

BP 6700 Civic Center and Other Facilities Use

Reference: ***Education Code Sections 82537 and 82542; Title 5
Sections 59601 et seq.***

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There are designated Civic Centers at each of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) college campuses. The Civic Centers are large auditoriums and other facilities suitable for public use. The Chancellor is authorized to grant the use of the Civic Centers as provided by law.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures regarding the use of District property and facilities (including property designated by the District as a Civic Center) by community groups, outside contractors, and others. The administrative procedures shall reflect the requirements of applicable law, including Education Code Section 82537, regarding civic centers. The procedures shall include reasonable rules regarding the time, place, and manner of use of District facilities. They shall assure that persons or organizations using District property are charged such fees as are authorized by law.

Public use of District property shall not interfere with scheduled instructional programs or other activities of the District on behalf of students.

No group or organization may use District property to unlawfully discriminate on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, military or veteran status, or because an individual is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Use of the District's Civic Centers will be only for the purposes described by the California Legislature in Education Code Section 82537(a). These purposes include use by associations "formed for recreational, educational, political, economic, artistic, or moral activities of the public school districts" in order to "engage in supervised recreational activities" or "meet and discuss, from time to time, as they may desire, any subjects and questions which in their judgment appertain to the educational, political, economic, artistic, and moral interests of the citizens of the communities in which they reside" (Education Code Section 82537(a)). In granting permission to use the Civic Centers, the District will not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint with regard to organizations engaging in expressive activities on the topics and subject matters articulated above.