



# Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

**ACTION**

Com. No. BT6

Division

Board of Trustees

Date: August 5, 2015

Subject: **RESOLUTION – AMERICA’S COLLEGE PROMISE ACT: TUITION-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS**

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Svonkin, Eng, and Fong:

WHEREAS S.1716 has been introduced in the United States Senate and H.R. 2962 was introduced in the House of Representatives providing for free community college for eligible students; and

WHEREAS Congress recognizes the importance of making higher education more affordable for millions of students seeking the skills and credentials that can create a path to the middle class; and

WHEREAS, Students cannot afford to take on years of indebtedness before embarking on a career; and

WHEREAS, Nearly a century ago, a movement to make high school free drove decades of economic growth and prosperity in the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Congress is joining President Obama in calling on community colleges to strengthen their programs and increase the number of students who graduate and for the States to invest more in higher education and training; and

WHEREAS, *America’s College Promise Act* provides a federal match of \$3 for every \$1 invested by the state to waive community college tuition and fees for eligible students before other financial aid is applied; and

WHEREAS The legislation ensures that programs offer academic credits that are fully transferable to four-year institutions in their state, or occupational training that leads to credentials in an in-demand industry; and

WHEREAS, Under the legislation, nine million students would benefit, saving a full-time community college student an average of \$3,800 in tuition each year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby supports the *America’s College Promise Act* introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States; and be it further

Chancellor and  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eng _____	Moreno _____
Fong _____	Pearlman _____
Hoffman _____	Svonkin _____
Kamlager _____	Liahut-Sanchez _____ Student Trustee Advisory Vote

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District encourages the adoption of amendments to provide greater flexibility in the use of surplus funds to ensure that community colleges are able to provide wrap around services, such as child care, transportation and housing assistance, to ensure that students are able to successfully complete community college expeditiously; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District will work hand in hand with its business partners, local Chambers of Commerce, economic and workforce development organizations, and elected officials to ensure that the *America's College Promise Act* and Congress's vision for a trained workforce, becomes reality for the students of the Los Angeles Community College District.