

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2016.33

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

WHEREAS, in 2012 President Obama issued an Executive Order providing deportation relief to certain undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest population of immigrants, both documented and undocumented where one in ten workers is an undocumented immigrant, and immigrants are a vibrant, productive, and vital part of the state's growing economy, holding jobs in key industries such as agriculture, science, technology, service, health care and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, California is home to one-third of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Pew Research Center estimates that there are between 200,000 and 225,000 undocumented immigrants enrolled in college; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges are open access institutions and welcomes everyone who enters its doors; and

WHEREAS, under AB 540 (Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001), undocumented students in California can seek an exemption from paying nonresident tuition if they attend a California high school for three or more years, graduate from a California high school, and file an affidavit with a college or university stating that he/she will apply for legal residency as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, DACA has decreased the anxiety and fear that many undocumented students experience living in the shadows; and

WHEREAS, DACA has enabled many community college graduates to obtain better employment, pursue higher education, and provide greater economic security for their families; and

WHEREAS, the Center for American Progress estimates that deferred action programs like DACA have the potential to increase California's state Gross Domestic Product by \$75.8 billion, beneficiary wage earnings by \$32.8 billion, and jobs by 9500 over 10 years.

WHEREAS, a recent study by the University of California, San Diego, the National Immigration Law Center, the Center for American Progress and United We Dream found that DACA has increased wages for recipients by 42 percent, enabled recipients to purchase cars and even homes, strengthening the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the future of DACA is uncertain as President-elect Trump has pledged to “cancel every unconstitutional executive action, memorandum and order issued by President Obama” in his first 100 days in office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees will work to assure that all students feel welcome and safe on our campuses, regardless of immigration status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Center Community College District stands in strong support of DACA and other programs that support undocumented students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of December 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 1



President of the Board (Signature)

John Z. Heal

Printed Name