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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
18 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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20 **ROBERT VAN TUINEN,**  
21 **Plaintiff,**

22 v.

23 **YOSEMITE COMMUNITY**  
24 **COLLEGE DISTRICT, DR. JOAN**  
25 **SMITH, JILL STEARNS,**  
26 **MICHAEL GUERRA, BRENDA**  
27 **THAMES, BECKY CROW,**  
28 **CHRISTINE SERRANO,**  
**DOE DEFENDANT 1,**

Defendants.

) Case No.

) **COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE**  
) **AND DECLARATORY RELIEF**  
) **AND DAMAGES**

) **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

1 Plaintiff Robert Van Tuinen complains of Defendants and alleges:

2 **I. INTRODUCTION**

3 1. Each year on September 17 the United States celebrates the freedoms  
4 guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Congress officially designated  
5 September 17 as “Constitution Day” to commemorate the anniversary of the date  
6 that the Constitution was signed in 1787. Pursuant to that legislation, the  
7 Department of Education requires educational institutions that receive federal  
8 funding to hold educational programs pertaining to the United States Constitution  
9 on that date. *Notice of Implementation of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day*, 70  
10 Fed. Reg. 29727 (May 24, 2005).

11 2. On September 17, 2013, the students of Modesto Junior College (the  
12 “College”) received a very different lesson on Constitution Day, as the school’s  
13 officials barred Plaintiff Robert Van Tuinen from distributing copies of the U.S.  
14 Constitution to fellow students in a public area of the campus. Both a College  
15 security officer and a College administrator instructed Mr. Van Tuinen that he  
16 would be allowed to distribute his message and any written materials only in the  
17 College’s “free speech zone” that occupies a miniscule proportion of its East  
18 Campus, and only after scheduling his planned activity several days or weeks ahead  
19 of time. These actions were taken under College policies that not only require prior  
20 permission – with at least *five days’* notice – to engage in even such non-obtrusive  
21 speech as handing out literature, but also limit all individuals and student groups to  
22 using the free speech zone no more than eight hours each semester. Given the size  
23 of the student body, the free speech “allowance” amounts to scarcely more than  
24 *two-and-half minutes* per student, per semester. The policies contain no criteria for  
25 control of the free speech zone, which is thus left to the sole discretion of College  
26 security and administrators.

27 3. The College’s reflexive bureaucratic restriction of free expression is  
28 sadly ironic, as “[t]he essentiality of freedom in the community of American

1 universities is almost self-evident.” *Sweezy v. New Hampshire*, 354 U.S. 234, 250  
2 (1957). In a long line of cases, the United States Supreme Court has made clear that  
3 “[t]eachers and students must always remain free to inquire, to study and to  
4 evaluate, to gain new maturity and understanding; otherwise our civilization will  
5 stagnate and die.” *Id.* The Court has stressed that “state colleges and universities  
6 are not enclaves immune from the sweep of the First Amendment.” *Healy v. James*,  
7 408 U.S. 169, 180 (1972). Quite to the contrary, “[t]he vigilant protection of  
8 constitutional freedoms is nowhere more vital than in the community of American  
9 schools.” *Id.* (quoting *Shelton v. Tucker*, 364 U.S. 479, 487 (1960)). Accordingly,  
10 courts have zealously guarded the freedoms of speech, assembly, and petition in  
11 recognition that “[t]he college classroom with its surrounding environs is peculiarly  
12 the ‘marketplace of ideas,’” *id.*, and that “[t]he first danger to liberty lies in granting  
13 the State the power” to limit these freedoms “against a background and tradition of  
14 thought and experiment that is at the center of our intellectual and philosophic tradi-  
15 tion.” *Rosenberger v. Rector & Visitors of Univ. of Va.*, 515 U.S. 819, 835 (1995).

16 4. This is a civil rights action to protect and vindicate the First and  
17 Fourteenth Amendment rights of Mr. Van Tuinen and his fellow students in the  
18 Yosemite Community College District (the “District”), as well as their rights under  
19 Article 1 of the California Constitution. By policy and practice, the District  
20 unlawfully restricts the College’s students’ constitutional rights to free expression.  
21 The policies enforced against Plaintiff are facially overbroad and prohibit the  
22 exercise of rights to free expression on the District’s college campuses.

23 5. This action seeks declaratory and injunctive relief, damages, and  
24 attorneys’ fees, to vindicate and safeguard the fundamental constitutional rights of  
25 Mr. Van Tuinen and his fellow students to freedom of speech and due process of  
26 law as secured by the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States  
27 Constitution, and by the Liberty of Speech Clause in the California Constitution.  
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1 The College's and District's policies and enforcement practices are challenged on  
2 their face and as applied to Mr. Van Tuinen.

3 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 6. This action arises under the United States Constitution, particularly the  
5 First and Fourteenth Amendments, and the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and  
6 1988.

7 7. This Court has original jurisdiction over these federal claims pursuant  
8 to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343.

9 8. This Court has authority to grant the requested declaratory judgment  
10 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 57.

11 9. This Court has authority to issue the requested injunctive relief  
12 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65.

13 10. This Court has authority to award attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to  
14 42 U.S.C. § 1988.

15 11. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over state law claims pursuant  
16 to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), and it is authorized to award attorneys' fees and costs  
17 pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1021.5.

18 12. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern  
19 District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because the events giving rise  
20 to the instant claim occurred within this District and because at least one Defendant  
21 resides in this District.

22 **III. PLAINTIFF**

23 13. Plaintiff Robert Van Tuinen is, and was at all times relevant to this  
24 Complaint, a United States Army Veteran and resident of Modesto, California, who  
25 is presently a student at the College pursuing an associate degree.

26 **IV. DEFENDANTS**

27 14. Defendant Yosemite Community College District, a public community  
28 college district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, is

1 one of 72 community college districts in the State, with oversight responsibility for  
2 Modesto Junior College and Columbia College. It also operates a Central Services  
3 unit for them.

