

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



Revised Resolution No. 2017.01 Resolution in Support of California Dream Act and Deferred Action for Childhood (DACA) Students and Programs

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees supports and values the District's mission in providing students with access to comprehensive quality educational opportunities that support student learning and student success, including its more than 50,000 students, including DACA and Dream Act students; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 540, passed in 2001, allows for undocumented students or those who have U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident status, meeting specific requirements, to pay resident fees and apply for privately-funded scholarships, and assistance from EOPS, CARE, or CalWORKs, and other state aid; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 130 and Assembly Bill 131, passed in 2011 by the California legislature and known as the Dream Act, increases opportunities for some Assembly Bill 540 students to receive financial aid; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees is concerned about potential actions under consideration, including the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, rooted in the fundamental premise that no one should be punished for the actions of others; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has reassured students and colleges that all 114 community college campuses will remain safe welcoming places for students of all backgrounds to learn; informed them that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid; informed students that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; called on the President to preserve Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; and the VCCCD has joined with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to defend the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California.

RESOLVED that the California Community Colleges Board of Governors urges the incoming administration to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which grants "Dreamers" – people who were brought to this country as children by their parents – reprieve from deportation because California and the United States are stronger due to their contributions to our economy, to our communities and to our Armed Forces; and be it further

RESOLVED that the state Chancellor's Office will not release any personally identifiable student information related to immigration status without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED that the state Chancellor's Office will not cooperate with any efforts to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation; and be it further

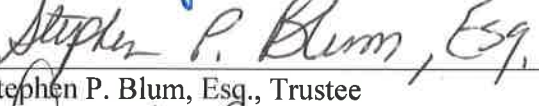
RESOLVED that the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office encourage our local community college districts to ensure that all students have an opportunity to receive an education in the community college system, regardless of immigration status and any other protected status; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office encourage our local community college districts to consider our system's values when responding to any request to participate in joint efforts with other government agencies to enforce federal immigration law and when responding to requests for personally identifiable student information; and be it further

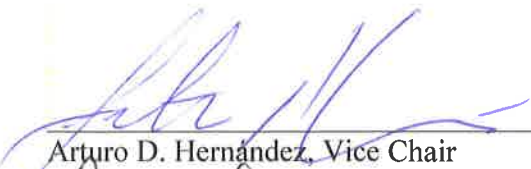
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees supports continuation of the DACA Program, continuation of opportunities for Dream Act students, and continuation of services for students and families in pursuit of the American Dream of higher education, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, language, socioeconomic status, gender identity or expression, medical condition or disability.

Adopted October 17, 2017:


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