

# Free Speech at The Beach





What is the name of this area on campus?





What happens here on a regular basis?





### What is Free Speech?

## Free speech is a constitutional right guaranteed by the First Amendment:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."







### Hate Speech vs Hate Crime

#### **Hate Speech**

Speech that verbally attacks a group or idea on the basis of attributes such as race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc. This IS protected under the First Amendment.

#### **Hate Crime**

A criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity. This IS NOT protected under the First Amendment.







## What Can You Do? Ignore it

 You are never obligated to listen to any on-campus protesters

#### **Counter-Protest**

- Regardless of how much you disagree with someone's opinion, they cannot be physically touched
- Voicing opposition <u>example</u>







## Support Services







www.csulb.edu/freespeech

**Counseling and Psychological Services** 

Location: Brotman Hall-226

**University Police Department** 

Main: South of SRWC Substation: USU-239





Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development *Location: USU-219* 

Office of Multicultural Affairs Location: USU-222 & 224





## Questions

