



Official Statement from the College

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Statement on Charlottesville and Its Aftermath

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."
--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The entire community of City College of San Francisco joins together in condemning the recent violence in Charlottesville and in mourning the loss of Heather Heyer who died standing up for what she believed in, for spreading love in the midst of hatred.

We therefore exercise our own moral duty to make absolutely clear, as our president has not, that we condemn the violent words and actions of hate groups and racist groups, wherever they may be, and we will continue to work tirelessly in the cause of social justice.

We also support Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi's call for the National Park Service to reconsider issuing a permit for an alt-right white supremacist rally scheduled for August 26 at Crissy Field in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

On the entrance of our science building, this message has been etched in stone for nearly eighty years: "The Truth Shall Set You Free." City College has a long, proud tradition of educating people for responsible citizenship and service to our community. As we begin the new academic year next week, we invite our faculty, staff and students to take a moment of silence in memory of Heather Heyer and others who have sacrificed for the cause of peace and justice. We look forward in the days ahead to working with many others in our college community to organize peaceful protest and teach-ins in the cause of an inclusive society that fully respects the humanity of each of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark W. Rocha".

For the College

Mark W. Rocha, Chancellor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thea Selby".

For the Board of Trustees

Thea Selby, President