



BP 6700 CIVIC CENTER USE

References:

Education Code Sections 82537 and 82542
Title 5 Sections 59601 et seq.

Santa Barbara City College is available for civic center use by the public under applicable law. The civic center areas include lecture halls, dining spaces, classrooms, theatres, a gymnasium, stadium, and other open space areas. Use of civic center areas is granted as provided by law. The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures regarding the use of District civic center areas by community groups and other 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 further assure that persons or organizations using District property that may be charged facilities use fees, are charged only such fees as are authorized by law. Public use of civic center areas shall not interfere with programs, operations, or other activities of the District as are required for purposes of the District.

No group or organization may use civic center areas for purposes that unlawfully discriminate on a basis described in BP 3400 Protected Classes.

Use of civic center areas is limited to the purposes described by the California Legislature in Education Code Section 82537(a). These purposes include use by citizens' organizations, clubs, and 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)).

Additionally, in granting permission to use civic center areas, 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.

General public and/or commercial use of civic center areas without District approval is prohibited.

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