



## ACTION ITEM

### AMENDED 12/15/2016

**DATE:** December 15, 2016

**SUBJECT:** DREAM City: Resolution Requesting the Chancellor Develop a Contingency Plan to Address Equal Vocational Learning Opportunities for Undocumented DACA Students and to Mitigate Harm To Employees Upon Any Revocation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Policy

**ITEM NO.** 161215-IX-347

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Community College District, duly elected by the people of San Francisco, grounded in premise on the notion that all lives are valued and cherished, dedicated in mission to the learning and educational opportunities of all of our students, and shored in vision of a future true to the creed of our nation;

**WHEREAS:** On November 29, 2016, the University of California President Janet Napolitano, California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White, and California Community Colleges Chancellor-designate Eloy Ortiz Oakley issued a joint letter to the president-elect of the United States of America, calling undocumented immigrant students “some of the best our nation has to offer,” and “as American as any other child across the nation”;

**WHEREAS:** These leaders of California’s three systems of higher education further voiced that our undocumented students “should be able to pursue their dream of higher education without fear of being arrested, deported, or rounded up just for trying to learn,” and unflinchingly urged the president-elect “to let them know they are valued members of our communities and that they will be allowed to continue to pursue the American dream”;

**WHEREAS:** In June 2012, President Barack Obama instituted a policy known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (“DACA”) program, which affords deferred action from deportation and eligibility for work permits to undocumented immigrants to the United States who meet the following criteria: (1) entry into the United States before their 16th birthday and before June 2007, (2) be currently in school, a high school graduate or be honorably discharged

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from the military, (3) be under age 31 as of June 15, 2015, and (4) have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor or otherwise pose a threat to national security;

**WHEREAS:** DACA has provided an opportunity for many students to pursue vocational and professional opportunities given their educational achievements;

**WHEREAS:** The new presidential administration that takes office on Friday, January 20, 2017, publicly expressed an intent to rescind DACA, which will put up to 500 students at City College of San Francisco at risk, especially given the information they provided to the government;

**WHEREAS:** On November 30, 2016, the Chancellor-designate of the California Community Colleges has urged this new administration to retain DACA in a video message, stating that “DACA allows thousands of our students who were brought to this country as children by undocumented parents to continue their studies and contribute to our communities,” which is “rooted in the fundamental premise that no one should be punished for the actions of others”;

**WHEREAS:** In 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the California Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (“DREAM”) Act, in two parts: (1) AB 130 on July 25, 2011, which explicitly allows students who meet the criteria under Education Code section 68130.5 (“AB 540”) to apply for scholarships derived from non-state funds, and (2) AB131 on October 8, 2011, making AB 540 students eligible for all student financial aid programs administered by the state and fee waivers authorized by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges;

**WHEREAS:** The California DREAM Act recognized “existing federal law requires that a state may provide that an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States” can be “eligible for any state or local public benefit for which that alien would otherwise be ineligible under a specified federal law only through enactment of a state law that affirmatively provides for that eligibility,” then found and declared that the DREAM Act is such a state law;

**WHEREAS:** In 2011, City College of San Francisco student organizations Students Making A Change (“SMAC”) and Students Advocating For Equity (“S.A.F.E.”) advocated for, then established, the founding of a resource center for immigrant students called Voices of Immigrants Demonstrating Achievement (“V.I.D.A.”); V.I.D.A. continues to provides academic counseling, tutoring, peer mentoring and legal support for undocumented immigrant students at City College of San Francisco;

**WHEREAS:** In September 2011, after the passage of the California DREAM Act but before DACA, with urging of SMAC, S.A.F.E., and other students, City College of San Francisco created the Civic Engagement Initiative, a pioneering program making undocumented students eligible for non-state funded scholarships for vocational learning opportunities through such sources as dedicated funds from the City College of San Francisco Foundation consistent with AB 130;

**WHEREAS:** The Civic Engagement Initiative, housed in City College’s Office of Mentoring and Service Learning (OMSL), served 35 students in Spring and Fall 2012, placing them in

scholarship-funded vocational learning experiences at 17 community-based organizations throughout San Francisco, donating 3,800 hours of time in service to others;

**WHEREAS:** The City and County of San Francisco has since adopted a similar program called the DreamSF Fellowship, which “provides an opportunity for DACA-approved youth to serve San Francisco’s immigrant communities while gaining paid professional experience and training,” according to its website. “DreamSF Fellows commit to working 20 hours per week on a project-based fellowship with an immigrant-serving nonprofit or public organization. Additionally, Fellows receive weekly leadership development and professional skills training and a monthly stipend”;

**WHEREAS:** On November 14, 2016, Mayor Edwin Lee gathered San Francisco’s elected officials for a rally at City Hall to stand in unity, declaring: “We know that in our city there are people who are angry, fearful, and frustrated . . . Our city has never been about that. Our city is a city of sanctuary, refuge and a city of love. We have to speak to the next generation who are scared and fearful”; and

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Trustees is equally committed to the principles voiced by the leaders of the state’s higher education systems and other San Francisco elected officials in regard to our immigrant students and their families;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Chancellor develop a contingency plan (“DREAM City”) to address full equal vocational learning opportunities for undocumented DACA students and to mitigate harm to employees upon any revocation of DACA;
2. In so doing, the Chancellor dutifully consider or take under advisement the following:
  - A. The needs of students and employees affected by any DACA revocation;
  - B. The effectiveness of the Civic Engagement Initiative as a model to mitigate specific harms to City College students resulting from DACA revocation, including loss of vocational learning opportunities;
  - C. The effectiveness of the City and County of San Francisco’s DreamSF Fellowship as a model to mitigate specific harms to City College employees resulting from DACA revocation;
  - D. The relevance and effectiveness of locally funded student assistant positions, as well as local unrestricted, non-state funding sources, that may mitigate specific harms resulting from DACA revocation;
  - E. The relevance and effectiveness of the current plans for state-based equity funds, and similar sources of funding;
  - F. A manner to ensure accountability for such a contingency plan by the Board of

Trustees; and

3. This resolution is executed consistent with the City College of San Francisco's mission and all accreditation standards.

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