## FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS

## RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE: DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES Welcome and Guidelines for Exercising Free Expression on our Campus

Dear Guest/Speaker/Visitor,

Welcome to Riverside City College. As an institution of higher learning, we strongly support and uphold the First Amendment and your right to free speech and expression. We are, first and foremost, a learning institution—obligated and committed to ensuring that teaching and instruction can occur without outside interference.

To ensure that all members of our community can engage safely and meaningfully, our district has established content-neutral Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) regulations in accordance with state and federal law and Supreme Court precedent, which is referenced on the reverse of this document. These policies are designed not to limit speech based on viewpoint, but to preserve the educational environment, protect public safety, and ensure that expressive activities do not interfere with the rights of others.

## The public forums on our campus are located along Terracina Drive, from the southwest corner of the Ceramics Building to Mine Okubo Avenue; as well as at the MLK Promenade and Aguilar Patio.

While engaging in expressive activity, all participants must adhere to applicable campus conduct standards. Harassing behavior—including following individuals, impeding their movement, disrupting classes or campus operations, or otherwise detracting from the educational process—is strictly prohibited. To ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors, no expressive activity is permitted in non-public forums, specifically including campus offices, classrooms, warehouses, maintenance yards, locker rooms, or any other area not specified above in the public forum spaces.

Speech that is obscene, defamatory, or incites students to imminent lawless action on community college premises—or the violation of lawful community college regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the community college—shall be prohibited. These actions are not protected forms of speech under college policy or the law.

## Any violation of these expectations may result in a verbal or written warning. Continued violations could lead to removal from campus and referral to appropriate legal or administrative channels.

Riverside Community College District Policy No. 3550 Student Services BP 3550 SPEECH: TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER References: Education Code Sections 66301 and 76120. Penal Code Sections 602.1, 626.4 and 626.6 https://rccd.edu/bot/board-policies/chapter-3-student-services/3550.pdf For guestions or concerns, please contact the VIce President of Student Services at 951-222-8073



