

RESOLUTION NO. 16-08
MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND
AFFIRMING THE PRIVACY OF STUDENT RECORDS

WHEREAS, the Mt. San Antonio College mission is, “to support all students in achieving their full educational potential...by providing an engaging and supportive teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities and goals” and to “serve our community through advancing civic engagement, enhancing personal well-being, promoting critical thinking;”

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges, including Mt. San Antonio College, are open to all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University have issued a joint statement defending the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California and urging President-Elect Trump to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and, “allow these young people to continue to pursue a college education and contribute to their communities and the nation;”

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has issued a Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students, reaffirming that the Chancellor’s Office will not release any personally identifiable student information, including data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order unless authorized by law, and will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, the Mt. San Antonio College Academic Senate has approved Resolution 2016-08 in Affirmation of Faculty Support of Students, reaffirming its commitment, “to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and safe learning environment for all students free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, and fear;”

WHEREAS, the Mt. San Antonio College Associated Students has approved Resolution 5, resolving to request that the College, “Publicly support the continuation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program;”

WHEREAS, DACA-eligible young people have come to this country as innocent children, have grown up in the United States becoming Americanized, motivated, and determined and excelling academically;

WHEREAS, Mt. San Antonio College President Bill Scroggins, in his Statement of Support for Undocumented Students, has affirmed that the College is, “fully committed to assuring that all individuals feel welcome, accepted, and supported in seeking a college education at Mt. San Antonio College through the establishment of the College as a safe haven for students.”

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. San Antonio Community College District will develop and support a plan of safe haven to support undocumented students following from the California Community Colleges Statement of Values and Commitment for Undocumented Students; that the District shall not detain, question, or arrest any individual solely on the basis of undocumented immigration status, suspected or confirmed; that the District shall not cooperate with any effort to create a registry of individuals based on legally protected characteristics; that the District shall take every means possible to protect the privacy rights of undocumented students; and that the District will continue to provide support services, educational opportunities, and technical information to support and inform undocumented students and members of the community to enable students to successfully reach their educational goals.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Board of Mt. San Antonio Community College District of Los Angeles County, California, at its regular meeting on January 11, 2017.

AYES, and in favor of, Board Members: Baca, Bader, Chen, Chen Haggerty, Hall, Hidalgo, Santos

NOES, Board Members: None

ABSENT, Board Members: None



William T. Scroggins
College President & CEO and
Secretary, Governing Board