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Mayor Mahan and Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Crimson Courage* to support of adoption of this resolution.

Universities in America are among the greatest universities in the world. With the UC campuses, the State Universities, and the community colleges, California has the greatest public higher education system in the world.

These institutions are under threat from a federal administration that is opposed to academic freedom, scientific research based on merit, and campus diversity. Instead it wishes to impose political ideology on who is taught, who teaches, what is taught and what is researched. It is a fundamental threat to an innovation based economy.

We here in the Bay Area understand the power of fundamental research. It was basic research at Stanford University that gave birth to the tremendous economic engine of Silicon Valley.

Major medical advances achieved by federally funded university research are far too numerous to list.

Current events here at San Jose State University are a blatant example of the attempted imposition of political ideology over law. SJSU allowed a transgender woman to compete in 2022 - 2024. She was in total compliance with existing law. Ignoring that law, the current federal administration accused SJSU of violating Title IX and threatens to terminate federal funding for the university. An ideologically driven government that ignores existing law is engaged in acts of tyranny. The California State University system courageously confronted this intimidation by filing its own suit against DOE and the Secretary of Education.

The federal administration has sued UCLA for \$1 Billion. There is no rational or legal support for such an amount. The suit is obvious extortion. President Trump has said that he wants to make UCLA a "conservative campus."

Harvard has won two lawsuits brought by the federal administration. Last Friday, the DOJ filed a third suit against Harvard, this one for \$1 Billion. The lawsuit is based on a claim of antisemitism. In a previous lawsuit the federal district court found that the charges of antisemitism against Harvard were a "smokescreen" for an attack on higher education. The new case is apparently more of the same.

It is going to take a massive collective effort to protect academic freedom and an innovation economy. Situated in the heart of Silicon Valley, San Jose has a unique and powerful national voice. The attack on SJSU is an assertion of tyranny that cries out for response. It is vitally important that the nation hears your voice.

Approval of this resolution will inspire other local governments with campus communities to speak out. All our voices are needed.

Tom Adams

*Crimson Courage is a Harvard University alumni group formed to fight for academic freedom. Crimson Courage has currently engaged more than 20,000 alumni. I am a volunteer for Crimson Courage. Now retired, I have practiced law in the Bay Area for 50 years.



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