

**Las Positas College Academic Faculty Senate, Classified Senate,
and Associated Students of Las Positas (ASLPC)**

Joint Resolution on Las Positas College as a Sanctuary Campus

WHEREAS Colleges and college districts have an obligation to provide all students with supportive learning environments free from fear, harassment, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS Las Positas College has stated that its mission is to respond to the educational and workforce development needs of our regional population; and

WHEREAS our campus empowers the underrepresented and underserved with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, and all forms of marginalization; and

WHEREAS of 9,193 Las Positas College students, 4% are African-American, 5% are Filipino, 30% are Latino/a, and Pacific Islander are 1%; and

WHEREAS in 2015 Las Positas College became a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and is projected to become a Minority Serving Institution (MSI) in the next few years; and

WHEREAS Las Positas College values, respects, and encourages cultural diversity in our curriculum, programs, and services and among our community of learners, teachers, and professionals; and

WHEREAS the Board of Governors of the California Community College system has resolved that: all 114 community colleges in California remain safe and open to students, regardless of immigration status, the state Chancellor's office will not release any personally identifiable student information without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order; and the Board of Governors encourages community colleges to consider our system's values when responding to requests for information from government agencies; and

WHEREAS the Las Positas Senates and ASLPC agree with the Livermore Police Department's stated policy that they are committed to protecting and treating all individuals equally, without regard to race, color or national origin, the immigration status of individuals is not a matter for local police action, and they will not take enforcement actions on immigration offenses; and

WHEREAS students from immigrant backgrounds, communities of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students, Muslims, women, and

people with disabilities are increasingly the targets of hate speech and threats incompatible with the inalienable rights of liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS our students have reason to fear for their safety based on proposed and enacted policies in the current political climate, such as detaining, deporting or revoking the study and travel privileges of the undocumented and immigrants from Muslim-majority and other countries, and revoking policies of inclusion for transgender individuals; and

WHEREAS many of our students are, or could be, affected by such policies and have legitimate fears for their security and their future; and

WHEREAS currently over 200 colleges and universities across the United States have petitioned to declare sanctuary; and

WHEREAS declaring Las Positas College a sanctuary campus sends a powerful message of support to community members that Las Positas College is an institution they can trust to provide safe spaces to learn and work free from harassment or intimidation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Las Positas College Academic Faculty Senate, Classified Senate, and ASLPC call for Las Positas College to become a sanctuary campus and publicly **REAFFIRMS** our historical commitment to a safe learning environment and that all people—regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and ability—should be free of discrimination, verbal or physical attacks; and

TO THIS END, the Las Positas Academic Faculty Senate, Classified Senate, and ASLPC strongly urge the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees

- (a) To **PUBLICLY DECLARE** Las Positas College a sanctuary campus;
- (b) To **REJECT**
 1. Any use of a registry, surveillance, or monitoring based on any federally protected class such as religion, national origin, race, sexual orientation, or disability for non-educational purposes;
 2. Any call to detain, question, or arrest any individual solely based on suspected undocumented immigration status;
 3. Any call to voluntarily cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to seek out and deport students, faculty, staff and other community members without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order;

4. Any call to allow immigration agents access to campus without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order;
5. Any call to deny access to Las Positas College to students, faculty, staff, and community members based on immigration status;
6. Any call to release personally identifiable student information—including any data related to immigration status—without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order unless authorized by the student or required by law;

(c) To **TAKE ACTION** promoting the following recommendations:

1. Continue to advocate at the local, state, and federal level for educational opportunities for all students in our community regardless of immigration status.
2. Develop, adopt, and implement district and campus policies and protocols consistent with the values expressed herein, in the event that a public or law enforcement officer is expected to enter or has entered campus to execute a federal immigration order.
3. Disseminate information and increase awareness of California Assembly Bill 21 and Senate Bill 54.
4. Ensure that all Las Positas faculty, classified professionals, students, and administrators, know and understand all state and federal laws, and district and campus policies relevant to protecting students and student information, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
5. Communicate information about rights and protections afforded to students including but not limited FERPA on an ongoing basis by way of an annual forum and other activities.
6. Continue to protect sensitive student information, such as collected under the auspices of California Assembly Bill 540, the California Dream Act, and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, by limiting access to student records and to provide authorities with this information only with a valid subpoena.
7. Continue to identify and promote scholarships that are open to all students regardless of citizenship or residency.
8. Secure support from all local, state, and federal elected officials for Las Positas College's efforts to protect students, faculty, and professionals.
9. Consider earmarking resources to allow Las Positas to provide:
 - a. Culturally sensitive mental health counseling to students and staff who are undocumented, LGBTQ, Muslim, female, African American, Latina/o, Asian, and other affected groups;

- b. Support for campus activities, speakers, events, faculty, staff, and student education on diversity and social justice activism;
- c. Tuition assistance to students whose financial aid is impacted due to undocumented status;
- d. The development of a multicultural resource center to support the student success among undocumented, LGBTQ, Muslim, female, African American, Latino/a, Asian and other affected groups.

Adopted by Las Positas Academic Faculty Senate: _____

Adopted by Las Positas Classified Senate: _____

Adopted by Associated Students of Las Positas of Las Positas College:
