



## **POMONA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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### **Board of Trustees Statement on Free Expression**

Since our founding, Pomona College has placed open dialogue at the core of a liberal arts education. Today, as a community made stronger by our differences, we affirm that the best defense of principle is through strong argument.

Pomona has not been immune from the fractious and difficult dialogue that currently permeates the public sphere. The inherent tension that diversity of viewpoints, experiences, and identities brings is part of who we are, even as we remain focused on our educational mission in the face of a seemingly ever more divided society. The Pomona College Board of Trustees welcomes a wide range of points of view on Pomona's campus – even those that may be unpopular. Being exposed to ideas that challenge conventional wisdom, biases, and preconceptions is an essential part of a liberal arts education. As such, the Board supports those who engage in peaceful protest, and opposes on principle any action that seeks to silence the voice of any member of our College community (including those invited to speak at the Claremont Colleges).

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