

**Peralta Community College District Board Resolution on Tax Extensions and AB 1130**  
Resolution 10/11-80

Whereas nearly seventy per cent of the funding for classrooms in the Peralta Community College District originates with the state of California, and

Whereas close to eighteen billion dollars has been slashed from the statewide public education budget (including K-12 and community college) in the past three budget years, and

Whereas the state budget remains in ongoing fiscal crisis due to inadequate revenues, and

Whereas the Peralta Community College District has been forced to implement severe budget cuts due to the state budget deficit, and

Whereas the impact in the Peralta Community College District has been harmful to its ability to deliver the quality education that students need and deserve, and

Whereas many employees of the District have already lost their jobs especially part time faculty and classified staff, with adverse impact on the students' lives, the employees' lives, and on the local economy, and

Whereas this is not inevitable, but a matter of political choices to preserve tax loopholes for corporations and low tax rates for the richest residents of the state while balancing the state budget on the backs of our students and school staff, and

Whereas the governor has proposed a balanced budget solution, including roughly half cuts and half maintenance of a current temporary tax for five years, and

Whereas this solution is a necessary minimum, but not sufficient to restore full funding to public education and other services,

Whereas each year a small minority of legislators, opposed to taxes on ideological grounds, can block the will of the majority and prevent a balanced approach to solving the budget crisis, and they have done so again this year, threatening great harm to our ability to carry out our educational mission,

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of the Trustee of the Peralta Community College District will work with all interested parties in the community to advocate for the continuance of the current temporary taxes to resolve state budgetary problems that affect the delivery of quality education in our District, and

Be it further resolved that the Board will work with all interested parties to publicly advocate for AB 1130 ("1% on the 1%"), which proposes a 1% additional tax on the wealthiest Californians (\$500,000 per year income and up) so that they contribute their fair share to investing in the state's future wellbeing.

Passed and Adopted this May 10, 2011 by unanimous vote of the Governing Board, unless the meeting minutes reflect otherwise.

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Wise E. Allen  
Chancellor and Board Secretary