

Resolution 2024.11.1 – Opposition to the Deployment of Potentially Lethal Tasers on SDCCD Campuses:

Moreno (Updated February 2025)

Mover: Katungi

Seconder: Cost

Whereas in 2022 under the leadership of Chancellor Carlos Cortez, the SDCCD purchased Conducted Energy Devices (also known as tasers) with the intention of arming SDCCD police officers with them at some future date.¹ To date, SDCCD has spent \$1,973 on each Conducted Energy Device (CED) as well as money spent on officer training totaling \$78,000.² Deployment of tasers may result in recertification costs or periodic inspection and servicing.

Whereas the SDCCD Police Advisory Committee created a Subcommittee on the Use of Tasers that reviewed over 40 unbiased academic studies, to conduct research on the use of tasers.³ Vice Chancellor Joel Petersen, then took his own action to hire a PR company called "Secure Brand Management", a PR company founded in part by a former law enforcement officer,⁴ who conducted a report that relied heavily on interviews with police and data from CED manufacturers. The Subcommittee found that this report is completely biased and excludes essential student and campus community perspectives.

Whereas a 2020 study by *Reuters* on deaths associated with tasers "documented 1,081 cases through the end of 2018 in which people died after being shocked by police with a taser, the vast majority of them after 2000. At least 32% of those who died were Black, and at least 29% were White. African-Americans make up 14% of the U.S. population, and non Hispanic whites 60%."⁵

Whereas the SDCCD "Board of Trustees Goals for 2024 -25" states their commitment "to maintaining high levels of student success and well-being, to promoting a community consistent with the values of social and racial justice..."⁶

Whereas one of the San Diego Community College District's strategic goals in their "Mission and Goals" page is to "Ensure fiscal solvency through sound fiscal planning and management."⁷

¹ This is according to the minutes of the SDCCD College Police Advisory Committee August 25, 2022 meeting minutes available here <https://www.sdccd.edu/docs/Police/PAC/Minutes/PACMinutes8.25.22.pdf>. ² SDCCD Executive Operations Officer Joel Peterson confirmed with City Times via email. "An SDCCD committee recommends police tasers on campus. Chancellor's cabinet, Board of Trustees get final say". <https://sdcitytimes.com/news/2024/12/13/committee-recommends-police-tasers/>

³ Taser Subcommittee Literature Review Packet.pdf

⁴ <https://www.securebrandmanagement.com/about>

⁵ "Black Americans disproportionately die in police Taser confrontations," <https://www.reuters.com/article/world/black-americans-disproportionately-die-in-police-taser-confrontations-idUSKBN23M16D/>

⁶ "Board of Trustees Goals for 2024-25," https://www.sdccd.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/board_goals.aspx

⁷ "Mission and Goals," <https://www.sdccd.edu/about/mission-and>

Whereas, by adopting the "Resolved" points below, the Board of Trustees would be acting in accordance to the resolution it adopted on June 11, 2020, which states: "The Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District denounces systemic racism in all its forms and affirms the District's commitment to Black students and all students of color who have been subject to both overt and passive forms of racism." The resolution further states that, "the devaluing of Black lives is manifested not just through acts of police violence, but through the systemic violence of oppression and poverty." The current actions of the SDCCD police force to acquire and utilize tasers does not align with the ideas set forth in the above resolution.⁸

Be it resolved that the San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate urges the San Diego Community College District and Chancellor Gregory Smith to uphold their commitment to "student well-being" by opposing the implementation of Conducted Energy Devices (CED) on San Community College District campuses.

Be it resolved that the San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate urges the San Diego Community College District to uphold its commitment to fiscal solvency and prevent additional spending on CED police training and recertification and instead use these resources to "Maximize student access, learning, and success" as outlined in the District's Mission and Strategic goals.

[goals.aspx#:~:text=We%20create%20spaces%20where%20access,and%20the%20state%20of%20 California.](#)

⁸ "Resolution of the Board of Trustees,"

[https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/sdccd/Board.nsf/files/BOH42A096931/\\$file/Signed%20SDCCD%20Resoluti on%20Condemning%20Systemic%20Racism.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/sdccd/Board.nsf/files/BOH42A096931/$file/Signed%20SDCCD%20Resoluti on%20Condemning%20Systemic%20Racism.pdf)

Presented to the SDMC AS: November 18, 2024

Approved by the SDMC AS: February 24, 2025

The votes of the February 24, 2025 meeting attendees are delineated on the following page:

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February 25, 2025

		APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	ABSTAIN	
1	Carlynn Allbee	1			
2	Isaac Arguelles-Ibarra		1		
3	Henry Browne	1			
4	Lisa Burgert		1		
5	Jennifer Cost	1			
6	Nellie Dougherty		1		
7	Justin Estep			1	
8	Erin Evans			1	
9	Mary Gwin	1			
10	James Hinton	1			
11	Alex Holowicki		1		
12	Cathy James	1			
13	Geoff Johnson	1			
14	Jesse Keller	1			
15	Mariam Kushkaki	1			
16	Sam Lee			1	
17	Thekima Mayasa	1			
18	Dina Miyoshi			1	
19	Ryan Mongelluzzo	1			
20	Danica Moore		1		
21	Jennifer Moreno	1			
22	Jill Moreno Ikari			1	
23	Dave "Das" Odasso		1		
24	Mychal Odom	1			
25	Anthony Reuss			1	
26	Michelle Rodriguez				Left Meeting Before the Vote.
27	Robert Sanchez	1			
28	Jessica Sardo		1		
29	Scott Suarez			1	
30	Judy Sundayo	1			
31	Ngoc "Kim" Tran		1		
32	Karen Wait			1	
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