

Resolution of the Board of Trustees  
San Diego Community College District

**In the matter 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, to be offset by revenue from increased student enrollment fees; and

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

WHEREAS, the San Diego Community College District faces a reduction of \$10 million under the Governor's Proposed Budget and \$18 million if a reduction-only 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 how and where budget reductions can be absorbed while minimizing the impact on their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the San Diego 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; and be it further

RESOLVED that the San Diego 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 San Diego 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Diego 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.

**Rich Grosch**  
*President*

**Peter Zschiesche**  
*Executive Vice President*

**Mary Graham**  
*Vice President for Instructional Development*

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*Vice President for Educational Collaboration*

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*Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees  
of the San Diego Community College District  
in San Diego, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
March, 2011.*

**Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.**  
*Chancellor*