4 15. Defendant Dr. Joan E. Smith serves as Chancellor and Chief Executive  
5 Officer of the Yosemite Community College District. She is responsible for the  
6 District's administration and policy-making, including the policies and procedures  
7 challenged herein that were applied to deprive Mr. Van Tuinen of his constitutional  
8 rights. Defendant Smith acquiesced in, sanctioned, and supported the actions of  
9 Defendants Stearns, Guerra, Thames, Crow, Serrano, and Doe Defendant 1 in  
10 enforcing these policies against Mr. Van Tuinen. Defendant Smith acted under  
11 color of state law when she violated Mr. Van Tuinen's constitutional rights to free  
12 expression. Defendant Smith is sued in her official capacity.

13 16. Defendant Jill Stearns is, and was at all times relevant to this  
14 Complaint, the President of Modesto Junior College, a public community college  
15 organized and existing under the laws of the State of California. She is responsible  
16 for enactment and enforcement of College polices, including the policies and  
17 procedures challenged herein that were applied to deprive Mr. Van Tuinen of his  
18 constitutional rights. Defendant acted under color of state law when she violated  
19 Mr. Van Tuinen's constitutional rights to free expression. Defendant Stearns is  
20 sued in her official capacity.

21 17. Defendant Michael Guerra is, and was at all times relevant to this  
22 Complaint, Vice President of College Administrative Services at Modesto Junior  
23 College. He is responsible for overseeing and enforcing the policies and procedures  
24 challenged herein that were applied to deprive Mr. Van Tuinen of his constitutional  
25 rights. Defendant Guerra acted under color of state law when he violated Mr. Van  
26 Tuinen's constitutional rights to free expression. Defendant Guerra is sued in his  
27 official capacity.

1 18. Defendant Brenda Thames is, and was at all times relevant to this  
2 Complaint, Vice President of Student Services at Modesto Junior College. She is  
3 responsible for overseeing and enforcing the policies and procedures challenged  
4 herein that were applied to deprive Mr. Van Tuinen of his constitutional rights.  
5 Defendant Thames acted under color of state law when she violated Mr. Van  
6 Tuinen's constitutional rights to free expression. Defendant Thames is sued in her  
7 official capacity.

8 19. Defendant Becky Crow is, and was at all times relevant to this  
9 Complaint, Director of Campus Safety at Modesto Junior College. She is  
10 responsible for overseeing and enforcing the policies and procedures challenged  
11 herein that were applied to deprive Mr. Van Tuinen of his constitutional rights.  
12 Defendant Crow acted under color of state law when she violated Mr. Van Tuinen's  
13 constitutional rights to free expression. Defendant Crow is sued in her official  
14 capacity.

15 20. Defendant Christine Serrano is, and was at all times relevant to this  
16 Complaint, an Administrative Specialist at Modesto Junior College. Ms. Serrano  
17 was the College administrator who told Mr. Van Tuinen that because of "a time,  
18 place, and manner" restriction he could pass out literature only inside the College's  
19 "free speech area," after Constitution Day. Defendant Serrano acted under color of  
20 state law when she violated Mr. Van Tuinen's constitutional rights to free  
21 expression. Defendant Serrano is sued both in her individual and official capacities.

22 21. Doe Defendant 1 is, and was at all times relevant to this Complaint, a  
23 campus security officer at Modesto Junior College. Doe Defendant 1 was the  
24 College security officer who prevented Mr. Van Tuinen from distributing copies of  
25 the U.S. Constitution to fellow students outside the College student center. Doe  
26 Defendant 1 acted under color of state law when he violated Mr. Van Tuinen's  
27 constitutional rights to free expression. Doe Defendant 1 is sued both in his  
28 individual and official capacities.

**V. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

**A. Violation of Plaintiff’s Constitutional Rights**

22. On September 17, 2013, Mr. Van Tuinen endeavored to distribute copies of the U.S. Constitution to fellow students outside the campus student center at Modesto Junior College.

23. Approximately ten minutes after he began handing out copies of the Constitution, a College campus security officer, Doe Defendant 1, arrived and told Mr. Van Tuinen that any individual who wants to distribute pamphlets or literature on campus must first register with the College Student Development office.

24. Mr. Van Tuinen responded that requiring him to pre-register with College officials in order to distribute copies of the Constitution would impair his freedom of speech. After Doe Defendant 1 insisted that Mr. Van Tuinen would not be permitted to continue speaking to students or distributing literature without official approval, Mr. Van Tuinen followed the officer into the student center.

25. Once inside, Mr. Van Tuinen explained to Doe Defendant 1 that he intended to start a chapter of Young Americans for Liberty at the College and wanted to distribute copies of the Constitution to spark student interest. Doe Defendant 1 told Mr. Van Tuinen that “as a student on campus passing out anything whatsoever, you have to have permission through the Student Development office.” Doe Defendant 1 then directed Mr. Van Tuinen to the Student Development office.

26. In the Student Development office, Mr. Van Tuinen spoke with Administrative Specialist Christine Serrano. Defendant Serrano told Mr. Van Tuinen that because of “a time, place, and manner” restriction, he could distribute literature only inside the “free speech area,” which was located “in front of the student center, in that little cement area.” The “free speech area” is a small, slightly raised concrete “stage” that makes up a minuscule portion of the College campus, as described in Paragraph 38 of this Complaint.



1 27. Defendant Serrano told Mr. Van Tuinen to fill out an application,  
2 which she indicated would require providing, among other things, a photocopy of  
3 his student identification card. Defendant Serrano informed Mr. Van Tuinen that  
4 she had “two people on campus right now, so you’d have to wait until either the  
5 20th, 27th, or you can go into October.” Mr. Van Tuinen reiterated his desire to  
6 pass out copies of the Constitution that day – on Constitution Day. Defendant  
7 Serrano denied his request, stating “you really don’t need to keep going on.”

