



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS WITH BLINDNESS/LIMITED VISION/LOW VISION/PARTIALLY SIGHTED/VISUALLY IMPAIRED

*Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated
Resolution Number 201701* *Approval Date: TBD*

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- WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for over 27,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles; and
- WHEREAS,** A.S.I. recognizes the application of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973¹ and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990² at California State University, Los Angeles not just as legally necessary, but as just and right to allow for all students to properly access the campus safely; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973’s primary effect on post-secondary institutions is program accessibility for students with disabilities including, but not limited to, the traditional physical access of the campus; and
- WHEREAS,** the ADA, expanding on the protections of Section 504, requires that students with disabilities not be denied the benefits of, excluded from the participation in, or otherwise discriminated against accessing educational programs, activities, and public space in accordance with the ADA; and
- WHEREAS,** A.S.I. recognizes that events with temporary buildouts and structures on campus can impede routes and pathways that students with visual impairments use; and
- WHEREAS,** A.S.I. actively takes steps to provide reasonable accommodations for students who are blind/limited vision/low vision/partially sighted/visually impaired to ensure that California State University, Los Angeles is an inclusive environment that is responsive to the needs of all students; let it be
- RESOLVED,** that A.S.I. will submit a detailed description and layout of all campus walkway programs a week prior to the event to the Office for Students with Disabilities

¹ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - <https://www.dol.gov/oasam/regs/statutes/sec504.htm>
² Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 - <https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/disability/ada>



(OSD) including information regarding:

1. the space on campus the event will occupy,
2. a description of the event,
3. what the set up for the event includes, and
4. any additional information deemed necessary; be it also

RESOLVED, that events in which A.S.I. partners with California State University, Los Angeles departments and/or clubs and organizations, including off-campus collaborators participating in on-campus programs, will provide for the submission of the same previously referenced information to the OSD; be it additionally

RESOLVED, that events hosted by California State University, Los Angeles clubs and organizations who seek funding from A.S.I. for their programs are required to submit the same event descriptors to OSD a week prior to the date of the event; be it further

RESOLVED, that all descriptions of events sent to OSD be typed, thorough, and emailed directly to OSD@calstatela.edu (said descriptions may include a visual graphic of the event layout to better help OSD interpret the details³); be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be sent to California State University, Los Angeles President William A. Covino, Vice President for Student Life Nancy Wada-McKee, Provost Lynn Mahoney, College of Arts and Letters Dean Rennie Schoepflin, College of Business and Economics Dean Rami Maysami, Charter College of Education Dean Cheryl Ney, College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology Dean Emily Allen, Rongxiang Xu Health and Human Services Dean Ron Vogel, Natural and Social Sciences Dean Pamela Scott-Johnson, Professional and Global Education Dean Eric Bullard, Director of Honors College Trinh Pham, University Library Dean Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Accessible Technology and Alternative Media Coordinator Jose Amenero, the Office for Students with Disabilities, and the Center for Student Involvement.

³ Event descriptions provided to OSD will not be forwarded to the students in need. Images do not translate to talk to text programs. However, an interpreted, text-only, description of the event will be provided to students with visual impairments registered with OSD.



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