

1 SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
2 GOVERNING BOARD

3 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
4 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND PRINCIPLES

5 RESOLUTION NO. 10/11-26

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

10 WHEREAS, The Governor's Proposed Budget seeks a balanced approach of making  
11 \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and asking the voters to extend temporary tax increases totaling \$12  
12 billion for five years;

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Solano Community College District faces cuts of \$3,368,000 under the  
19 Governor's Proposed Budget and \$7,578,000 if an all-cuts budget were to be adopted instead;

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

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

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**WHEREAS**, California community colleges could mitigate state cuts and maintain essential student instruction and services if their local communities were able to approve parcel taxes to provide funds to replace reduced state General Fund revenues;

**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 Solano Community College District supports a balanced approach to budgeting, including the extension of temporary tax revenues to protect vital state programs along with budgetary cuts to bring California’s state budget into balance;

**RESOLVED**, That the Solano 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;

**RESOLVED**, That the Solano 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”;

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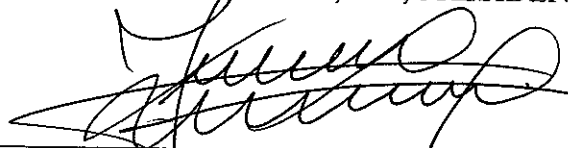
**RESOLVED**, That the Solano Community College District supports the right of California's voters to be given the opportunity to allow local voters to approve parcel taxes with a 55% vote to backfill state budget cuts at community colleges; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Governing Board of the Solano Community College District, by passage of this resolution, expresses its full support for the above principles and positions on the Governor's Proposed Budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** This 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011, by the Governing Board of the Solano Community College District.



DENIS HONEYCHURCH, J.D., PRESIDENT



JOWEL C. LAGUERRE, Ph.D., SECRETARY