

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

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Resolution in Support of Undocumented Student Week of Action October 15-19, 2018

WHEREAS, the Community College League of California (League) supports and values the contributions of undocumented students to our community and state; and

WHEREAS, the League remains committed to improving the educational outcomes of all students, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the academic success of undocumented students is integral to the economic future of the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the protections contained within the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program have proven to increase both educational attainment and wage outcomes for its participants; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cancellation of the program puts the educational future of thousands of students at risk; and

WHEREAS, this shortsighted policy decision inhibits the aspirations of 222,795 Californians, 72,000 of whom are estimated to be community college students; and

WHEREAS, an analysis by the CATO Institute found that the United States' economy could be reduced by \$215 billion and the federal government would lose \$60 billion in tax revenues with the elimination of DACA;

WHEREAS, the League's vision for California's community colleges is to provide access to a quality public higher education to all Californians; and

WHEREAS, inaction puts the educational goals of hundreds of thousands of Californians on hold and America's economy at risk; and

WHEREAS, statements by federal officials and actions taken by U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement have made undocumented students afraid that colleges will disclose personal information or that federal immigration officials will come on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, this fear has resulted in increased challenges towards academic success for undocumented; and

WHEREAS, community colleges are committed to protecting their undocumented students by protecting their rights, personal information and safety; and

WHEREAS, this includes the protection of their personal information and safe campus environments which prohibit immigration officials on non-public areas of campus without a warrant; and

WHEREAS, we remain steadfast in our commitment to these objectives and will stand with Dreamers to protect quality public community colleges for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, supporting and advocating for equitable access to education for undocumented students are priorities for Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community College League of California requests that California congressional members vote to codify protections contained within the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that will permit thousands of Californians to reach their highest potential.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the League joins a coalition of educators, students, businesses, community members, and social justice organizations in declaring October 15-19, 2018 Undocumented Student Week of Action, and encourages a week of reasoned discussion, vigorous debate and nonviolent action in support of undocumented students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the League is committed to supporting undocumented students via the creation of an inclusive campus community, promotion of in-state tuition and state financial aid, student support services, legal aid referral, and other means California's community college Districts and campuses can provide to our undocumented students.

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