8 28. Defendant Serrano then telephoned an unnamed person and informed  
9 that individual that Mr. Van Tuinen “just wants to question the authority of why  
10 can’t he hand out constitutional-type papers.” Thereafter, Defendant Serrano told  
11 Mr. Van Tuinen that he would have to make an appointment with College Vice  
12 President of Student Services Brenda Thames so that she could further explain to  
13 him “what the time, place, and manner is.”

14 29. On information and belief, when Doe Defendant 1 approached Mr.  
15 Van Tuinen outside the student center, when he spoke with him within the student  
16 center, and when he directed Mr. Van Tuinen to the Student Development office,  
17 Doe Defendant 1 knew, or should have known, that Mr. Van Tuinen would be  
18 instructed that he must restrict his distribution of literature to the “free speech area,”  
19 subject to the application and other limits that doing so entails.

20 30. Doe Defendant 1 and Defendant Serrano censored Mr. Van Tuinen’s  
21 lawful and constitutionally protected expression.

22 31. The actions by Doe Defendant 1 and Defendant Serrano have caused  
23 Mr. Van Tuinen to refrain from expressing his beliefs or distributing literature while  
24 on campus for fear of being punished under College or District policies.

25 32. Doe Defendant 1 and Defendant Serrano knew or should have known  
26 that preventing Mr. Van Tuinen from speaking and distributing literature in public  
27 areas of the College campus violates his clearly established constitutional rights.  
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**B. The District's and College's Policies**

33. The Yosemite Community College District includes two two-year colleges (Columbia College and Modesto Junior College). In the 2011-2012 academic year, 16,209 Full Time students were enrolled. The District had a 2011-2012 budget of \$114.4 million.

34. The District promulgates Policies and Administrative Procedures pursuant to Cal. Educ. Code §§ 66300 and 70902.

35. District Policy 3900 (formerly policy 5550) titled "Time, Place & Manner," provides that "[t]he Colleges of the District are non-public forums, except for those areas designated as 'free speech areas', which are limited public forums." (See Exhibit A.) District Policy 3900 also establishes that "The Chancellor shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place and manner of the exercise of free expression in the limited public forums." Policy 3900 further states: "The administrative procedures promulgated by the Chancellor shall not prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression, including but not limited to the use of bulletin boards designated for such use, the distribution of printed materials or petitions in those parts of the College designated as 'free speech areas', and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia."

36. Pursuant to District Policy 3900, the College adopted and published "Guidelines and Procedure for Requesting College Facilities for Free Speech" (the "College Guidelines"). (See Exhibit B.) The College Guidelines state that District Policy 3900 was promulgated "in furtherance of and consistent with California Education Code § 76120," and it "provides that Colleges of the District are non-public forums, except for those areas on each campus designated as 'free speech areas,' which are deemed limited public forums."

37. California Education Code § 76120, however, does not declare that campuses are non-public forums, and states that "[s]uch rules and regulations shall

1 not prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression,” including “the  
2 distribution of printed materials or petitions.”

3 38. Nevertheless, the College Guidelines confine all approved campus  
4 expression to two small areas of the campus. The College Guidelines state that  
5 pursuant to District Policy 3900, the College has identified “appropriate locations  
6 on campus to be used as limited public forum use as prescribed by [District] Board  
7 Policy.” According to the College Guidelines, “Limited public forums on Modesto  
8 Junior College’s campus” include, at the College’s East Campus, “the stage area  
9 northeast of the Quad,” and “Free Speech boards ... located in front of the Student  
10 Center.” The East Campus Map shows this area of the Quad. It is indicated by the  
11 green shaded area. (*See* Exhibit C, East Campus Map, modified with color and  
12 explanation, and related photograph.) At its longest and widest points, Plaintiff  
13 estimates that the free speech area on the East Campus is approximately 28 feet  
14 long, and 22 feet across, though it is irregularly shaped with several angles and  
15 small outcroppings, but in any event comprises approximately 600 square feet. The  
16 College Guidelines further provide a “[l]imited public forum” at the College’s West  
17 Campus, a space “designated in the Quad area in between Yosemite and Sierra  
18 Halls,” and “Free Speech boards ... located inside Mary Stuart Rogers Student  
19 Learning Center.”

20 39. The College’s East and West Campuses have many suitable open areas  
21 and sidewalks beyond the free speech areas where student expressive activity,  
22 including distribution of literature, will not interfere with or disturb access to  
23 College buildings or sidewalks, impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or in any  
24 way substantially disrupt the operations of campus or the College’s educational  
25 functions.

26 40. The College Guidelines state that the College “reserves the right to  
27 assign applicants to use limited public forum locations based upon College  
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1 operations,” without describing any criteria the College applies to assigning free  
2 speech applicants to a specific location.

3 41. The College Guidelines further require that students request permission  
4 to distribute printed materials on campus. According to the College Guidelines:

5 To use the free speech areas, student groups or individuals  
6 must submit a completed “Limited Public Forum Request  
7 Form” to the Office of Student Development and Campus  
8 Life for approval *not less than five (5) working days* prior  
9 to the proposed date of use. \* \* \* Student requests  
10 submitted less than five (5) working days before the  
11 proposed date of use (“last minute requests”) will be  
12 considered, but must be reviewed by the Student Activities  
13 Advisor, and reconciled with the College Facilities Office.

14 (Emphasis added).

15 42. In addition, the College Guidelines limit individuals or groups to eight  
16 hours of access to the “free speech areas” per semester. “Requests for additional  
17 time per semester may be authorized by administration if space and time is  
18 available.” With just over 17,900 students enrolled, a Fall semester that runs for 16  
19 weeks from August 26 through December 14, 2013, and Guidelines restricting the  
20 availability of the “free speech zone” to “normal hours of operation,” which  
21 generously construed might encompass 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays,  
22 students are even more limited in their ability to exercise their rights to free speech.  
23 Indeed, if each student sought to exercise his or her right to free expression on the  
24 East Campus, they would be able to do so for a mere 2.57 minutes *per semester*.

