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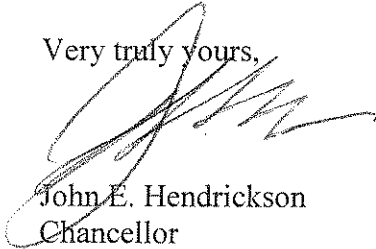
Scott Lay, President and CEO
Community College League of California
2017 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Subject: Resolution Supporting California Community Colleges' Budget Priorities and Principles

Dear President Lay:

On March 21, 2011, the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District approved a resolution supporting an election to consider the levy of temporary taxes to protect vital state programs along with budgetary cuts to bring California's state budget into balance. The resolution is attached for your information.

Very truly yours,



John E. Hendrickson
Chancellor

Resolution 11032101 in Support of California Community Colleges' Budget Priorities and Principles

WHEREAS, California's higher education system is in a crisis situation with insufficient resources at a time of record demand due to high school graduates and unemployed residents seeking retraining; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proposed Budget seeks a balanced approach of making \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and asking the voters to extend temporary tax increases totaling \$12 billion for five years; and

WHEREAS, under the Governor's Proposed Budget, California community colleges would face \$400 million in state general fund cuts; and

WHEREAS, without an extension of temporary tax increases, California community colleges could face \$900 million in state general fund cuts; and

WHEREAS, the West Valley-Mission Community College District faces cuts of approximately \$4.2 million under the Governor's Proposed Budget and approximately \$11.5 million if an all-cuts budget were to be adopted instead; and

WHEREAS, California's locally elected community college trustees, together with their faculty, staff and students, are best able to decide where budget reductions can be absorbed while minimizing the impact on their communities; and

WHEREAS, "targeted" cuts at specific curriculum that cost colleges the least to offer will – in addition to injuring students in transfer and career preparation programs – require districts to reduce enrollment in higher-cost programs such as advanced technology and nursing; and

WHEREAS, fee increases charged to community college students should protect the quality of instruction and student services; and

WHEREAS, policy and practice reforms to improve student success and motivate student behavior should be based on sound research implemented in a manner to allow students and institutions to adjust; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the West Valley-Mission Community College District supports a balanced approach to budgeting, including an election to consider the levy of temporary taxes to

protect vital state programs along with budgetary cuts to bring California's state budget into balance; and be it further

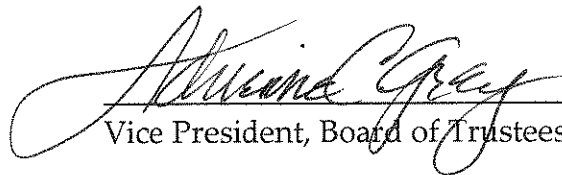
RESOLVED, that the West Valley-Mission Community College District supports redirecting any amount of student fee revenue increase to reduce the proposed apportionment cut to protect the quality of student instruction and services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the West Valley-Mission Community College District opposes the proposal to distribute apportionment based on student retention and instead supports an additive, categorical incentive funding program to encourage student success, as proposed in the report "A 2020 Vision for Student Success."

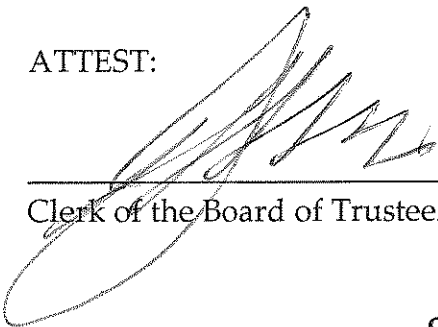
ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2011, by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District, by the following vote:

AYES: 6 MEMBERS: Grey, Heinrich, Lucas, Owens, Polk ✓ Stangolis
NOES: 0 MEMBERS: _____
ABSENT: 1 MEMBERS: Walsh
ABSTENTIONS: MEMBERS: _____

This is to certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution as adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District.


Vice President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board of Trustees

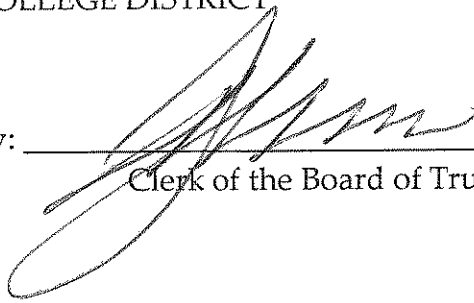
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, John E. Hendrickson, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District, at a meeting held on the 21st day of March, 2011.

Dated: March 21, 2011

WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

By: _____

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to be the name of the Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

Clerk of the Board of Trustees