

Resolution of the Classified Senates

Of Laney College, Merritt College, Berkeley City College, and College of Alameda

Addressing the proposed reduction of classified staff positions

WHEREAS, the quality of service to our students will be drastically impacted through reduced hours of operation, fewer students served and reduction in students completing matriculation (Assessment, Orientation, Counseling, student ed. Plans)

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WHEREAS, the recent successful re-accreditation of Laney College and Berkeley City College was based in part on specific benchmarks for student services and support which will be undermined by these proposed cuts

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WHEREAS, the long-term effects of these proposed cuts have not been explored or enacted through a shared governance process, and will have severe consequences to our colleges by undermining our stated goals of serving our community and will negatively impact future enrollment

and

WHEREAS, strategic goals A and B of the PCCD: "Increasing Student Access and Success" and "Community and Partner Engagement", in addition to the Colleges own mission statements and goals which include providing "optimal student support services" will no longer be feasible:

Be it hereby resolved that the classified senate presidents of Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College, demand that all options other than staff reductions be explored to resolve the current fiscal emergency, including early retirements, comprehensive hiring freezes, particularly at the District level, and other reductions in district office spending.

We further request a full justification of increases and retention of district office positions while direct services to students at the colleges are being compromised or eliminated. Along with this, we request full and open access to all district accounts and spending.

Presented to the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees on this 27th day of October, 2009