

RESOLUTION NO. 1885

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SUPPORTING EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Community College District recognizes that immigration reform must protect the rights of all students and their families, regardless of immigration status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, and provide sufficient family-based channels for migration in the future; and

WHEREAS, immigrant and refugee youth from many parts of the world attend Southwestern Community College, making the school body diverse and enriched by the multiple histories and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Southwestern College is situated along the U.S.-Mexico international border region, and serves up to 20,000 students every semester, many of whom cross the international border to attend Southwestern College facilities; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of unbalanced immigration enforcement has caused fear in immigrant and refugee members of the Southwestern College student body, has increased civil and human rights violations, family separation and immigrant deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Community College District maintains that immigration reform must seek to restore trust between immigrant and refugee communities and local police by reducing racial profiling and increasing transparency and accountability for the involvement of federal immigration authorities in local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, immigration policy reforms must seek to protect labor, civil, and human rights, and create a fair and humane pathway to citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Community College District Governing Board previously acknowledged that civil and human rights are deeply rooted in the fabric of democratic and principled societies, and must be instilled in all elements of our enforcement apparatus to ensure every individual's dignity and humanity is upheld, recognized and respected; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has issued two additional executive actions to provide temporary relief to those who are living in this country in an undocumented status since the Southwestern Community College District Governing Board last passed a resolution in support of immigration reform—the extension of the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Deferred Action of Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA). These actions would help up to 91,000 individuals in San Diego County alone while Congress works to pass something more permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Community College District Governing Board recognizes that immigration reform, in particular, must provide a pathway to citizenship for parents and/or the legal guardians of U.S. citizens and DACAmented youth who are dependent on the financial, emotional, and well-being of their parents or legal guardians that entered the United States without proper documentation due to limited social or economic opportunities in their home country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwestern Community College Governing Board supports the Executive Actions on Immigration, including the extension of the DACA and DAPA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Southwestern Community College District this 15th day of April, 2015.

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