

**San José State University
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**SS-S24-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, In Support of
Blood Drives on Campus**

Whereas, San José State University continues to affirm its commitment to “creating a diverse community guided by core values of inclusion, civility, and respect for each individual,” (University Policy S01-13: Commitment to a Campus Climate that Values Diversity and Equal Opportunity¹), and

Whereas, In 2008, President Don W. Kassing reaffirmed the University’s commitment to equitable practices by suspending campus blood drives, recognizing that the “Food and Drug Administration’s regulations prohibit gay men from donating blood because of their sexual orientation,²” are discriminatory, and

Whereas, The Academic Senate of San José State University “support[ed] and commend[ed] President Don W. Kassing for his courage, leadership and commitment to academic principles of equal opportunity and respect for human dignity” in passing the Sense of the Senate Resolution SS-S08-1: Commending President Don W. Kassing For Supporting San Jose State University’s Commitment to Non-Discrimination by Suspending Campus Blood Drives², and

¹ <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S01-13.pdf>

² <https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SS-S08-1.pdf>

Whereas, In May 2023, the Food and Drug Administration amended rules regarding blood donation, replacing discriminatory bans with non-gendered, individual risk assessment questionnaires that apply equally to all³, and

Whereas, The Academic Senate of San José State University recognizes that this data-driven, equitable approach to blood donation now aligns with our non-discrimination principles, and provides equal opportunity for the LGBTQI+ community to participate in blood donation. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in response to the Food and Drug Administration’s revised policies regarding blood donation, the Academic Senate of San José State University supports resumption of blood drives on our campus.

Approved: January 29, 2024

Vote: 13-0-0

Present: Doshi, Giampaolo, Guzman, Jackson (non-voting), Masegian, Mathur, Muller, Multani, Rollerson, Sabalius, Sen, Sullivan-Green, Vogel, Wolcott

Absent: Brown, Leisenring, Meniketti, Price, Tucker

Financial Impact: None

Workload Impact: None

³ Food and Drug Administration (2023, May 11). *FDA Finalizes Move to Recommend Individual Risk Assessment to Determine Eligibility for Blood Donations*. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-finalizes-move-recommend-individual-risk-assessment-determine-eligibility-blood-donations>, Retrieved January 27, 2024