Resolution of the Board of Trustees
San Diego Community College District

The San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees stands in support of students from all backgrounds, cultures, immigration status, and religions.

WHEREAS, the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff support and value the District's purpose and mission of providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students who can benefit from a higher education, without regard to race, ethnicity, heritage, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, medical condition, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that neither California nor the United States of America will prosper without affording respect, opportunity, and support to its diverse population; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the District and its campuses are to educate students, to be inclusive and supportive of student diversity, and to provide an educational environment that protects students from pressures and intrusive actions that would disrupt or impair their education; and

WHEREAS, the District complies with federal and state laws and regulations, such as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) that governs the privacy of student records, AB 540, and the California DREAM Act, which exempt undocumented students from non-resident tuition and provide other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the District supports the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) that provides a temporary reprieve from deportation for students who were brought to this country as children and who are high achievers and on the path to success, and are deserving of being able to continue their studies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SDCCD Board of Trustees does not support and vehemently disagrees with the President’s decision to terminate the DACA program in six months, putting nearly 800,000 young undocumented immigrants nationally at risk of deportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SDCCD Board of Trustees supports the continuation of the following District practices: the SDCCD will not (I) allow federal immigration officials on campus absent legal authority; (2) act on behalf of federal agencies to enforce immigration laws or aid in deportation; or, (3) share student records containing immigration or citizenship status with immigration officials, absent a court order or other legal authority; and, ( 4) College Police will not participate in any voluntary program of immigration enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SDCCD Board of Trustees urges members of Congress to restore the DACA program and support and pass the Dream Act, a bill that would provide a path to legal status for undocumented young people who came to the country as children, in order to win back the values and ideals that made our country a beacon of hope and opportunity for the entire world.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District in San Diego, California, this 14th day of September, 2017.

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