

Government Relations Platform

Preamble

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the premier advocacy and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience. As such, NPC monitors legislative and regulatory issues on the state and national level that impact it and its 26 member organizations. NPC encourages civic engagement from our members. We call on sorority women to display conviction by supporting our core principles, defending the experience, and advocating in support of positions related to three legislative pillars that comprise the NPC government relations agenda.

Pillar One: Preservation of the sorority experience

- Protect and defend our organizations' right to operate and exist as single-sex organizations
- Protect and defend our individual and collective freedom of assembly and freedom of association
- Protect and defend against threats to the due process rights for organizations

Note: The term "single-sex" is used accordingly in reference to our organizations that are women's only. We understand that many members may prefer the term "single-gender" and that there is a difference between the two words; however, "single-sex" is used within Title IX and NPC Unanimous Agreement X. For consistency purposes, we have chosen to use "single-sex" here.

Pillar Two: Promotion of college affordability

- Advocate for parity in the tax code to benefit students living in nonprofit housing
- Advocate to preserve the current value of charitable deductions
- Monitor issues related to college affordability

Pillar Three: Advancement of student and campus safety

- Support efforts to provide enhanced safety measures for sorority women in sorority-managed housing
- Advocate for state and federal legislation that appropriately defines hazing as a crime and mandates accountability
- Advocate for state and federal legislation that promotes transparency of reporting hazing incidents on college campuses
- Encourage efforts to promote:
 - sexual violence prevention awareness
 - hazing prevention education
 - bystander behavior awareness and training
- Support efforts to discourage and prevent college/university designation of collegiate students, alumnae volunteers and sorority employees as Clery Act campus security authorities (CSAs) and mandatory reporters under Title IX legislation
- Monitor campus safety issues affecting our sorority women and all students