

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 04-1920

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHABOT LAS POSITAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THEIR
REAFFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS THROUGHOUT
OUR DISTRICT, INCLUDING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges comprise the nation's largest postsecondary education system in the country with 115 colleges and 2.1 million students, and is committed to providing an open and welcoming environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's decision on September 5, 2017, to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, placed the safety, security, and educational future of thousands of undocumented students in doubt; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges have advocated to Congress and the Administration to preserve DACA and respect the contributions of undocumented immigrants, and on January 26, 2017, the Board of Governors passed a resolution expressing its support for DACA and firm commitment to serving all students who can benefit from a postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges stand united as a system where all students can learn, grow, feel supported and safe; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2017, the California Community Colleges Chancellor issued a Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students confirming that the Chancellor's Office will not release any personally identifiable student information without a judicial warrant, including data related to immigration status, will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on protected characteristics such as religion, race, immigration status, or sexual orientation, and will urge local governing bodies to do the same; and

WHEREAS, numerous community colleges reflecting the diversity of California have adopted policies and procedures consistent with protecting immigrant students, and created partnerships with community organizations to help our undocumented students access legal assistance and other services in local communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Chancellor's Office expanded the existing partnership to include, Immigrants Rising and other organizations, and sponsored Undocumented Student Week of Action, October 15–19, to inform undocumented students about all available services on campus and in local communities and empower them to access those services, and support students and allies in advocating to Congress to act quickly and establish a permanent solution for undocumented young people; and

WHEREAS, the Chabot- Las Positas Community Colleges participated in the 2018 Undocumented Student Week of Action by engaging in activities in support of undocumented students, and on October 15, 2019, the Chabot- Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to support all students throughout our district, including undocumented students; and

WHEREAS, despite advocacy efforts by the California Community Colleges and many other individuals and organizations in California and across the nation, the preservation of DACA and the adoption of an effective solution for undocumented students remains elusive, which places continued economic and emotional weight on students, their families, communities, and the state; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Chabot- Las Positas Community College District declare October 14-18, 2019 and every third week of October thereafter, as “Undocumented Student Action Week” to work in partnership with other organizations and encourage the California Community Colleges to engage in activities supporting undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Chabot- Las Positas Community College District supports efforts by our college(s) to identify and share best practices for assisting undocumented students, disseminate information to the students about how to access funding for immigration defense proceedings and referral to legal service providers, and reinforce state policies that protect student rights and privacy; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Chabot- Las Positas Community College District urge Congressional members to uphold California values and create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students, which will permit them to complete their education goals and achieve their highest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Chabot- Las Positas Community College District does hereby resolve, order and determine as follows:

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District this day of October 15, 2019 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

I, Secretary of the Governing Board of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District of Alameda County, State of California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Date

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