

RESOLUTION NO. 16-XX

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 55
TAX EXTENSION TO FUND EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE**

WHEREAS, the Mt. San Antonio Community College District is committed to making policy and financial decisions that enable the district to provide quality educational programs and services to its community; and

WHEREAS, during the recent recession, the Mt. San Antonio Community College District was forced to reduce its budget by \$15 million, deny access to thousands of students, eliminate positions, and trim vital student services; and

WHEREAS, passage of Proposition 30 in 2012 helped increase state revenues, provided a significant boost to the Mt. San Antonio Community College District, and allowed for the restoration of classes and services;

WHEREAS, the revenues from Proposition 30 will decline after 2016 and will disappear completely after 2018, the last year its provisions will be in effect; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 55 would extend Proposition 30's temporary income tax rates for an additional 12 years, continue funding the Education Protection Account and boost spending on health care for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, unless Californians extend Proposition 30's temporary tax increases, the state's schools and community colleges most likely will receive relatively fewer dollars in the years ahead, raising the prospect that California's school spending will fall even further behind the nation; and

WHEREAS, a decrease of funds could once again significantly and severely impact current and future students of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District through reduction of classes and services; and the mission of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District is to educate and produce a skilled workforce to fuel the state's specialized economy; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mt. San Antonio Community College District joins school districts and community college districts around the state in supporting Proposition 55 and in urging the Legislature to work with the public education community to identify

stable, long-term, adequate funding solutions for public schools and community colleges; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mt. San Antonio Community College District hereby supports the passage of Proposition 55 because it provides needed revenue to public schools and will specifically benefit this district for the reasons described herein.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District this 14th day of September 2016 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: