



# Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

**ACTION**

Com. No. BT5

Division

Board of Trustees

Date: June 7, 2017

Subject: **RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT OF UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF ALL STUDENTS**

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Hoffman, Kamlager, and Pearlman:

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District’s mission is *“to provide our students with an excellent education that prepares them to transfer to four-year institutions, successfully complete workforce development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs, and pursue opportunities for lifelong learning and civic engagement”* without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, ancestry, disability, medical condition, genetic information, age, denial of family and medical care leave, and denial of pregnancy, disability leave or reasonable accommodation; and

WHEREAS, The California community colleges are open to all students who meet minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has issued a Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students that recognizes the System’s vision where, *“all people have the opportunity to reach their full educational potential; all people have the right to access quality higher education; and that the colleges embrace diversity in all of its forms;”* and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District, by ensuring our colleges are safe and inviting for all students and their families, will facilitate the physical safety and emotional well-being of all students in each of our nine colleges and is paramount for the students’ ability to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Threats of immigration enforcement actions--particularly of separation and deportation--against students and their families create severe emotional, psychological, and physical barriers to learning and education that can and should be addressed through support systems and available resources such as those listed in the Los Angeles Community College District’s website (<http://services.laccd.edu/districtsite/kyr/index.html>); and

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eng \_\_\_\_\_ Moreno \_\_\_\_\_

Fong \_\_\_\_\_ Pearlman \_\_\_\_\_

Hoffman \_\_\_\_\_ Svonkin \_\_\_\_\_

Kamlager \_\_\_\_\_ Martinez \_\_\_\_\_

Student Trustee Advisory Vote

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WHEREAS, Primary jurisdiction over federal immigration laws does not rest with the Los Angeles Community College Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, or any other state or local law enforcement agency; it is the policy of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department that its officers **will not** enforce federal immigration laws or initiate police activity with the objective of discovering an individual's immigration status, nor will they arrest or book an individual solely on suspicion of violating a federal immigration law relating to illegal entry, being unlawfully present or overstaying on an expired visa; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has a team leader and deputies on each of the nine campuses and the ESC, where the principal goal is the safety and security of LACCD students, faculty and staff, and is committed to collaborating and communicating to build better relationships; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department understands that community trust is essential in aiding them to serve the colleges and the Educational Services Center (ESC) effectively; the Los Angeles Community College Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will not work with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Agents directly on the college campus in enforcing immigration laws at any of our LACCD campuses and the ESC; furthermore, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will protect the rights of ALL LACCD students, and ensure every member of the college community is treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District Academic Senate and the Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, AFT Local 1521 have adopted positions in support of undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District complies with federal and state laws and regulations, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) that governs the privacy of student records and AB 540 and the California DREAM Act which exempts undocumented students from non-resident tuition and provides other benefits; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District recognizes and reaffirms that undocumented students need a safe and confidential environment to discuss sensitive issues, access resources, and receive counseling and support services; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District has appointed a Task Force on Undocumented Students referred to as the Los Angeles Community College District Student Rights Taskforce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby supports and affirms that the Los Angeles Community College District, through its policies, procedures, and practices:

- Is open to all students who meet minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status;

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- Does not release any personally identifiable student information to Federal or State Law Enforcement Agencies, including any data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law;
- Will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, nation of origin, race, or sexual orientation;
- Does not collect information from students that is not essential or required by state or federal law;
- Provides all students with an annual notice of their right to opt out of being included in directory information;
- Limits the availability of and access to student information to those employees that must have the information to conduct college business and provide necessary services to students;
- Informs employees about the LACCD and individual college/satellite centers standardized protocols for employees requested to provide student information to federal and state officials and agencies by subpoena, warrant, or less formal demand and to refer such requests to the colleges President's Offices or the Chancellor's Office;
- The Los Angeles Community College District is committed to ensuring that our colleges are safe and inviting for all students and their families, and to facilitating the physical safety and emotional well-being of all students in each of our nine colleges and satellite centers and will ensure that all campuses have designated safe spaces, including Dream Resource Centers;
- The Board of Trustees has established the Los Angeles Community College District Student Rights Task Force, co-chaired by Trustee Mike Eng and Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, that will review, craft and work towards implementing recommendations made by the Task Force that includes publishing a timeline for the implementation of said recommendations; and, be it further

RESOLVED,

That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby affirms its protection and support for the resources and services provided by the Los Angeles Community College District for all undocumented students attending any of our nine colleges or satellite centers.