



**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24**  
**VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF**  
**October 19-23, 2020 as Undocumented Student Action Week**

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges comprise the nation's largest postsecondary education system in the country with 116 colleges and 2.1 million students, and is committed to providing an open and welcoming environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration's decision on September 5, 2017, to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, placed the safety, security, and educational future of thousands of undocumented students in doubt; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges have advocated to Congress and the Administration to preserve DACA and respect the contributions of undocumented immigrants, and on January 26, 2017, the Board of Governors passed a resolution expressing its support for DACA and firm commitment to serving all students who can benefit from a postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2020, by a margin of 5-4, the Supreme Court decided that President Trump did not follow the Administration Procedures Act, and thereby upholding the DACA program; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court did not end the DACA program, it did affirm the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) authority to end the DACA program in a lawful manner; and

WHEREAS, new guidelines set by the DHS, such as the reduction of 2-year-permits to a 1-year-permit and an increase in filing price, creates an unnecessary burden for students; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges stand united as a system where all students can learn, grow, feel supported and safe; and

WHEREAS, the Dreamers Project Report discusses the state of CCC undocumented students, incorporating finding from a landscape analysis to identify shared challenges in serving this vulnerable population.

WHEREAS, numerous community colleges reflecting the diversity of California have adopted policies and procedures consistent with protecting immigrant students, and created partnerships with community organizations to help our undocumented students access legal assistance and other services in local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor's Office has expanded its existing partnership to include, Immigrants Rising and other organizations, and sponsored Undocumented Student Week of Action, to inform undocumented students about all available services on campus and in local communities and empower them to access those services, and support students and allies in advocating to Congress to act quickly and establish a permanent solution for undocumented young people; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) participated in the previous Undocumented Student Week of Action by engaging in a week-long program of activities in support of undocumented students, and on October 8, 2019, VCCCD Board of Trustees passed a resolution reaffirming its commitment to support all students throughout our district, including undocumented students, which was part of the week-long program of activities and information disseminated systemwide; and

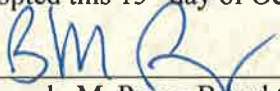
WHEREAS, despite advocacy efforts by the California Community Colleges and many other individuals and organizations in California and across the nation, the preservation of DACA and the adoption of an effective solution for undocumented students remains elusive, which places continued economic and emotional weight on students, their families, communities, and the state; therefore be it

RESOLVED that VCCCD declare October 19-23, 2020 and every third week of October thereafter, as "Undocumented Student Action Week" to work in partnership with other organizations and encourage the California Community Colleges to engage in activities supporting undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED that VCCCD support efforts by Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura colleges to identify and share best practices for assisting undocumented students, disseminate information to the students about how to access funding for immigration defense proceedings and referral to legal service providers, and reinforce state policies that protect student rights and privacy; and be it further

RESOLVED that VCCCD urge Congressional members to uphold California values and create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students, which will permit them to complete their education goals and achieve their highest potential.

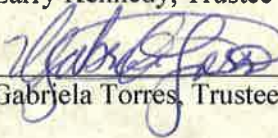
Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.


  
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