

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2223

DECLARING OCTOBER 17-21, 2022 AS UNDOCUMENTED
STUDENT ACTION WEEK

WHEREAS, more than [2 million undocumented immigrants](#) of all nationalities and backgrounds call California home, including more than [168,000](#) Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients; and

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 366,000 DACA-eligible individuals, far more than any other state; and

WHEREAS, California has uplifted and empowered undocumented immigrants to seek a better life by providing access to public services and extending protections through sanctuary laws; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants have historically faced racism, poverty, discrimination, language and other barriers restricting access to higher education, limiting their ability to find better work, and provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges are committed to serving all students, regardless of their immigration status, and providing them with the supports, resources, and opportunities to pursue their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Trump's Administration's attempt to rescind DACA caused a rise in political tensions and antagonistic views regarding immigrants and spurred the creation of the annual California Community Colleges Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW), focused on advocating for policy change and resources to better support our undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, the fate of DACA faces additional uncertainty due to the July 2021 *Texas v. United States* ruling, which declared DACA unlawful and restricted the federal government from processing first-time applications; and

WHEREAS, the Sixth Annual USAW will bring together UndocuLiaisons, administrators, faculty, and students across 116 colleges to engage in state, federal, and local action to support undocumented students in their goal of earning a college education; and

WHEREAS, this year's USAW theme is "Juntos Podemos (Together We Can): Collaborative Ecosystems that Support Undocumented Students," which recognizes that we must continue to advance best practices, ensure authentic, campuswide collaboration, and advocate for policy solutions to support long-term success; and

WHEREAS, campus allies will raise awareness about the challenges undocumented students continue to face and provide solutions to these challenges by building a strong ecosystem that breaks down silos, promotes collaborative approaches, and fosters unconditional belonging; and

WHEREAS, students, faculty, administrators, staff, and UndocuLiaisons will engage in a joint advocacy effort to inform undocumented students of their legal rights and provide access to resources and information, such as the FindYourAlly website; and

WHEREAS, by participating in daily systemwide webinars, engaging in federal advocacy, and hosting campus events, we can dismantle silos and ensure undocumented students are welcomed and heard every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges must continue to combat persisting inequalities among this underserved population, develop pathways that foster access, equity, and inclusion, and advocate fiercely for the necessary policies and resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District relentlessly supports college access, inclusion, community, and success for all undocumented students; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will participate in Undocumented Student Action Week and cultivate policies, procedures, and best practices to support undocumented students in their pursuit of a college education by eliminating institutional barriers; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District calls on Congress to adopt comprehensive immigration reform and allow undocumented students to pursue their dreams and goals and contribute to the improvement of their communities and our economy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following roll call vote this 18th day of October, 2022 at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District
State of California