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## **PROMOTING MASCOT NAME CHANGE AND DECOLONIZING INSTITUTIONAL NOMENCLATURE**

WHEREAS, many community colleges, including Moorpark College, have mascots, monikers, and nomenclature that could indicate negative historical significance, contributing to an atmosphere that disregards the harmful aspects of colonial history, and negatively impacting students from marginalized communities;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to acknowledge the harmful effects of colonialism and its ongoing impact on indigenous communities, and to actively work towards creating a more inclusive and respectful environment within our institution <sup>[1]</sup>,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Moorpark College (ASMC) Board of Directors calls on Moorpark College to rename our mascot from the "Raider," a term that evokes negative associations with violence, aggression, and conquest <sup>[1]</sup>; historically, it is linked with warfare and territorial expansion;

RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors encourages Moorpark College to actively consult nearby indigenous communities to ensure cultural sensitivity, inclusivity, and accuracy in representation and education. We aim to honor and celebrate Chumash culture and heritage;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors advocates for the decolonization of institutional nomenclature by encouraging nomenclature for any new buildings to be honoring individuals and symbols tied to the Chumash people.

### **Citations:**

[1] *Toronto high school shelves 'Raiders' sports team names due to slavery concerns.* (2023, January 26). True North | Breaking Canadian News and Opinion.

<https://tnc.news/2023/01/26/high-school-sports-team-name1/>