

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOVERNANCE,
FUNDING STABILIZATION, AND STUDENT FEE REDUCTION ACT

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges serve 2.4 million students annually through a system of 72 locally-established and governed community college districts with 109 colleges within a statewide system; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges need stable funding, affordable student fees, local control, and the ability to provide effective leadership for the system of 109 colleges; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative reduces student fees to \$15 while also restricting the amount and probability of future increases;

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative (officially known as the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act) would provide the local community colleges with a secure, stable source of funds that is tied to community college enrollment growth instead of K-12 enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative funds the increase to community colleges over the next ten years through natural growth in the state's general fund, without raising taxes;

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would protect and expand student access to community colleges without threatening K-12 funding, which would retain a separate funding mechanism tied to its own growth; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative has qualified for the February 5, 2008 statewide election; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative will provide _____ District with _____ in additional funds over the next three years;

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would ensure that promises made by the Legislature are kept with a property tax guarantee;

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative includes provisions in the state constitution for locally-elected governing boards accountable to voters;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the _____ District supports the Community College Governance, Funding Stability, and Student Fee Reduction Act.