25 43. The College’s “Limited Public Forum Request Form,” affirms that the  
26 College requires “5 Working Days ... For Processing.” (See Exhibit D.) Students  
27 must indicate on the form whether they plan to use the East Campus or West  
28 Campus free speech area, and the hours of use, submit a form of identification, and  
affirm that “the guidelines for use of the free speech areas will be followed.”

44. The College Guidelines do not provide standards to guide the  
discretion of the public officials of the College tasked with reviewing requests to

1 use “free speech areas” or to evaluate requests for additional time, thus empowering  
2 such public officials to administer the policy arbitrarily or on the basis of  
3 impermissible factors.

4 45. Because the policy functions as a licensing scheme with which  
5 students must comply before engaging in the exercise of their free speech rights, the  
6 policy constitutes a prior restraint on speech, resulting in censorship.

7 46. Students are subject to disciplinary action for violating District and  
8 College rules and regulations. The College Guidelines state that “[r]efusal to  
9 cooperate with the ... guidelines will subject the user to possible punitive action,  
10 including, but not limited to, termination of the program in process; denial of  
11 further use of Free Speech Areas; Discipline; Probation; Suspension; Expulsion  
12 and/or Removal from campus.”

13 47. District Policy 3900 and the College Guidelines have a chilling effect  
14 on Mr. Van Tuinen’s rights, and those of all students of the District and the College,  
15 to engage freely and openly in expressive activities, including distributing literature.

16 48. Mr. Van Tuinen wishes to engage in expressive activities, including  
17 distributing literature, on the College’s campus without the need to obtain advance  
18 approval from College officials, but he has not done so since being censored by Doe  
19 Defendant 1 and Defendant Serrano on September 17, 2013, for fear of disciplinary  
20 action.

21 49. All of the acts of Defendants, their officers, agents, employees, and  
22 servants were executed, and are continuing to be executed, by the Defendants under  
23 the color and pretense of the policies, statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, and  
24 usages of the State of California.

25 50. Because the policies and actions of Defendants prevent Mr. Van  
26 Tuinen from exercising his constitutional rights to free expression at the College, he  
27 is suffering irreparable injury.

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1 51. Defendants' policies and actions create a hostile atmosphere for free  
2 expression on campus, chilling the speech of other College students who are not  
3 before the Court.

4 **VI. CAUSES OF ACTION**

5 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **As-Applied Violation of Plaintiff's Right to Free Speech Under**  
7 **the First and Fourteenth Amendments (42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

8 52. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this  
9 Complaint.

10 53. The First and Fourteenth Amendments extend to campuses of state  
11 colleges and universities. *Healy v. James*, 408 U.S. at 180.

12 54. The College bears the burden of justifying regulation of expressive  
13 activity in the public areas of the campus.

14 55. By stopping Plaintiff's lawful activities distributing copies of the U.S.  
15 Constitution on the Modesto Junior College campus without prior approval and  
16 outside the "free speech zone," Defendants have explicitly and implicitly chilled  
17 Plaintiff's free expression, and have deprived Plaintiff of his clearly established  
18 rights to freedom of speech and expression secured by the First and Fourteenth  
19 Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

20 56. Doe Defendant 1 and Defendant Serrano violated a clearly established  
21 constitutional right of which all reasonable college administrators and staff should  
22 have known, rendering them liable to Mr. Van Tuinen under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

23 57. The denial of constitutional rights is irreparable injury *per se*, and Mr.  
24 Van Tuinen is entitled to declaratory and injunctive relief. As a consequence of  
25 being denied his First Amendment right to distribute copies of the U.S. Constitution  
26 on Constitution Day, Plaintiff experienced significant emotional pain and anguish.

27 58. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that Defendants violated his First  
28 Amendment rights. Additionally, Plaintiff is entitled to damages in an amount to be

1 determined by the evidence and this Court, and the reasonable costs of this lawsuit,  
2 including his reasonable attorneys' fees.

3 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **As-Applied Violation of the Right to Liberty of Speech Under**  
5 **the California State Constitution**

6 59. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this  
7 Complaint.

8 60. Plaintiff's peaceful speech activities are protected under article 1,  
9 section 2 of the California Constitution.

10 61. By stopping Plaintiff's lawful activities distributing copies of the U.S.  
11 Constitution on the College campus without prior approval and outside the "free  
12 speech zone," Defendants, acting under color of state law and according to policy  
13 and practice, have explicitly and implicitly chilled Plaintiff's free expression, and  
14 deprived Plaintiff of his clearly established rights to freedom of speech protected  
15 under article 1, section 2 of the California Constitution.

16 62. Because of Defendants' policies and actions, Plaintiff has suffered, and  
17 continues to suffer, irreparable injury that cannot be fully compensated by an award  
18 of money damages.

19 63. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration that Defendants violated his Liberty  
20 of Speech rights under the California Constitution. Additionally, Plaintiff is entitled  
21 to damages in an amount to be determined by the evidence and this Court, and the  
22 reasonable costs of this lawsuit, including his reasonable attorneys' fees.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

**Facial Challenge to Violation of Right to Free Speech Under the  
First and Fourteenth Amendments (42 U.S.C. § 1983) – Prior Restraint**

64. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this Complaint.

65. Students have a First Amendment right to engage in expressive activities and to distribute written materials in the public areas of a state college without obtaining advance permission from government officials. *Widmar v. Vincent*, 454 U.S. 263, 267 n.5 (1981); *Papish v. Board of Curators of Univ. of Mo.*, 410 U.S. 667 (1973); *Jews for Jesus, Inc. v. City Coll. of San Francisco*, 2009 WL 86703, at \*3 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 12, 2009).

66. A permitting requirement is a prior restraint on speech and therefore bears a heavy presumption against its constitutionality. *Berger v. City of Seattle*, 569 F.3d 1029, 1037 (9th Cir. 2009). The presumptive invalidity and offensiveness of advance notice and permitting requirements stem from the significant burden they place on free speech.

