

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, even with existing financial aid available, attending California Community Colleges, including those in the Los Angeles Community College District, can be unachievable for students of limited means; and

WHEREAS, the lack of need-based financial aid for supplemental costs such as books, transportation, and living expenses can total thousands of dollars annually and forces students to work more or take fewer classes, and reduces their chances of successfully completing their education; and

WHEREAS, while the California Community Colleges Board of Governors Fee Waiver currently offsets tuition and fees for 60 percent of full time community college students, eligibility is currently limited to low income students who demonstrate financial need of at least \$1,104; and

WHEREAS, AB 1583 (Santiago) will increase access to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors Fee Waiver by amending the eligibility criteria to include income standards set no lower than three times the current federal poverty level and a financial need of at least one dollar; and

WHEREAS, AB 1583 will also require the Board of Governors to establish a need-based aid program to provide fee waiver recipients with financial resources, not to exceed \$1000 per student per year, to offset a portion of supplemental costs of textbooks, supplies, transportation, and other living expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1583 (Santiago) which will expand the California Community Colleges Board of Governors Fee Waiver to all community college students with financial need and help cover burdensome supplemental education costs.

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