

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



## Resolution No. 2017.01

### Resolution in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees supports and values the District's mission in providing students, in its diverse community, with access to comprehensive quality educational opportunities that support student learning and student success; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District has a diverse population of more than 30,000 students, including DACA students; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees is concerned about potential actions under consideration, including the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; and

WHEREAS, DACA is rooted in the fundamental premise that no one should be punished for the actions of others; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges system is committed to serving all students who can benefit from a post-secondary education, without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, language, socioeconomic status, gender identity or expression, medical condition or disability; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has reassured students and colleges that our campuses will remain safe welcoming places for students of all backgrounds to learn; informed them that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid; informed students that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; called on President Donald J. Trump to preserve Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals; and joined with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to defend the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Ventura County Community College District Board of Trustees supports the continuation of the DACA Program, a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students, regardless of immigration status, and encourages these valued members of our communities to continue to pursue the American Dream of higher education.

Adopted March 7, 2017:

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