67. The policies and conduct of Defendants restricting all First Amendment protected speech by requiring an advance application to engage in such activity before allowing expressive activities on the College campus grounds is an unconstitutional prior restraint on First Amendment rights.

68. Laws that subject the exercise of First Amendment freedoms to the prior restraint of a license, without narrow, objective, and definite standards to guide the licensing authority, are unconstitutional. *Shuttlesworth v. City of Birmingham*, 394 U.S. 147, 150-51 (1969). Defendants' policies vest unfettered discretion in College security and administrative personnel to restrict constitutionally protected expression.

69. As a direct result of the Defendants' continued maintenance of District Policy 3900 and the College Guidelines, Plaintiff and other similarly situated



1 students have been, and will continue to be, irreparably injured in that they have  
2 been, and will be, deprived of their right to free speech under the First and  
3 Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

4 70. As a legal consequence of the Defendants' violation of Plaintiff's and  
5 other similarly situated students' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights, Plaintiff  
6 is entitled to injunctive relief, and the reasonable costs of this lawsuit, including his  
7 reasonable attorneys' fees.

#### 8 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 9 **Facial Challenge to Violation of Right to Free Speech Under the Plaintiff's**

#### 10 **First and Fourteenth Amendment Rights (42 U.S.C. § 1983) –**

#### 11 **Overbreadth**

12 71. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this  
13 Complaint.

14 72. The College bears the burden of justifying any regulation of expressive  
15 activity in the public areas of the campus. Any restrictions on speech in public  
16 areas must serve a substantial public interest and must be narrowly tailored and  
17 applied so as not to burden more speech than is essential.

18 73. Even purportedly neutral regulations, such as time, place, or manner  
19 restrictions, must be narrowly tailored and must not burden more speech than  
20 necessary to achieve a substantial governmental interest.

21 74. The College cannot legitimately declare the vast majority of public  
22 areas on campus to be "non-public forums." *McGlone v. Bell*, 681 F.3d 718 (6th  
23 Cir. 2012). Nor can the College identify a substantial governmental interest to be  
24 served by preventing individuals from speaking through the distribution of literature  
25 in the public areas of campus.

26 75. The policy restricting all First Amendment protected speech to  
27 designated "free speech zones" at the College is unconstitutionally overbroad  
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1 because it does not serve a significant governmental interest, is not narrowly drawn,  
2 and impermissibly restricts student expression.

3 76. The policies restricting speech on campus burden far more speech than  
4 is necessary to serve the asserted interest. Rather than being narrowly tailored to  
5 protect speech as the Constitution requires, the College policies are tailored to  
6 preclude speech. Among other, less speech-restrictive alternatives, the College  
7 could enforce rules against those who actually disrupt traffic and/or educational  
8 activities or who engage in disorderly conduct.

9 77. As a direct result of the Defendants' continued maintenance of District  
10 Policy 3900 and the College Guidelines, students at the College are deprived of  
11 their right to free speech under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the  
12 Constitution.

13 78. As a legal consequence of the Defendants' violation of Plaintiff's and  
14 other similarly situated students' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights, as alleged  
15 above, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief, and the reasonable costs of this  
16 lawsuit, including his reasonable attorneys' fees.

17 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **Facial Challenge to Violation of Right to Free Speech Under the Plaintiff's**

19 **First and Fourteenth Amendments Rights (42 U.S.C. § 1983) –**

20 **Vagueness**

21 79. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this  
22 Complaint.

23 80. A state enactment is void for vagueness if the prohibitive terms are not  
24 clearly defined such that a person or ordinary intelligence can readily identify the  
25 applicable standard for inclusion and exclusion. *Grayned v. City of Rockford*,  
26 408 U.S. 104, 108 (1972).

27 81. Defendants' policies restricting speech fail to adequately advise the  
28 students subject to discipline under them of the obligations the policies create, and

1 are unconstitutionally vague on their face in violation of the First Amendment and  
2 of the due process guarantee of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

3 82. Defendants' policies do not provide standards to guide the discretion of  
4 public officials at the College as to whether the College Guidelines apply to  
5 particular acts of free expression in the first instance, or for reviewing requests to  
6 use "free speech areas," or for evaluating requests for additional time beyond the  
7 eight hours of free expression allotted to each student per semester. This empowers  
8 such public officials to administer the policy on the basis of impermissible factors  
9 or through arbitrary application.

10 83. Because of Defendants' policies and actions, Plaintiff has suffered, and  
11 continues to suffer, economic injury and irreparable harm. Plaintiff is therefore  
12 entitled to injunctive relief, and the reasonable costs of this lawsuit, including his  
13 reasonable attorneys' fees.

14 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **Facial Challenge to Violation of the Right to Liberty of Speech**

16 **Under the California Constitution**

17 84. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this  
18 Complaint.

19 85. Under California law applicable to restrictions implicating the Liberty  
20 of Speech Clause in the State constitution, for a restriction governing speech in a  
21 public forum to survive, the communicative activity must be basically incompatible  
22 with the normal activity of that particular place at a particular time. *Kuba v. I-A*  
23 *Agric. Ass'n*, 387 F.3d 850, 857 (9th Cir. 2004).

24 86. The policies and conduct of Defendants restricting all First  
25 Amendment protected speech by requiring an advance application to engage in such  
26 activity before allowing expressive activities on the College campus grounds is an  
27 unconstitutional prior restraint on the Liberty of Speech. This is so because no  
28 compelling governmental interest is advanced by the policy, the policy is over-

1 broad, and there are no guidelines for application of the policy by administrators.  
2 The policy vests unfettered discretion in Defendants to restrict constitutionally  
3 protected expression.

4 87. The Defendants' purported "time, place and manner" restrictions are  
5 unreasonable in light of the purpose of the forum, are overly broad, and are not  
6 narrowly tailored to serve significant government interests nor leave open ample  
7 alternative channels of communication.

