



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) STUDENTS IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

WHEREAS, In California, the Community College system, Cal State University system, and the University of California system are committed to serving all students who can benefit from a post-secondary education, without regard to race, ethnicity, heritage, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, language, socio-economic status, gender, gender Identity, sexual orientation, medical condition or disability; and

WHEREAS, Californians overwhelmingly believe that all people should have the opportunity to reach their full educational potential in a climate of respect and inclusion and in an educational environment that protects students from pressures and intrusive actions that would disrupt or impair their education; and

WHEREAS, California's educational systems are proud to serve its richly diverse community and should be committed to genuinely following the governance policies that support and protect students and the privacy of student records, AB 540 that exempts undocumented students from non-resident tuition, and the California Dream Act which allows undocumented students to apply for and receive state based financial aid and Institutional scholarships; and

WHEREAS, there is great uncertainty that exists among students about what specific immigration policies will be pursued by the federal government under President Donald Trump's administration, and immigrants and other populations of community neighbors are fearful of policies that may result in deportation or forced registration based on immigration status, religion or beliefs; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of LULAC and its members to reassure students that campuses of learning will remain safe and welcoming places for students of all backgrounds and that there should be proactive initiatives to inform them that state law grants qualified undocumented students the right to admissions and financial aid; and

WHEREAS, LULAC conveys its support to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the University of California and the California State University as they strongly 1) reassure its students that campuses will remain safe and welcoming places to learn for students of all backgrounds, whether documented or undocumented; 2) call on President Donald Trump to preserve DACA; and 3) defend the right *of* all students to obtain a higher education in California; and

WHEREAS, LULAC stands with post-secondary educational leaders in recognizing that DACA students do not represent a public safety threat but rather represent some of the finest young Individuals on whom our country's future depends, now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that LULAC is firm in its declaration that college campuses remain open, safe and welcoming to students of all backgrounds who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status and will continue to provide services for DACA and other documented and undocumented students, including counseling, instructional support, places to study, assistance in applying to in-state colleges and for financial aid through the California Dream Act and other appropriate support services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LULAC proudly joins with the calls to urge President Donald Trump to continue the DACA program, which grants "Dreamers" - people who were brought to this country as children by their parents, to continue to pursue an education - reprieve from deportation because California and these United States are stronger due to their contributions to our economy, to our communities and to our Armed Forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LULAC stands together with California's educators in its collective acting in accordance with the values of the offices of the education organizational systems of the state – and supports the continuation of the following practices as allowed, absent legal authority, do its utmost best not to: (1) allow federal immigration officials on campus; (2) act on behalf of federal agencies to enforce immigration laws or aid in deportation; (3) share student records containing immigration or citizenship status with immigration officials; (4) allow campus police/security to detain, question, or arrest anyone on the basis of suspected undocumented immigration status or participate in any voluntary program of immigration enforcement; and (5) cooperate with any efforts to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LULAC urges cooperation with local K-12 school districts, city municipalities, other local agencies, nonprofit entities, legal services entitles, and other entitles and groups where appropriate to provide support for families with deportation concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that efforts are in place to ensure that faculty, staff, and students understand these particular policies and have accurate and timely information on student's rights to privacy and the limitations on the information which can be provided to external governmental and other agencies without their consent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LULAC and its local LULAC councils will vigorously advocate at every level of government to protect our students and our system's values.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.



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