

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
University Senate

Sense of the Senate Resolution on
Affirming Opposition to Militarization and Military Intervention

18-25/26-University Senate – February 17, 2026

WHEREAS: The 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq has been widely criticized for its humanitarian and geopolitical consequences—including prolonged instability, civilian suffering, and long-term regional disruption^[1,2]—serves as a historical example of the serious costs of military intervention; and

WHEREAS: Recent U.S. military operations in Venezuela^[3], potential intervention in Greenland^[4], and proposals for action against Iran reflect patterns of colonialism’s harm, weaken diplomatic and peaceful alternatives, and raise concerns about regional and global destabilization; and

WHEREAS: Longstanding conflicts in and around Palestine^[5] demonstrate the enduring human toll of militarized occupation and intervention, and the Cal Poly Humboldt University Senate called for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza in April 2024^[6]; and

WHEREAS: Public resources directed toward military intervention and militarized enforcement reduce available funding for public education, including instruction, student support services, mental health resources, research, and international academic exchange^[7]; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt affirms its opposition to militarization and military intervention in Venezuela, Greenland, Iran, and Palestine, and supports diplomatic, humanitarian, and international legal approaches to conflict resolution in all geopolitical conflicts and contexts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be distributed to:

- The President of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Richard Carvajal*;
- General Faculty President of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Chris Harmon*;
- Staff Council Chair of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Kathy Hudson*;
- President of Associated Students of Cal Poly Humboldt, *Eduardo Cruz*;
- California State Student Association (CSSA);
- Chair of the Academic Senate of the California State University, *Elizabeth Boyd*;
- The Chancellor of the California State University System, *Mildred Garcia*;
- The Governor of California, *Gavin Newsom*;
- California United States Senators *Alex Padilla* and *Adam Schiff*; and

- California's Second Congressional District Representative, Congressman *Jared Huffman*.

Notes

[1] Consequences of the 2003 Iraq War, *Iraq 20 Years After the Invasion*, Center for Strategic and International Studies
(<https://www.csis.org/analysis/iraq-20-years-after-invasion-humanitarian-displacement-and-climate-change-challenges>)

[2] *The 2003 Iraq War and Its Aftermath*, Global Complexity
(<https://www.globalcomplexity.org/the-2003-iraq-war-and-its-aftermath>).

[3] The 2026 U.S. military intervention in Venezuela and international legal concerns
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_United_States_intervention_in_Venezuela).

[4] *Seizing Greenland is Worse Than a Bad Deal*, Center for Strategic and International Studies
(<https://www.csis.org/analysis/seizing-greenland-worse-bad-deal>)

[5] The historical complexity and humanitarian toll of long-term conflict in the Palestinian territories and the Middle East (<https://academic.oup.com/ia/article/99/2/567/7034357>).

[6] Sense of the Senate Resolution on A Call for Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, Approved by SenEx: April 26, 2024.
https://senate.humboldt.edu/sites/default/files/26-23_24-ex-calling_for_an_immediate_ceasefire_in_gaza.pdf

[7] Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, statements on protecting international and immigrant students and scholars. (<https://www.presidentsalliance.org>)