

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNDOCUMENTED & CONCERNED STUDENTS
DECEMBER 13, 2016
Resolution No. 16/17-24

WHEREAS, the Peralta Community College District (District), made up of Laney College, Merritt College, College of Alameda and Berkeley City College (Colleges), welcomes and supports students without regard to their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Peralta Community College District embraces the diversity of our students and staff and the rich language and cultures they bring to our District and strongly supports and encourages the participation of all students on our campuses; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest population of immigrants, both documented and undocumented where one in ten workers is an undocumented immigrant, and immigrants are a vibrant, productive, and vital part of the state's growing economy, holding jobs in key industries such as agriculture, science, technology, service, health care and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 President Obama issued an Executive Order providing deportation relief to certain undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Pew Research Center estimates that there are between 200,000 and 225,000 undocumented immigrants enrolled in college; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College system are open access institutions and welcomes everyone who enters its doors; and

WHEREAS, under AB 540 (Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001), undocumented students in California can seek an exemption from paying nonresident tuition if they attend a California high school for three or more years, graduate from a California high school, and file an affidavit with a college or university stating that he/she will apply for legal residency as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, DACA has provided a pathway for many undocumented students to stop living in the shadows and begin or continue their higher education; and

WHEREAS, DACA has enabled many community college graduates to obtain better employment, pursue higher education, transfer to a four-year college or university and provide greater economic security for their families; and

WHEREAS, the Center for American Progress estimates that deferred action programs like DACA have the potential to increase California's state GDP by \$75.8 billion, beneficiary wage earnings by \$32.8 billion, and jobs by 9500 over 10 years.

WHEREAS, a recent study by the University of California, San Diego, the National Immigration Law Center, the Center for American Progress and United We Dream found that the DACA has increased wages for recipients by 42 percent, enabled recipients to purchase cars and even homes, strengthening the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the future of DACA may be uncertain in light of the comments of President-elect Trump and other government officials that purport to cut off opportunities for undocumented people thereby increasing fears in immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, reports of possible raids by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office have caused DACA students to fear attending classes and being active in campus life; and

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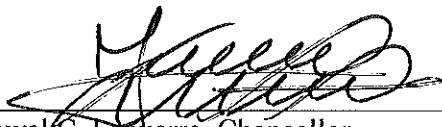
WHEREAS, ICE activity in or around Peralta campuses and facilities would be a severe disruption to our classes and services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District stands in strong support of DACA and other programs that support undocumented and immigrant students. Peralta Community College District's limited resources should not be diverted from the District's mission and should not be used to aid enforcement of federal immigration laws. Accordingly,

1. District and College staff shall not treat students differently on the basis of the actual or perceived immigration status. All student shall be treated equitably in all District and College programs and services.
2. District and College staff shall not inquire about a student's immigration status except for the purpose of AB 540 enrollment waivers
3. No District or College staff person will release any personally identifiable student information including any data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law. Any such request should be forwarded to the Chancellor and legal counsel for the District.
4. The Vice Chancellor of Student Services shall develop and distribute to the Colleges a list of resources available to DACA students.
5. The Chancellor shall ensure that administrators and appropriate staff are trained on how to implement the above stated directives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED that the Peralta Community College District is committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment and campuses for all students, faculty and staff. Accordingly, District and college staff shall not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race or sexual orientation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District stands in strong support of DACA and other programs that support undocumented students. The District pledges to fight for an extension of DACA and against any attempts to roll it back. The District further pledges to advocate proactively at the local, state, and federal level to extend every possible measure of legal, social and political protection to our vulnerable immigrant students and their families.



Jowel C. Laguerre, Chancellor
Secretary, Board of Trustees
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