and Leadership, the Office of the Vice President of Student Services, the Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services, the Office of the

Vice President of Instruction, the Office of the President, Faculty Senate, Classified Senate, the President's Advisory Council, and the NOCCCD Board of trustees.

[1]<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html>

[2]<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>

[3]<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

[4]<https://www.npr.org/2021/04/11/984787779/should-colleges-require-covid-19-vaccines-for-fall-more-campus-es-are-saying-yes>

[5]<https://apnews.com/article/us-colleges-divided-student-coronavirus-vaccination-8c46ab65afc4538cb060c320ed94fc54>

[6]<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-22/uc-csu-to-require-covid-19-vaccinations-this-fall>