

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
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26 APRIL 2023**

**RESOLUTION #5207  
Expansion of All Gender Housing**

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ABSTRACT: This resolution aims to push Housing and Dining to expand All Gender Housing across campus, in hopes to see a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive campus for students of all identities.

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**WHEREAS**

The CSU Pillars of Community include Social Justice, which states, “We have the right to be treated and the responsibility to treat others with fairness and equity, the duty to challenge prejudice, and to uphold the laws, policies and procedures that promote justice in all respects.”; and,

**WHEREAS**

The CSU Pillars of community include Service, which states, “We are responsible, individually and collectively, to give of our time, talents and resources to promote the well-being of each other and the development of our local, regional and global communities.”; and,

WHEREAS

The CSU Pillars of Community also include Inclusion, which states, “We create and nurture inclusive environments and welcome, value and affirm all members of our community, including their various identities, skills, ideas, talents and contributions.”; and,

WHEREAS

As it stands, students that apply for All Gender and Open Housing are only limited to living in D and E halls of the Fourth Floor of Summit Hall, which is in a far corner of campus; and,

WHEREAS

Students that are queer, non-binary, trans, or any other queer/gender identity are a part of a main group of students that utilize All Gender and Open Housing; and,

WHEREAS

The Pride Resource Center works closely with and encourages Housing and Dining Services to try and expand All Gender Housing for all queer students across campus; and,

WHEREAS

The price for Summit Hall is \$4,255 per semester, making it one of the most expensive residence halls on campus and therefore unattainable for many low-income students; and,

WHEREAS

Students that are not able bodied and have limitations regarding transportation are often required to walk an assumed 20-minutes; and,

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Students that are not able bodied are placed in Summit Hall, which is a 20-minute walk; and,

WHEREAS

Students who require live-in caregivers are often placed in All Gender and Open Housing; often, these are students who are not able-bodied and would benefit from a more central location; and,

WHEREAS

Summit Hall reports a very high frequency of bias incidents, which is likely due to the fact that many marginalized students are effectively segregated to a concentrated location; and,

WHEREAS

Safety precautions are in place to protect students; however, biased incidents still occur and affect students. However, how not being able to feel safe in the place where one lives directly contributes to mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, and trauma; and,

WHEREAS

Limitations regarding community of people in specific majors because students are limited to Summit Hall. In the Key Communities, students are paired up with students that have the same

majors as them. However, if a student wants to live in a safe environment, they are often not paired with students of the same major, leading to isolation and a decreased sense of community and belonging; and,

**WHEREAS**

CU Boulder has contributed to making an inclusive environment, they have a program called Living Learned Experiences and under that program is a program called Spectrum. “Spectrum is the first living learning community on CU’s campus with a long history and commitment to supporting LGBTQIA students and their allies. Since 2001, this LLC has focused on community dialogue, allyship, and identity development for gender inclusivity and sexual expression. Through this LLC, students focus on equity, equality, and acceptance for LGBTQIA communities, and secure a deeper perspective of inclusion and equity, social justice and identity formation and development. This community also has gender-inclusive restrooms which create greater access and privacy for the students it works to serve.” There are no fees to live in this house and does not raise someone’s tuition to live in an inclusive community; and,

**WHEREAS**

Inclusivity Community Assistants are tethered to a DEI community and upholds the CSU’s Principles of Community; so,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

ASCSU asks Housing and Dining that safety be one of the utmost priorities and they will ensure that students are protected against biased incidents on campus. Housing and Dining Services will continue to work to mitigate bias in residential communities, and when appropriate, hold individuals and systems accountable for bias that occur; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

ASCSU asks that Housing and Dining will make a high priority in working with the Pride Resource Center to foster an inclusive program for students of all identities to utilize; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

ASCSU asks that Housing and Dining will expand All Gender and Open Housing for students across campus rather than housing the program in Summitt Hall. They will aim to find alternative resources and equitable ways for students to go into All Gender Housing without having to endure an additional cost of attendance to feel reaffirmed and safe in their identity; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

ASCSU asks that Housing and Dining further work with the Pride Resource Center in tangibly advocating for students of queer identities and promoting an inclusive, safe, accessible, and equitable environment; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

Upon approval of this piece of legislation, ASCSU stands with folks with queer identities in advocating for a truly inclusive, safe, accessible, and equitable environment on campus; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

This piece of legislation be forwarded on approval to Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University, Tony Frank, Chancellor of the CSU System, Nick DeSalvo, Speaker of the Senate, Kimberly Carrecedo-Perez, Speaker Pro Tempore, Dr. Brian Moffitt, Associate Director of Residential Learning, Ashley Reese, Assistant Director for Inclusion & Student Engagement, Nick Sweeton, Interim Director, University Housing , Nate Fall, Assistant Director, Occupancy Management, Jacque Summers, Assistant Director of Residential Success, Maggie Hendrickson, Director, Pride Resource Center, Soleil Gonzalez, Program Coordinator, Pride Resource Center; Aaron Escobedo, Interim Director, El Centro, JoAnn Cornell, Director, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center, Rachel Wada, Assistant Director, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center, Duane Ruff, Black African American Cultural Center, Ty Smith, Native American Cultural Center, Erica Lafehr, Assistant Director for Educational Programs; Shannon Archibeque-Engle, Interim Director of the Women & Gender Advocacy Center

**APPROVED VIA VOICE VOTE**

**26 APRIL 2023**

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ASCSU PRESIDENT ROBERT LONG

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