

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

October 24, 2017

Agenda Item: 9.1

Subject: Adoption of Resolution No. 06-1718 – Resolution of Support for the “California Values Act”

Background:

A package of 11 bills was signed into law October 5, 2017, by Governor Jerry Brown, called that constitute the “California Values Act.” These new laws, to go into effect January 1, 2018, will support and provide some level of protection to both the undocumented and immigrant populations of the State. Of the 11 bills passed, four of them apply directly to community colleges. After January 1, 2018, community colleges will need to follow these new laws. The “California Values Acts” essentially addresses the principles of a sanctuary state, but without calling itself, officially, a “sanctuary state.” The “California Values Act” addresses the following four principles: one, how community colleges address and support AB540 students (or otherwise known as “Dreamers”); two, how colleges support refugees; three, how colleges safeguard information of students; and, four, how colleges deal with immigration authorities on campus.

“California Values Act” package of bills that apply to community colleges:

1. SB54 by Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles: Sets limits on when local law enforcement agencies can help the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency on deportation cases. Each CCD should follow this policy as a model policy.
2. AB21 by Assemblyman Ash Kalra, D-San Jose: Requires colleges and universities that offer Cal Grants to create policies that safeguard their campuses from immigration officials by ensuring personal information of students and faculty is not released and by notifying students and faculty when immigration agents are on campus.
3. AB343 by Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, D-Sacramento: Allows in-state tuition at California community colleges for students with a refugee status or who have special immigrant visas to work with the American military.
4. SB68 by Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens (Los Angeles County): Expands a state law allowing undocumented immigrants to qualify for in-state tuition. Previously, the law said undocumented students had to have spent three years at a California high school and graduated. Under the new law, students can count years spent at a California community college or adult education courses toward the three-year requirement for in-state tuition. Essentially with more than three years of public high school a student can be treated as an AB540 (“Dreamer”) student.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No. 06-1718 to formally offer its support for the opportunities and protections provided to students under the “California Values Act” in SB 54 and 68, and AB 21 and 343; and directs the District, Chabot College and Las Positas College, to implement such steps as are necessary to be in compliance with these bills by January 1, 2018.

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