

**Resolution No. 05-22-17C**

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District  
Supporting Excellent, Comprehensive Educational Programs for All Students**

WHEREAS, the El Camino Community College District (“El Camino College”) is committed to serving all students who meet the requirements for admission without regard to protected class, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, and all other protected classes under federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, the El Camino College mission is to make a positive difference in people’s lives by providing excellent, comprehensive educational programs and services that promote student learning and success in collaboration with our diverse communities as reflected by our vision to be the college of choice for successful student learning that transforms lives, strengthens community, and inspires individuals to excel; and

WHEREAS, El Camino College’s highest value is placed on our students and their educational goals in accordance with our institutional values: people, respect, integrity, diversity, and excellence (PRIDE); and

WHEREAS, El Camino College complies with federal and state laws and regulations, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) that governs the privacy of student records, Assembly Bill 540 (2001-2002 Reg. Sess.), and the California DREAM Act which exempt undocumented students from non-resident tuition and provide other benefits; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the El Camino College Police Department is to provide a safe and secure environment while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons utilizing the facilities and programs of El Camino College; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has reassured students and colleges that our campuses will remain 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 qualifying undocumented students is protected by state law; formally requested the preservation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy; and joined with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to advocate for the rights of all students to obtain a higher education in California; and

WHEREAS, rigorous inquiry demands multiple and often competing perspectives and El Camino College has an obligation to ensure that the greatest variety of viewpoints is brought to bear on the issues facing the college and the community; and

WHEREAS, many of our students and their families are justifiably concerned about their future, and the District believes that neither California nor the United States of America will prosper without affording respect, opportunity, and support to its diverse population; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the El Camino College Board of Trustees reaffirms its commitment to its institutional values of people, respect, integrity, diversity and excellence (PRIDE); and in placing the highest value on all of our students and their educational goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the El Camino College Board of Trustees reaffirms its support for excellent, comprehensive educational programs and services for all students, in collaboration with our diverse communities, and that financial aid remains available to qualifying undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that El Camino College will continue its practice of protecting the privacy rights of students under federal and state law and will not release student information without a warrant, subpoena, or court order, unless authorized by the student or otherwise required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, the El Camino College District Board of Trustees supports the recommendation of the California Community College Chancellor's Office that the District police department not detain, question, or arrest any individual solely on the basis of undocumented immigration status or suspected undocumented immigration status.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017, by the Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District, Torrance, California.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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President

ATTEST:

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Secretary