

**Resolution: Supremacy Clauses**

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**Sponsorship:**

**Disposition:** Legislative Affairs Committee of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges

**WHEREAS,** a supremacy clause, defined as a clause usually found within a student government bylaws and/or Constitution that overtakes any and all authority is given to the student representatives at the whim of the College administration;

**WHEREAS,** in the case of Ohlone College, the supremacy clause previously known as “Article 6” of the Associated Students of Ohlone College Constitution allowed the ASOC to be banned from campus, have their budget frozen, and their voice as the student representatives of Ohlone College silenced;

**WHEREAS,** over 10% of California Community Colleges have supremacy clauses within their governing documents. Supremacy Clauses allow outside influence to corrupt and influence the student’s voice. Alternatively, these clauses discourage students from pursuing leadership position by their very nature [1]; and

**WHEREAS,** after witnessing how Ohlone’s supremacy clause was used to silence the student’s voice. The other California Community Colleges who have Supremacy clauses may be in danger of having their students silenced; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges shall begin advocating for the abolishment of Supremacy clauses in the governing documents of Associated Student Organizations within the California Community College system.

Citation 1:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14xvsSmMN3r8wr-dEQmIA7O1QRXNlxjdgnI06CQ5jqYs/edit#gid=0>