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A Resolution of Support to Move the 4/20 Event Off the CU-Boulder Campus

Resolution History

For approximately 10 years, the University of Colorado has been the unfortunate host to the one of the largest marijuana-focused gatherings in the nation on April 20th. This past year, after the 4/20 event, undergraduate students were asked to participate in a survey about the event. Of the ~3,400 students that responded to the survey, 50% believe that 4/20 is a University-sponsored event. The University does not associate with the event in any way, other than funding security officers to provide public safety during the gathering of an estimated 10,000 plus individuals. The fact that so many students believe this is a University-sponsored event is highly concerning to many University administrators, faculty, and students.

Of the student respondents, only 23.6% of students said they participated in the event by joining the crowd and smoking marijuana or eating food containing marijuana. Therefore, more than 75% of students who responded to the survey do not engage in illegal behavior, and many go so far as staying away from campus in the afternoon, during the height of the event.

When asked if the 4/20 event affects aspects of their daily routine, 57% of respondents said yes, it affected their daily routine in a negative way. When asked for details on how their daily routines were affected, their answers included: late for work, missed work, late for an appointment, missed an appointment, crowd made it hard to get across campus, wasn't able to study, among others.

We have also heard from numerous students that they believe this event is affecting their ability to find employment after graduation and to be competitive with other applicants. During job interviews both here in Colorado and across the country, students have reported that they are

being asked about the 4/20 event. If one searches on YouTube for “University of Colorado” or “University of Colorado at Boulder,” the first page is dominated by 4/20 videos. These examples show that people outside of our community are associating our university with this event. Further, we believe that the 4/20 event promotes the University of Colorado’s party-school image. We, as CUSG Executives, do not want the University of Colorado to be represented in this way or associated with this event.

Based on the survey data, the CUSG Executives believe that the majority of students would respond positively or neutrally if the 4/20 event were removed from campus. This resolution is not meant to make a statement about whether marijuana laws should be reformed, rather it is meant to state an opinion of the student body. As the elected student leaders, we represent the interests of over 30,000 people in saying we want this event to cease occurring on our campus. We therefore urge Legislative Council to pass this resolution in support of moving the 4/20 event off campus.

Resolution Summary

The CUSG Executives seek the support of Legislative Council as we work with University administration to move the 4/20 event off the CU-Boulder campus.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Government, THAT:

Section 1: The University of Colorado Student Government Legislative Council hereby supports the CUSG Executives and University administration in their efforts to remove the 4/20 event off the CU-Boulder campus.

Section 2: Upon passage, this resolution will be sent to University administration, local news outlets, and to the Board of Regents.

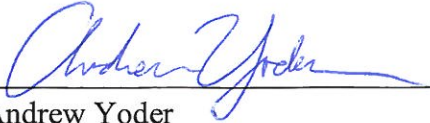
Section 3: This Resolution takes effect upon final passage and upon obtaining the signatures of the CUSG Legislative Council President and the Executives.

Vote Count

12/1/2011

Passed on 1st reading

Acclamation



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