



**San José-Evergreen Community College District Resolution in support of
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and other vulnerable students
No. 021417-2**

WHEREAS, SJECCD (which includes our District, San José City College, Evergreen Valley College and the Workforce Institute) is guided by the principles of Opportunity, Equity and Social Justice, calling on us to serve and support all students to achieve student success, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Development, Relief & Education of Alien Minors (DREAMERS), other undocumented and documented students; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) students and Muslim students; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, President Obama issued an Executive Order providing deportation relief to certain undocumented immigrants who entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients; and

WHEREAS, California is home to one-third of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and has the largest population of immigrants, both documented and undocumented, and wherein one in ten workers is an undocumented immigrant; and

WHEREAS, immigrants are a vibrant, productive, and vital part of the state's growing economy, holding jobs in key industries such as agriculture, science, technology, service, health care and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the Center for American Progress estimates that deferred action programs like DACA have the potential to increase California's state GDP by \$75.8 billion, beneficiary wage earnings by \$32.8 billion, and jobs by 9,500 over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, under AB 540 (Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001), undocumented students in California can seek an exemption from paying nonresident tuition if they attend a California high school for three or more years, graduate from a California high school, and file an affidavit with a college or university stating that he/she will apply for legal residency as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, our DACA students, and other vulnerable students at SJECCD, have expressed—both publically and privately—distress, confusion, anxiety, fear for their physical safety and well-being, and concerns about their individual rights; all of which negatively impact the achievement of their educational goals and have, as a result, negatively affected their motivation to continue their studies; and

WHEREAS, many organizations have released statements and resolutions in support of immigrants, including the Silicon Valley Leadership Group's Statement on Immigration and Innovation urging the Trump Administration and Congress to "never forget that we are a nation of immigrants, often refugees, whose diversity is the backbone of our unity" and that our "economy and quality of life are enhanced by waves of immigrants who continue to help build our Country."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San José -Evergreen Community College District reaffirms its commitment to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and safe learning environment for all students, free from discrimination, harassment, and fear; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San José -Evergreen Community College District encourages faculty members and staff to use the learning environment to show compassion and support for students who may be experiencing anxiety, uncertainty, and fear in the current political climate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San José -Evergreen Community College District will examine every legal measure to assure that San José City College and Evergreen Valley College are safe places for the continuation of the education of all of our students, and in particular for our DACA students and other targeted populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San José -Evergreen Community College District heartily supports the November 29, 2016 request issued by the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to President-Elect Trump that he announce his support to continue DACA, thereby allowing these students to better their lives and their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San José -Evergreen Community College District stands in strong support of DACA and other programs that support undocumented and other vulnerable student groups. The San José -Evergreen Community College District pledges to fight for an extension of DACA and against any attempts to roll it back. The San José -Evergreen Community College District further pledges to advocate proactively at the local, state, and federal level to extend every possible measure of legal, social and political protection to our vulnerable immigrant students and their families through student services provided by the San José -Evergreen Community College District and/or its partners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San José -Evergreen Community College District will assure that no confidential student records will be released without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law and that all students feel welcome and safe on our campuses, regardless of immigration status, and as a result, will not aid federal efforts to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race or sexual orientation and will not detain, question or arrest any individual solely on the basis of undocumented immigration or religious status.


Date 2-15-17
Dr. Debbie Budd
Board Secretary


Date 2/14/17
Mr. Craig Mann
Board President