8 88. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff and other  
9 similarly situated students have been and will continue to be irreparably injured in  
10 that they have been and will be deprived of their rights under the Liberty of Speech  
11 Clause in the California Constitution.

12 89. As a direct result of the Defendants' violation of the Plaintiff's and  
13 other similarly situated students' constitutional rights, and of the continued main-  
14 tenance of District Policy 3900 and the College Guidelines, students at the College  
15 continue to be prohibited from engaging in constitutional speech activities.

16 90. As a legal consequence of the Defendants' violation of Plaintiff's and  
17 other similarly situated students' Liberty of Speech rights, as alleged above,  
18 Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief, and the reasonable costs of this lawsuit,  
19 including his reasonable attorneys' fees.

20 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Section 1983 Monell Claim (Defendant**

22 **Yosemite Community College District)**

23 91. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this  
24 Complaint.

25 92. A government body such as the District here may be held liable under  
26 42 U.S.C. § 1983, when the execution of government policy or custom, that may be  
27 fairly said to represent its official policy, inflicts injury on a plaintiff. Section 1983  
28 also allows liability for constitutional violations committed by government

1 employees if the government body itself is responsible for causing constitutional  
2 deprivations. *Monell* liability can further rest on ratification by a final policymaker,  
3 or for damages caused by a failure to train employees that leads to the deprivation  
4 of constitutional rights.

5 93. In prohibiting Mr. Van Tuinen from distributing copies of the  
6 Constitution on the Modesto Junior College campus without obtaining prior  
7 approval and limiting his activities to the “free speech areas,” Defendants violated  
8 Mr. Van Tuinen’s clearly established rights under the First and Fourteenth  
9 Amendments to the United States Constitution.

10 94. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants were acting under  
11 color of the laws of the State of California and of Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Calaveras,  
12 Merced, San Joaquin, and Santa Clara Counties.

13 95. At the time of Mr. Van Tuinen’s unlawful prohibition from distributing  
14 written materials, California Education Code § 76120 provided that state colleges  
15 may not promulgate rules and regulations that “prohibit the right of students to  
16 exercise free expression,” including “the distribution of printed materials or  
17 petitions.”

18 96. Nonetheless, Doe Defendant 1 and Defendant Serrano interfered with  
19 and prevented Mr. Van Tuinen from distributing written materials on the Modesto  
20 Junior College campus. And further, the District and College promulgated policies  
21 limiting student speech activities to designated “free speech areas,” and required  
22 prior approval to use such facilities.

23 97. The District fails to train its administrators and employees adequately  
24 with respect to the First Amendment rights of college students, displaying deliberate  
25 indifference to the student body’s constitutional rights.

26 98. On information and belief, the District failed to supervise and  
27 discipline its administrators and employees for unlawfully interfering with the First  
28 Amendment right of students to engage in expressive activities and distribute

1 written materials in the public areas of a state college without obtaining advance  
2 permission from government officials, displaying deliberate indifference to its  
3 citizens' constitutional rights.

4 99. These unconstitutional policies, customs, and practices of the District  
5 were the moving force behind the violation of Mr. Van Tuinen's constitutional  
6 rights by Doe Defendant 1 and Defendant Serrano.

7 100. As a direct and proximate result of the District's unconstitutional  
8 policies, customs and practices, Mr. Van Tuinen suffered lost opportunities to speak  
9 and significant emotional pain and anguish. Plaintiff is thus entitled to a declaration  
10 that Defendants violated his First Amendment rights. Additionally, Plaintiff is  
11 entitled to damages in an amount to be determined by the Court, and the reasonable  
12 costs of this lawsuit, including his reasonable attorneys' fees.

### 13 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 14 **Declaratory Judgment and Injunction (28 U.S.C. § 2201, et seq.)**

15 101. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each of the foregoing allegations in this  
16 Complaint.

17 102. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Plaintiff and  
18 Defendants concerning Plaintiff's rights under the United States Constitution and  
19 under California's Constitution. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate  
20 at this time as to Counts I through VII above.

21 103. Plaintiff desires a judicial determination of his rights against  
22 Defendants as they pertain to Plaintiff's right to speak, assemble, and distribute  
23 literature on the outdoor campus areas of Modesto Junior College without being  
24 subjected to a prior restraint or "time, place, and manner" regulations that are  
25 unreasonable, that are not narrowly tailored to serve a substantial governmental  
26 interest, and that do not leave open ample alternative channels of communication.

27 104. To prevent further violation of Plaintiff's constitutional rights by  
28 Defendants, it is appropriate and proper that a declaratory judgment issue, pursuant

1 to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 57, declaring the District's and the  
2 College's policies unconstitutional.

3 105. Furthermore, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2202 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, it is  
4 appropriate and hereby requested that this Court issue a permanent injunction  
5 prohibiting the Defendants from enforcing their restrictions on Plaintiff's expressive  
6 activities to the extent they are unconstitutional, to prevent the ongoing violation of  
7 Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Plaintiff and his fellow students are suffering  
8 irreparable harm from continued enforcement of the District's and College's  
9 unconstitutional policies, monetary damages are inadequate to remedy their harm,  
10 and the balance of equities and public interest both favor a grant of injunctive relief.

