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LACCD APPLAUDS SUPREME COURT DECISION UPHOLDING SANCTUARY LAW

LOS ANGELES—On Monday, June 15, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge from the Trump Administration to California Senate Bill 54, a 2017 sanctuary law supported by the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) that prevents state and local law enforcement from using resources to aid federal immigration enforcement agencies.

LACCD supported the original legislation, reaffirming the District’s commitment as a place where all students can enroll and achieve their educational goals, regardless of their immigration status. Specifically, the bill established schools, hospitals, and courthouses as “safe zones” for all immigrants, and LACCD embraces its status as safe and supportive of all students from all backgrounds. LACCD maintains a variety of [immigration information](#) on its website

“All students, including Dreamers, are vital to the future health of the economy and to the stability of the United States. These young people are aspiring Americans, pursuing their higher education goals, working hard, and paying taxes. The Court was right to let California’s sanctuary law stand, allowing these students to continue their education with more certainty and safety,” said LACCD Board of Trustees President Andra Hoffman.

Hoffman said she is “heartened” by the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to uphold SB 54. “Many LACCD students are first-generation immigrants, and many are undocumented. With SB 54 in place, students can go about their days with far less fear of imminent deportation, and can feel more secure both on and off campus.”

“The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision has a tremendous impact on the LACCD community,” said David Vela, the LACCD Board of Trustees member who also chairs the Board’s Legislative and Public Affairs Committee. “Many of our students and their families now have a far greater sense of security, and because of that they are able to achieve much more as learners at our colleges.”

“This was the right decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold SB 54,” said LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. “Our District will continue to take a leadership role to defend and protect undocumented and DACA students, and we will do everything possible to protect and safeguard the integrity of our students.”

SB 54 was authored by California’s former Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, and was signed by former Governor Jerry Brown in 2017.

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We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California’s diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, and on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.

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