

# Need Help with your Appeal?

A student advocate from Fresno City College may be available to help.

You can request a student advocate from the Fresno City College Municipal Court Student Advocacy Project to help with your appeal. Depending on availability and the circumstances of your appeal, a student advocate **may** do any of the following:

- Meet with you at FCC in advance of your appeal
- Explain the administrative appeal process prior to the hearing
- Review applicable provisions in the Municipal Code
- Help you to collect and present evidence to the Hearing Officer
- Assist you with making responsive arguments
- Appear with you at your hearing as a lay advocate
- Help you request to pay fees in installments or negotiate a payment plan

*(See back for more details)*

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You can request a student advocate from the Fresno City College Municipal Court Student Advocacy Project to help with your appeal. By requesting a student advocate on your appeal form, your contact information will be provided to a student in the Fresno City College pre-law program. If the student advocate is available to assist you, we will contact you within the next 1-2 business weeks.

### **Important Information**

*(Please read before requesting a student advocate)*

- You must be **self-represented** (not have a lawyer in your case) to qualify for assistance from a student advocate.
- Student advocates are pre-law students, not lawyers. We **cannot give you legal advice or be your lawyer**. We may give you legal information and forms, explain the administrative appeal process, refer you to local resources, and appear alongside you at your hearing as an advocate.
- **Bring an interpreter**. For faster assistance, please consider bringing an adult with you who is fluent in English and your language (reading and writing). If you email us before you meet with a student advocate (see contact information below), we may be able to schedule an interpreter to help during your visit. Please note: (1) interpreters may not be available at the time of your visit for all languages; (2) interpreters cannot complete forms for you.
- **Bring copies of any documents** you want to submit to the Hearing Officer in support of your case, as we may need them in order to help you.
- **No kids at the meeting** with your student advocate please.
- **Student advocates are not always available**.

If you have questions, please email Fresno City College pre-law counselor Logan Tennerelli, J.D., M.S., at [logan.tennerelli@fresnocitycollege.edu](mailto:logan.tennerelli@fresnocitycollege.edu).

For more information on the pre-law program at FCC, visit us online at [www.fresnocitycollege.edu/lawpathways](http://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/lawpathways)