

**RESOLUTION NO. 2
PROPOSITION 15 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, for four decades, community college districts in California have experienced underinvestment and devastating cuts causing California's school funding to fall behind and resulting in fewer services and resources for students, staff, and faculty; and

WHEREAS, experts estimate that the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act reclaims \$12 billion in property tax revenue every year to ensure that our schools and communities have the resources to educate all of our kids and the services to support all of our families; and

WHEREAS, the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act does not affect property taxes for homeowners or renters because the initiative exempts all residential property. It also does not negatively impact, but in fact benefits, small businesses under \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, academic researchers at the University of Southern California (USC) have identified that the vast majority of the reclaimed revenue will come from just a fraction of large properties; and

WHEREAS, California education funding is falling behind, ranking one of the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the measure would provide the Santa Barbara Community College District with ongoing additional funds annually if it passes statewide in November; and

WHEREAS, additional funding would enable Santa Barbara Community College District to better prepare the next generation of students to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the measure also provides billions in funding yearly for cities, counties, and special districts in locally controlled revenues for affordable housing, parks, libraries, emergency responders, health and human services, libraries, public infrastructure, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 is on the November 2020 ballot; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, in light of the national and state economic crisis precipitated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, Santa Barbara Community College District will require additional revenues for the continued provision of services to the children, youth and families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara Community College District endorse the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 for a ballot measure in November 2020.

Ayes: Trustee Abboud, Trustee Croninger, Trustee Haslund, Trustee Miller, Trustee Parker.

Noes: Trustee Gallardo, Trustee Nielsen.

Absent: None.

Advisory Vote: Student Trustee McKinney.



Dr. Utpal K. Goswami, Superintendent/President
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees