

**Subject:** [ALL\_STUDENTS] CMC's Demonstration Complaint  
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**To:** All\_Students Mailing List

Dear Students,

This letter is in follow-up to [CMC's demonstration complaint](#) from last Spring semester.

After a comprehensive review of photos and videos sent by CMC, we have concluded the investigation into allegations that Pomona students violated the Demonstrations Policy of the Claremont University Consortium. While the visual documentation shows that Pomona students were present and did block access to buildings, there was no evidence that participants were instructed to disperse. Further, there was no indication of property damage or physical altercations. When policy violations become apparent during protest activities, Pomona College's approach has been to engage in conversations with students, reminding them of the policy. The aim is to provide an opportunity for students to protest in a responsible manner, respectful to others and consistent with our community values.

Further, in the case of some minor violations of the Demonstrations Policy, the College usually seeks to issue to individuals a reminder of the policy and provide notice, such as this letter, that future violations could result in more severe disciplinary action. Since we were unable to identify every Pomona student present at the event, we are sending a reminder to all students that the Pomona College Demonstration Policy prohibits actions that become disruptive or non-peaceable, infringe upon the rights of others, threaten property or impede the business of any of the Colleges or CUC. As stated in the policy, "[d]isruptive actions or demonstrations are those that restrict free movement on any of the campuses, or interfere with, or impede access to, regular activities or facilities of any of the Colleges or CUC."

Pomona's full demonstration policy, which is a shared Claremont Colleges policy, can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).

As always, Pomona College maintains a deep commitment to student rights to protest and dissent, and strongly supports the rights to free speech and assembly. If anyone has any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Best,

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