



De Anza Associated Student Government Senate

**Resolution Against Section 6.40 of the Parking and Traffic Regulations of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District**

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**Whereas**, Section 6.40 of the Parking and Traffic Regulations established by the Foothill De Anza Community College District Police Department currently bans any “person to ride or propel roller-skates, roller blades, any motorized or non-motorized skateboard, hoverboards, or similar device upon a walkway, roadway or grounds of the District.”<sup>1</sup>;

**Whereas**, there are many students, faculty, and individuals who attend classes, activities, and events on the De Anza College campus who use methods of transportation which include rollerskating/rollerblading, skateboarding, hoverboards, and any of the other conveyances listed within the regulation, to attend their respective locations at various places and buildings within the campus;

**Whereas**, although these methods of transportation are allowed for transportation outside the campus, students/faculty cannot use these methods on campus or travel between classes;

**Whereas**, for users of these modes of transportation, banning them within campus’s jurisdictions limits an individual’s right to self-expression, since some of these activities may be a quintessential feature of their personal identity and make them an acknowledged participant of a much larger community;

**Whereas**, for users of these modes of transportation, the methods of transportation listed within the regulation are environmentally sustainable, as they generate very few carbon emissions, if any, in comparison to the other transportation modes that students could be using as a consequence of them being forbidden;

**Whereas**, for users of these modes of transportation, skateboarding and rollerskating/rollerblading have shown numerous health benefits due to the physical exertion that is required to propel the devices used;

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<sup>1</sup> Parking and Traffic Regulations for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District  
[https://police.fhda.edu/\\_services/Parking%20Regulations%20Approved%20August%202016.pdf](https://police.fhda.edu/_services/Parking%20Regulations%20Approved%20August%202016.pdf)



**Whereas**, according to a study conducted through a cross-tabulation from data obtained from 1614 injured patients who used wheeled-modes of conveyances presented before the emergency department of a major Canadian hospital, bicyclists were more likely to receive multiple injuries per accident, with 24% of the sampled proportion of the hospital’s bicyclist patients suffering from multiple accidents in comparison to only 15% for skateboarders and none for “wheeled shoe users”; bicyclist patients were far more likely to suffer from more severe injuries such as concussions, with 6.6% of the sampled cyclists reporting at least one, in comparison to “wheeled shoe users”, of whom the studied proportion didn’t show any<sup>2</sup>.

**Whereas**, nevertheless, in both types of users of non-motorized wheeled conveyances, less than 6% required treatment beyond the hospital’s emergency department, thereby leading to admittance to the hospital for additional treatment or clinical care/assistance—providing reassurance of the relative safety of both activities.<sup>3</sup> However, of those that were admitted, more than 90% were cyclists.<sup>4</sup> If the campus administration believes that individuals who engage in non-motorized or motorized wheeled modes of transportation that are currently banned under the regulation pose a greater risk to the security of the rider than those that ride bicycles, then the statistics have shown that such reasoning is unfounded.

**Whereas**, according to a poll conducted by De Anza Student Government, of the 145 respondents, 125, or 86.2% are comfortable with allowing the methods of transportation that are banned underneath the regulation, given that there are regulations and precautions established by the campus administration.<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas**, the poll includes students who don’t use the concerned methods of transportation to the campus itself, with a significant proportion using a car, bus, or walking as their main methods of transportation to the campus, and are among those that don't use a skateboard, scooter, roller-skate/roller-blade to-campus, which altogether is represented by 13.3% of the sampled population; if they have categorically stated that they’re fine with them being used on campus—they're cognizant of the risks to their personal security as well as the potential liability issues that may occur, and nevertheless, believe that students should be allowed to exercise this particular freedom on the campus’s grounds.

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<sup>2</sup> Thakore, Siddharth et al. “Injuries Among Wheeled Shoe Users: A Comparison with Other Nonmotorized Wheeled Activities.” *Paediatrics & child health* vol. 14,8 (2009): 509-13. doi:10.1093/pch/14.8.509

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Student Services and Feedback Poll Concerning Section 6.40 of the Foothill-De Anza Parking and Traffic Regulations

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QT5X6PUvb2piPolmnpIjFhwsElcqb9P\\_deCewPF7tGI/edit#heading=h.9v4apencluop](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QT5X6PUvb2piPolmnpIjFhwsElcqb9P_deCewPF7tGI/edit#heading=h.9v4apencluop)



**Whereas**, one can reasonably assume that the poll’s respondents have considered their personal experiences and knowledge of the risks and liabilities and have voted in their self-interest and personal evaluation of their respective costs and benefits, with safety necessarily being in everyone's self-interest.

**Now, therefore be it RESOLVED**, the De Anza Student Government recommends the unequivocal and immediate removal of Section 6.40 in the “Parking and Traffic Regulations” of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Police Department.