



SORORITY MEMBERS URGE THE NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE AND ITS 26 SORORITY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS TO STAND UP FOR WOMEN

Today's sororities were founded in the late 1800s when women were not openly welcomed in college settings. By joining together, women reaped benefits in scholarship, leadership, and friendship. And until recently, sororities thrived on college campuses as unique places for women to form bonds of love and loyalty with sisters, away from the pressures and judgments that often accompany a co-ed environment.

Sadly, the very organization whose mission has been to support and empower women through single sex environments, has turned its back on women in the name of social convenience.

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the umbrella organization overseeing the 26 sororities and their over 5 million women sorority members. NPC leadership has let us down. In the summer of 2020, NPC appointed a small group of DEI consultants to push sororities to update their language and culture, leading sororities to initiate men identifying as women into sorority membership, housing, and leadership. What had been a safe environment for women for decades, has now become part of a dangerous social experiment that threatens the very safety and sanctity of women-only spaces.

In their own ways, each of the 26 NPC member organizations, often quietly, implemented NPC's recruitment policy which expands membership to anyone who "consistently lives and self-identifies as a woman." They've done this through online statements, not by legally altering their women-only organizational frameworks.

We know the leaders of NPC value the sorority experience. We know they loved the women-only environment during their own collegiate experiences.

So why are these leaders not standing up for women? Why are our organizations, whose mission is to support our young women, surrendering to efforts to erase the very concept of women as a distinct biological category?

We call on NPC and all NPC sororities to return to their stated missions of advocating for women and vigorously defending their right to provide a single-sex environment. We call on NPC and all NPC sororities to remove attempted alterations to member eligibility and instead proudly say no to men in women's spaces. Our predecessors fought too hard for us to throw it all away.

Leaders within NPC and its 26 sororities must choose to uphold their charters and support women-only membership. And if the current leaders cannot, we call on them to step down and be replaced by individuals who know what a woman is and will fight for her rights.

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Leadership from these 26 sorority member organizations:

Alpha Chi Omega	Delta Zeta
Alpha Delta Pi	Gamma Phi Beta
Alpha Epsilon Phi	Kappa Alpha Theta
Alpha Gamma Delta	Kappa Delta
Alpha Omicron Pi	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Alpha Phi	Phi Mu
Alpha Sigma Alpha	Phi Sigma Sigma
Alpha Sigma Tau	Pi Beta Phi
Alpha Xi Delta	Sigma Delta Tau
Chi Omega	Sigma Kappa
Delta Delta Delta	Sigma Sigma Sigma
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