



**VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 927 (Medina)
Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03**

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) Board of Trustees affirms that workforce education is one of the most important missions of California's community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes that a growing number of workforce fields and employers require a bachelor's degree in their job qualifications; and

WHEREAS, VCCCD is a critical partner to Ventura County employers and delivers affordable, quality workforce education to meet county employment needs; and

WHEREAS, California's public universities either do not offer or lack the capacity for providing adequate baccalaureate instruction in these high-demand workforce fields; and

WHEREAS, students who need programs that are not provided in California's public universities in these workforce fields are compelled to leave the state in order to obtain their degrees, or to enroll in high-cost nonprofit institutions or expensive for-profit institutions that results in significant student debt; and

WHEREAS, community colleges are able to provide high-quality, readily accessible baccalaureate-level programs, at the affordable cost of \$10,560 for all four years; and

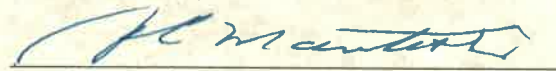
WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 927 was introduced by Assemblymember Medina and proposes to make the existing baccalaureate pilot programs permanent and expand the opportunity of offering baccalaureate programs to all California community colleges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that VCCCD Board of Trustees supports Assembly Bill 927, which would make permanent and expand the state's baccalaureate pilot program, thereby supporting continued student recruitment and participation; and

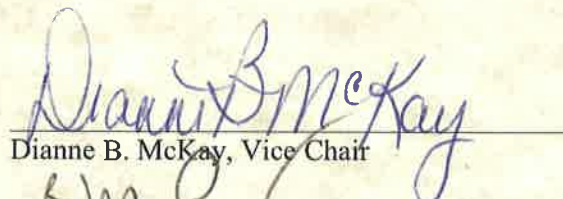
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor or designee, to provide the Board's Resolution to members of the legislature, statewide, community, and business organizations and leaders, and others who can assist in implementing this important expansion of opportunity for students in California higher education.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2021.

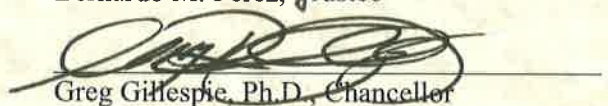

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