



OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY

To: Students Participating in Fossil Free Stanford Fossil Fuel Divestment Protest
 From: Stanford University
 Date: November 17, 2015
 RE: Fossil Fuel Divestment Protest

Unscheduled events and other unsanctioned gatherings are not allowed in the Main Quad under the Use of the Main Quad and Memorial Court Policy, <http://web.stanford.edu/dept/Events/policies/quad.html>. Further, no signs, placards, fliers and sandwich boards are permitted in and around the Stanford Oval, Memorial Court or the Main Quadrangle. As a participant in the Fossil Fuels Divestment Protest, an unscheduled and unsanctioned event, you are violating the university's Use of the Main Quad Policy. As a Stanford student, you are expected to comply with university policies and failure to do so is grounds for referral to the Office of Community Standards for disciplinary review under the Fundamental Standard.

In order to comply with university policy, you must leave the Main Quad with your belongings and the university is instructing you to do so.

Further, your actions have prevented the usual conduct of university matters in Building 10, which includes the offices of the President and Provost among others. Interfering with or obstructing lawful business is criminal trespass under California law, which is a misdemeanor. Should the matter be prosecuted and should there be a conviction, this result would come to light in any background check, such as a pre-employment background check.

Please make sure that you are aware of these potential consequences and be prepared to accept them. Further, there could be additional concerns including but not limited to compliance with fire codes; you are responsible for compliance with all laws and university policies relating to your actions.

White Plaza Alternative: The university has determined that provided the Fossil Fuel Divestment Protest operates in a peaceful and safe manner, it will authorize this protest to continue (including permission for overnight camping) in White Plaza through the conclusion of fall quarter. This permission is subject to revocation if the situation becomes unsafe or if the protest interferes with the university's obligation to provide a safe and productive living, working and academic environment. Amplified sound is not permitted, except during the noon hour or as otherwise permitted by the University. Except that camping has been permitted through the conclusion of fall quarter, students must otherwise comply with the general policies established for White Plaza, <https://sal.stanford.edu/plan-event/venues/outdoor-spaces/white-memorial-plaza>.



OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM FOSSIL FREE STANFORD

To: Stanford University President John Hennessy and the Board of Trustees
 From: Students Participating in Fossil Free Stanford Fossil Fuel Divestment Sit-In
 Date: November 18, 2015
 RE: Your investments in the destruction of our planet

The Fundamental Standard states that we must "show... such respect for order, morality, personal honour and the rights of others as is demanded of good citizens." Further, Stanford's [founding grant and mission statement](#) establish that the University should "promote the public welfare by exercising an influence in behalf of humanity and civilization." By choosing to continue to invest in the fossil fuel industry, thereby fueling climate destruction and environmental injustice, you are in violation of the Fundamental Standard. As a member of the Stanford Board of Trustees, you are expected to uphold our University's values and listen to the overwhelming consensus of the Stanford community.

In order to comply with Stanford University's mission and Fundamental Standard, you must immediately divest from the rest of the fossil fuel industry. The student body and Stanford community are instructing you to do so.

Climate change is already preventing the usual conduct of world matters, as drought, more frequent storms and floods, food instability, and sea level rise become a new reality. Continuing to maintain a vested interest in corporations destroying our planet and the livelihoods of millions is morally reprehensible. This decision will come to light in any background check performed by future generations.

Please make sure you are aware of the potential consequences of catastrophic climate change and continued investment in the fossil fuel industry. Can you accept the consequences of your own inaction?

White Plaza Alternative: You have instructed us to use White Plaza as an alternative space, and have even temporarily waived your usual restrictions on free speech. We will indeed spend time in White Plaza this week, following the leadership of Black students on campus today and to join Transgender Day of Remembrance on Friday.

We will remain in front of Building 10, though, specifically to call for action from President Hennessy and the Board of Trustees. We are here with the demands of the student body, faculty, and Stanford community, but also to learn and inspire each other to action. We continue to hope that you are open to inspiration as well. We will continue to hold our administration accountable. This movement is not going away.