11 **VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

12 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Robert Van Tuinen respectfully requests that the  
13 Court enter judgment against Defendants and provide Plaintiff the following relief:

14 A. A declaratory judgment stating that Defendants' speech codes are  
15 unconstitutional facially and as-applied and that they violate the Plaintiff's rights as  
16 guaranteed under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States  
17 Constitution and by the Liberty of Speech Clause of California's Constitution;

18 B. A permanent injunction restraining enforcement of Defendants'  
19 unconstitutional speech codes and enforcement practices;

20 C. A declaratory judgment that Defendants' censorship of Plaintiff's  
21 expressive activity of distributing copies of the U.S. Constitution without prior  
22 approval and outside the "free speech zone" violated his First and Fourteenth  
23 Amendment rights and the California Constitution's Liberty of Speech Clause;

24 D. Monetary damages in an amount to be determined by the Court to  
25 compensate for the Defendants' application of the illegal speech codes to interfere  
26 with Plaintiff's expressive activity of distributing copies of the U.S. Constitution  
27 without prior approval and outside the "free speech zone;"  
28



1 E. Plaintiff's reasonable costs and expenses of this action, including  
2 attorneys' fees, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 1988, Cal. Code Civ. Proc.  
3 § 1021.5, and other applicable law; and

4 F. All other further relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

5 **VIII. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

6 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all issues properly triable by jury in this  
7 action.

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9 DATED: October 10, 2013 DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP  
10 ROBERT CORN-REVERE (*pro hac vice to be filed*)  
11 RONALD G. LONDON (*pro hac vice to be filed*)  
12 LISA B. ZYCHERMAN (*pro hac vice to be filed*)  
13 ROCHELLE L. WILCOX

14 By: /s/ Rochelle L. Wilcox  
Rochelle L. Wilcox

15 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
16 Robert Van Tuinen

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<p><b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b></p> <p>ROBERT VAN TUINEN</p> <p><b>(b)</b> County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Stanislaus</u> <i>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</i></p> <p><b>(c)</b> Attorneys <i>(Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)</i> Rochelle L. Wilcox Davis Wright Tremaine LLP 865 South Figueroa Street, Suite 2400 Los Angeles, California 90017 Telephone: (213) 633-6800</p>	<p><b>DEFENDANTS</b></p> <p>YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DR. JOAN SMITH, JILL STEARNS, MICHAEL GUERRA, BRENDA THAMES, BECKY CROW, CHRISTINE SERRANO, DOE DEFENDANT I</p> <p>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u>N/A</u> <i>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</i></p> <p>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.</p> <p>Attorneys <i>(If Known)</i> Unknown</p>
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**V. ORIGIN** *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

1 Original Proceeding     2 Removed from State Court     3 Remanded from Appellate Court     4 Reinstated or Reopened     5 Transferred from Another District *(specify)*     6 Multidistrict Litigation

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing *(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):*  
42 U.S.C. § 1983

Brief description of cause:  
Civil rights action to vindicate constitutional free speech rights

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Amount to be DEMAND \$ determined by Court    CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

**JURY DEMAND:**     Yes     No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S)  
IF ANY**

*(See instructions):*

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

10/10/2013

/s/ Rochelle L. Wilcox

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**

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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
- United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

**EXHIBIT A**



**Policy**

**3900 Time, Place & Manner**

The Colleges of the District are non-public forums, except for those areas designated as “free speech areas”, which are limited public forums. The Chancellor shall enact such administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place and manner of the exercise of free expression in the limited public forums.

The administrative procedures promulgated by the Chancellor shall not prohibit the right of students to exercise free expression, including but not limited to the use of bulletin boards designated for such use, the distribution of printed materials or petitions in those parts of the College designated as “free speech areas”, and the wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the regulation of hate violence, so long as the regulation conforms to the requirements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and of Section 2 of Article 1 of the California Constitution.

**References:**

Education Code Section [76067](#), [76120](#), [66301](#)

**Adopted:** June 28, 2004

**Revision Adopted:** May 13, 2009

## Administrative Procedure

### 3900 Time, Place & Manner

- I. The students of the District shall be permitted to exercise their rights of free expression subject to the time, place, and manner policies and procedures contained in Board Policy 3900 and these procedures.
- II. The Colleges of the District are non-public forums, except for designated areas generally available to students and the community, as follows:
  - A. Modesto Junior College (East Campus) the area(s) generally available to students and the community is designated as the stage area Northeast section of the Quad. The Free Speech boards are located in front of the Student Center.
  - B. At Modesto Junior College (West Campus) generally available to students and the community is designated in the Quad area in between Yosemite and Sierra Halls. The Free Speech boards are located outside the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center.
  - C. At Columbia College, the area(s) generally available to students and the community are designated in *Columbia College Guidelines and Procedures for Requesting College Facilities for Free Speech* which can be obtained at the Office of Vice President for Student Learning.
- III. The areas generally available to students and the community are limited public forums. The District reserves the right to revoke that designation and apply a non-public forum designation at its discretion.
  - A. The District reserves the right to designate areas as non-public forums as necessary to prevent the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the Colleges. Areas of the Colleges that are non-public forums specifically include campus offices, classrooms, warehouses, maintenance yards, and locker rooms.
- IV. The use of area(s) generally available to students and the community is subject to the following:
  - A. Persons using the area(s) generally available to students and the community and/or distributing material in the areas generally available to students and the community shall not impede the progress of passersby, nor shall they force passersby to take material.
  - B. No person using the area(s) generally available to students and the community shall touch, strike or impede the progress of passersby, except for incidental or accidental contact, or contact initiated by a passerby.
  - C. Persons using an area(s) generally available to students and the community shall not use any means of amplification that creates a noise or diversion that disturbs or tends to disturb the orderly conduct of the campus or classes taking place at that time.



