



Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

ACTION

Com. No. BT5	Division Board of Trustees	Date: January 13, 2016
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Subject: RESOLUTION – LOS ANGELES PROMISE: TUITION-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR RESPONSIBLE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 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, In the 21st century, a high school diploma is no longer enough to lead Americans to a good job and decent quality of life; 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; and
- WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District has passed resolutions in support of the *America's College Promise Act* introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, 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 now, therefore, be it

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By _____ Date _____

Eng _____	Moreno _____
Fong _____	Pearlman _____
Hoffman _____	Svonkin _____
Kamlager _____	Anderson _____ Student Trustee Advisory Vote

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District will build widespread support for a free community college education for all ~~responsible~~ students and broad public understanding that free community college is an investment in America's future and a necessary continuation of K-12 education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District will work collaboratively with its business partners, local Chambers of Commerce, economic and workforce development organizations, philanthropic associations, and elected officials; and be it finally

RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District will take a leadership role in establishing the *Los Angeles College Promise* as a nonpartisan, local and state-led initiative to ensure that higher education becomes reality for the students of the Los Angeles Community College District region service area, and that can serve as a national *College Promise* models and strategies to increase college access and completion.