

## **Terms and Conditions of Student Leadership Council's Resolution Opposing Coca-Cola**

Whereas, starting on the date of March 2, 2004 the Student Leadership Council of College of DuPage publicly condemns the actions of Coca-Cola and their business partners in the country of Colombia.

Whereas, S.L.C. publicly condemns the actions such as kidnapping, torture and murder carried out in collaboration with the business partners of Coca-Cola, namely Bebidas Y Alimentos and Panamco in an effort of union busting.

Whereas, S.L.C. has found the accusations of kidnapping, torture and murder against Coca-Cola and their business partners to be true because of individual testimonies and the conclusive findings of human rights organizations, workers rights organizations and other labor unions.

Whereas, S.L.C. condemns this out of a respect for human rights and in accordance with the United Nations international law providing for freedoms of association, the spirit of the S.L.C.'s Mission Statement and the Mission Statement of College of DuPage.

Whereas, S.L.C. takes this action in support of, and in solidarity with the Colombian people.

Whereas, S.L.C. takes this action in support of, and in solidarity with any and all victims of violence committed by these companies and by the paramilitary operations.

Whereas, S.L.C. takes this action in support of, and in solidarity with Louis Aldofo Cardona, a friend of students at the College of DuPage, a man who has personally experienced this violence and continues to speak out about the issue.

Whereas, S.L.C. publicly condemns promotion or sale of any and all Coca-Cola products on the facilities and campuses of College of DuPage.

Whereas, S.L.C. will send a letter to Coca-Cola to make it known to the perpetrators that these actions will be neither tolerated, nor promoted at our college.

Whereas, S.L.C. will adhere to this policy until further conclusive examination into the situations shows that similar actions have been stopped, that connections from Coca-Cola and it's business partners to the paramilitary forces are cut, that the workers there are free to form a union if they so please and reparation be paid to those who have suffered because of these actions.

Whereas, S.L.C. will end this condemnation on the Coca-Cola Company and its business partners if the conditions of the above paragraph are proven to be true, and the group votes to end this stance.

## **Resolution from the Student Leadership Council of the College of DuPage Opposing Coca-Cola Products**

March 9, 2004

On February 17, 2004 Campus Greens' representatives Anthony Massih and Ellen Rebman presented to Student Leadership Council a proposal to oppose carrying Coca-Cola products at College of DuPage and condemn actions taken by the parent company (Coca-Cola) and their business partners in Colombia. After the presentation the members decided that if we do vote to remove Coca-Cola a letter of proclamation is necessary to clearly send a message to the Coca-Cola Company. On March 2, 2004 Student Leadership Council voted in favor of a motion endorsing the removal of all Coca-Cola products from the College of DuPage campus.

This was done in light of the criticisms and evidence placed against the Coca-Cola Company by numerous groups and individuals including but not limited to the United Steel Workers of America, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the International Labor Rights Fund, the United Student Against Sweatshops and Luis Aldofo Cardona. These allegations include: kidnapping, torture, and the murder of workers involved in efforts to obtain better pay and benefits.

Coca-Cola's appalling behavior is one that threatens S.L.C.'s mission statement of "enhancing citizenship at our college and in our communities." Indeed, the College's mission statement also has a high demand specifically for "accountability." The S.L.C owns the responsibility of being a role model of leadership at C.O.D, takes these abuses seriously and find them intolerable. The S.L.C urges all C.O.D. campus Dining Services to remove all Coca-Cola products from its places of business. The S.L.C. will continue to maintain this scrutiny until Coca-Cola can adhere to S.L.C.'s "Terms and Conditions of Student Leadership Council's Resolution Opposing Coca-Cola." Furthermore, only when Coca-Cola and its business partners adhere to the prerequisites of the "Terms and Conditions of Student Leadership Council's Resolution Opposing Coca-Cola" will S.L.C. consider altering its stance.

Be It Therefore Resolved that Student Leadership Council endorses this call to action, and demands the immediate removal of all Coca-Cola products until such a time as the charges against Coca-Cola are no longer warranted to be true and the conditions from the previous two paragraphs have been met.

Signed.

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