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- 2 D. No persons using the area(s) generally available to students and the community shall solicit
- 3 donations of money, through direct requests for funds, sales of tickets or otherwise, except
- 4 where he or she is using the area(s) generally available to students and the community on
- 5 behalf of and collecting funds for an organization that is registered with the Secretary of
- 6 State as a nonprofit corporation or is an approved Associated Students Organization or club.
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- 8 E. Persons using the area(s) generally available to students and the community shall not
- 9 disrupt the orderly operation of the college.
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- 11 F. Unauthorized camping is prohibited.
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- 13 V. All persons using the area(s) generally available to students and the community of the colleges
- 14 shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter.
- 15 Such distribution shall take place only within the area(s) generally available to students and the
- 16 community. Material distributed in the area(s) generally available to students and the
- 17 community that is discarded or dropped in or around the area(s) generally available to students
- 18 and the community other than in an appropriate receptacle must be retrieved and removed or
- 19 properly discarded by those persons distributing the material prior to their departure from the
- 20 area(s) generally available to students and the community that day.
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- 22 VI. Posting: Students shall be provided with bulletin boards for use in posting student materials at
- 23 campus locations convenient for student use. All materials displayed on a bulletin board shall
- 24 clearly indicate the author or agency responsible for its production, the name of the person
- 25 requesting the posting, and shall be dated and approved by the Student Development and
- 26 Campus Life Office on the East and West Campus for Modesto Junior College, and the designee
- 27 of the Learning Support Services office at Columbia College.
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29 **References:**

30 Education Code Section [76120](#)

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32 **Procedure Last Revised:** April 11, 2007, May 9, 2012

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**EXHIBIT B**



**Modesto Junior College**  
**Guidelines and Procedure for Requesting**  
**College Facilities for Free Speech**

The Yosemite Community College District (“YCCD”) Board policy 5550, in furtherance of and consistent with California Education Code § 76120, provides the Colleges of the District are non-public forums, except for those areas on each campus designated as “free speech areas,” which are deemed limited public forums. The Chancellor shall enact such regulations and administrative procedures as are necessary to reasonably regulate the time, place and manner of the exercise of free expression in the limited public forums. These regulations shall be (1) content-neutral; (2) narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental interest; and (3) leave open ample alternative channels of communication.

YCCD Board policy 5550 allows Modesto Junior College to establish institutional regulations and procedures, and in accordance with Board policy, Modesto Junior College has established such regulations and procedures to provide students and community members with the opportunity to exercise their right of expression, while fostering an atmosphere and conditions in which Modesto Junior College’s educational mission can be carried out without disruption. Modesto Junior College shall identify appropriate locations on campus to be used as limited public forum use as prescribed by YCCD Board Policy.

Limited public forums on Modesto Junior College’s campus are identified herein below:

- A. Modesto Junior College (East Campus) the area(s) generally available to students and the community is designated as the stage area northeast of the Quad. The Free Speech boards are located in front of the Student Center.
- B. Modesto Junior College (West Campus) generally available to students and the community is designated in the Quad area in between Yosemite and Sierra Halls. The Free Speech boards are located inside Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center.

Modesto Junior College reserves the right to assign applicants to use limited public forum locations based upon College operations.

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**GUIDELINES:**

1. No event, speech, demonstration, activity or other exercise of “Free Speech” on campus shall interfere with or disrupt the educational process or other scheduled activities of the campus or its facilities.
2. To insure no conflicts with scheduled campus events, all college and non-college groups and individuals are to request advance approval.
3. Modesto Junior College recognizes the right of free expression, but encourages speakers to be respectful of all people. The following examples are considered unprotected speech, and will not be tolerated: threats, incitement of imminent lawless action, racial and sexual harassment, fighting words, obscenity and defamation.
4. Cooperation with Modesto Junior College staff is expected when visiting the campus and/or using campus tables, equipment and facilities.
5. Compliance with pertinent college, city, state and federal regulations.
6. The signature of the requesting/responsible party indicates agreement to work within these guidelines, and if the application is submitted on behalf of a college group, the requesting college representative agrees to attend and supervise the entire event.
7. Use of free speech areas is limited to normal hours of college operation.
8. Refusal to cooperate with the above guidelines will subject the user to possible punitive action, including, but not limited to, termination of the program in process; denial of further use of Free Speech Areas; Discipline; Probation; Suspension; Expulsion and/or Removal from campus. Modesto Junior College students have the right to appeal the decision of the designated college official.

**PROCEDURES:**

**Students and Student Groups:** To use the free speech areas, student groups or individuals must submit a completed “Limited Public Forum Request Form” to the Office of Student Development and Campus Life for approval not less than five (5) working days prior to the proposed date of use. In order to provide the most access to the most people, no individual or group may reserve free speech areas more than eight (8) hours per semester. Requests for additional time per semester may be authorized by administration if space and time is available. Student requests submitted less than five (5) working days before the proposed date of use (“last minute requests”) will be considered, but must be reviewed by the Student Activities Advisor, and reconciled with the College Facilities Office.

**Non-Students and Off-campus groups:** To use the free speech areas, non-students and groups from off-campus must submit a completed “Limited Public Forum Request Form” to the Office of Student Development and Campus Life for approval not less than five (5) working days prior to the proposed date of use. In order to provide the most access to the most people, no individual or group may reserve free speech areas more than eight (8) hours per semester. Requests for additional time per semester may be authorized by administration if space and time is available. No last minute requests are permitted.

**CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION:**

If cancellation is necessary, immediate notice shall be given to the Office of Student Development and Campus Life.

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**EXHIBIT C**

**EXHIBIT D**



**Limited Public Forum Request Form**  
5 Working Days Required for Processing

Applicant/Organization:

Are you and/or the Group: a Student \_\_\_\_\_ or Non-Student \_\_\_\_\_ ? (mark one)

Date Requested:

Hours of Use: \_\_\_\_\_ East Campus \_\_\_\_\_ West Campus \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Use:

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Will there be amplified sound? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (mark one)

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any additional set up requirements you may require (i.e., tables, chairs, etc.) and/or any materials you will bring on to the campus (petitions, displays, printed materials, promotional items, etc):

**Requesting / Responsible Party Contact Information:**

Physical Address:

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Identification and ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Office Staff ID Verification \_\_\_\_\_

(Initial)

Your signature(s) below affirm the guidelines for use of the free speech areas will be followed.

Date:

Applicant's Authorized Signature

**FOR COLLEGE USE ONLY:**

Date Application Received:

Approved by SD/CL: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Approved by Vice President- Student Services: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Approved by President: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

(President approval required **only** if Applicant is a for-profit organization)

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