



# Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

**ACTION**

Com. No. **BT6**

Division: **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Date: September 6, 2017

Subject: **RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY HOUSE RESOLUTION 57 AND CONDEMNATION OF WHITE SUPREMACY**

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Buelna, Fong, and Hoffman:

WHEREAS, On August 12, 2017, white supremacists marched with Confederate flags and swastikas, chanted anti-Semitic and hateful messages, brandished weapons and torches, and assembled unlawfully to protest the removal of a Confederate statue in Charlottesville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Counter-protesters gathered to object to the so-called "Unite the Right" rally, and to stand up for diversity and the inclusive values of this country; and

WHEREAS, James Alex Fields slammed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring at least 19 others; and

WHEREAS, A police helicopter monitoring the protest also crashed, resulting in the deaths of Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen III and Trooper-Pilot Berke M. M. Bates; and

WHEREAS, The hate and violence in Charlottesville was celebrated on Nazi Web sites and social media accounts for the world to see; and

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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WHEREAS, President of the United States Donald Trump failed in his initial response to admonish or name the neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan, and white supremacists. Instead, he said that there was blame on "many sides"; and President Trump gave moral equivalency to the white supremacists who descended on Charlottesville with an intent to commit violence, with counter-protesters defending the values of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Trump said that there were "very fine" people among those who carried Nazi and Confederate flags, chanted anti-Semitic and racist messages, and marched proudly alongside white-robed Klansmen, white supremacist Richard Spencer, and former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan David Duke; and

WHEREAS, President Trump expressed skepticism that the murder of Heather Heyer and the injury of 19 people by James Alex Fields was an act of domestic terrorism; and has not offered reassurances to the millions of Americans of color whose lives are under constant threat by white supremacists; and President Trump showed a complete lack of understanding about the racially motivated and unjust history of the Confederate movement by comparing Robert E. Lee to George Washington; and

WHEREAS, President Trump expressed sadness over the removal of "beautiful statues and monuments" that honor the Confederates who were willing to fight their own country to maintain slavery and their racist institutions; and

WHEREAS, President Trump sanctioned white supremacy and hatred across this country by failing to condemn these acts of violence and racism, and emboldened these groups into further action; and

WHEREAS, Dozens more protests and rallies are now planned for cities across the United States with similar messages and goals, and that are likely to end in more violence; and

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WHEREAS, There can be absolutely no tolerance for white supremacy, racism, and bigotry in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The people of the United States of America look to their President for moral leadership in a nation where all people are Created equal, and President Trump has proven that he is unfit to be a moral leader; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America, is a civilized nation of people and rejects the politics of division and isolation that fan anger and hate toward any group or individual; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 57 was introduced by Assembly Member Tony Thurman on August 23, 2017 to recognize the value of the diversity of our state and vehemently object to the threat that white supremacy poses to the residents of California; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District strives to be an inclusive community that champions diversity, embraces its immigrant community, respects sexual and gender identity, makes room for all faiths, pursues equity, and rejects hatred, violence, and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Disagreements can occur respectfully without resorting to, or threatening, violence, and without defacing or destroying property;

WHEREAS, The idea that one group or individual is supreme over another is not only wrong — it is ethically, morally and criminally reprehensible; now therefore, bit

RESOLVED That the Los Angeles Community College District shall denounce the actions and words brought forth by our current President Donald Trump and will not support any policies or actions that promote discrimination; now be it further

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RESOLVED

That the Los Angeles Community College District supports California Assembly House Resolution 57 and Congress' efforts to censure President Donald Trump, calls upon President Donald Trump to publicly apologize to all Americans for his racist and bigoted behavior, and calls upon all other bodies to ask the same of Congress and the President.