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Resolution Supporting Undocumented Students in the CSU

WHEREAS, the California State Student Association (CSSA) is the single recognized voice for the 474,000+ students of the California State University (CSU) system;

WHEREAS, the CSSA Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) exists to ensure access, retention, and quality of education in the CSU system, for all underrepresented and/or historically marginalized communities;

WHEREAS, the California State University (CSU), "is proud of the diversity of its students and employees and strives to foster a campus community that is safe and welcoming for everyone,";

WHEREAS, the California State Student Association (CSSA) is committed to advocating for the safety and wellbeing of the CSU's undocumented communities as stated in the 2016-2017 Policy Agenda to, "[a]ddress the needs and provide support to students who are undocumented, AB 540 or DACA Students both at the campus and systemwide level"¹;

WHEREAS, the CSU Chancellor's Office has stated that "[c]ampus policies shall make clear that the CSU will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, ICE, or any other federal agency for the enforcement of federal immigration law, except as consistent with California Government Code §§7282 et seq. or as required by law", and "[c]ampus policies shall affirmatively state that CSU Police Departments will not honor ICE immigration hold requests, unless doing so is consistent with California Government Code §§7282.5 or as required by law"¹; and

WHEREAS, the potential revocation or phasing out of federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and other changes in federal policy may further jeopardize the safety, security, and material well-being of the CSU's undocumented community and other vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, a national "sanctuary" movement has emerged at schools, colleges, and universities across the country, dedicated to protecting the safety, security, and well-being of undocumented communities; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor of California, the California Faculty Association, and over 120 community and civil rights organizations in the state have endorsed the goals and strategies of the campus sanctuary movement; and

¹ CSSA Policy Agenda 2016/2017, Goal III Strategy 3 http://www.csustudents.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/11-30-16-policy_agenda.pdf



WHEREAS, nearly half of the CSU campuses have full-time staff members tasked with supporting undocumented students, including: Pomona, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, and San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, many other CSU campuses have also created or are in the process of creating resource spaces/DREAM centers for undocumented students, including: Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, and San Francisco²; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the CSSA calls for support and respect to all those who identify as undocumented, AB540, Dreamer, or DACA, and will continue to further explore challenges they may face and provide necessary assistance where needed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the CSU refuse all voluntary information sharing with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs & Border Patrol (CBP) across all aspects of the CSU to the fullest extent possible under federal and state regulatory codes and laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CSSA urge the CSU to refuse ICE and CBP physical access to all land owned or controlled by the CSU, and not invite them onto campus; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the CSU prohibit campus security or police from inquiring about or recording as to an individual's immigration status or enforcing immigration laws or participating with ICE/ CBP in actions; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Chancellor's Office, in collaboration with individual campuses and CSSA, create and make available in language 'Know Your Rights' presentations and materials for students and family members to understand their rights regarding interactions with law enforcement and immigration agents; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Chancellor's Office, in collaboration with individual campuses, student leaders, and CSSA, develop a plan for training all faculty, staff, administrators, and other employees on how to respond to ICE or other immigration enforcement personnel who are requesting information about students and/or are attempting to enter campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this strategic plan be communicated to all CSU students in all supported languages and including procedures for notifying individual students about ICE and other immigration enforcement agencies' efforts to gain information about them, how to support students whose family members have been displaced because of ICE, and other immigration enforcement agencies; and be it further

² Data Provided by Dr. Elena Macias, former Special Assistant to the President, Government, Legislative, and Community Relations at CSU Long Beach.



RESOLVED, that individual campuses explore utilizing emergency alert systems (via text message and/or email) in the event of ICE or CBP presence on campus or in the surrounding community, including campus job/career fairs; and further be it

RESOLVED, that CSSA strongly urge and assist individual campuses that have not had the resources available to establish resource spaces, hire student support services, or professional staff members to support undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an outside agency or the Chancellor's Office should ensure that individual campus policies are compliant with the Chancellor's July Memo and are also as undocu-friendly as legally possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CSSA urges Associated Students, and the CSU to make all university jobs accessible to undocumented students and persons, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to Governor Jerry Brown of California, the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, the CSU Academic Senate, CSU Campus Presidents, CSU Campus Provosts, and the Associated Students organizations of the CSU.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Lopez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Lopez, President 2016-17