

**Las Positas College Academic Faculty Senate,  
Classified Senate, and Student Senate**

**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** Las Positas College is a diverse institution inclusive of all backgrounds. Our campus empowers the underrepresented and underserved with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, and all marginalized people; 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 113 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 the proper documentation, 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 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** in the previous season of national presidential campaigning and the continuing national discussion, students from immigrant backgrounds, communities of color, LGBTQ students, Muslims, women, and people with disabilities were 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 targeting undocumented and Muslim immigrants, building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, discriminatorily detaining and deporting specific groups, curtailing refugee admissions based on religion, national origin, and ethnicity, suspending visas from majority-Muslim 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 Student Senate call for Las Positas College to become a sanctuary campus and publicly **REAFFIRMS**

- (a) Our historical position that all people—regardless of immigration status, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ability, ethnicity or religion—should be free of discrimination, verbal or physical attacks; and
- (b) Our historical commitment to a safe learning environment for all students through respectful work in all campus spaces, providing inclusive materials in our curriculum, and utilizing supportive interactions with all students in our role as mentors and peers.

**TO THIS END**, the Las Positas Academic Faculty Senate, Classified Senate, and Student Senate strongly urge the Las Positas-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;
  - 2. Any call to detain, question, or arrest any individual solely based on suspected undocumented immigration status;
  - 3. Any call to voluntarily cooperate with 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.
  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. Las Positas security, faculty, classified professionals, and administration are prohibited from inquiring about or recording any information regarding an individual's immigration status, citizenship status or country of birth, including when interviewing victims, witnesses, or suspects of crimes.
  6. 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.
  7. Continue to protect sensitive student information, such as California Assembly Bill 540, California Dream Act, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, by limiting access to student records and to provide authorities with this information ONLY with a valid subpoena.
  8. Continue to identify and promote scholarships that are open to all students regardless of citizenship or residency.
  9. Secure support from all local, state, and federal elected officials for Las Positas College's efforts to protect students, faculty, and professionals.
  10. 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, 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;

Adopted by Las Positas Academic Faculty Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by Las Positas Classified Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by Student Senate of Las Positas College: \_\_\_\_\_