

Censorship of Minuteman Project ending

Agreement calls for school to allow town hall meeting on illegals

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The Minuteman Project, an organization that concerns itself with the protection and sanctity of the U.S. border, will be given access to public facilities at Compton [Community](#) College in California for a town hall meeting under a lawsuit settlement that is being worked out now.

Lawyer Michael Sands of the [Pro Family Law Center](#) told WND that an agreement with the [school](#) should be final shortly.

The lawsuit had been filed when Compton officials refused the Minuteman Project permission to use any facilities on campus for a town hall meeting about illegal immigration, border security and other issues, citing a rule against allowing buildings to be used by "special interest or advocacy groups."

But documents obtained by the organization showed the school already had opened up its facilities to a "Farrakan Event," a "Multi-cultural Youth Peace Summit/Registration Drive" and "The Black Student Union and Muhammad's Mosque Peacemakers."

"Once you open up a school to one special interest group, you have to provide equal access," Sands told WND at the time. "They (school officials) could be putting forth some sort of agenda. They have to open up their facilities to all other groups who properly apply for permission."

The organization works to publicize such concerns over the integrity of the U.S. borders, and works to raise the profile of the issue, as well as develop support for solutions. Spokesman Marvin Stewart told WND the new date for the event now has been scheduled for Aug. 11, and he's already assembled a tentative list of guest speakers for the event.

The subject of discussion will be the "impact of illegal immigration on the city of Compton and the surrounding areas," Stewart said.

The original request had been rejected by Jamillah Moore, interim superintendent of Compton Community College, and the lawsuit alleged the school denied the Minuteman Project equal access to the use of facilities based on the content of the speech intended to be engaged in by the Minuteman Project.

The school has offered to pay the Minuteman Project \$9,000 in fees and damages and will allow the group's use of campus facilities with the main requirement information about counter-demonstrators who could be expected, in order to prepare security, officials said.

Sands said he understands the school's need for information that could help it prepare security.

"I don't think that's burdensome on my client, to basically provide that information to them," he told WND.

He said the school also previously had demanded a \$14,000 security fee from the organization, a fee not charged to others using the facilities, so that now has been waived.