

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 11/12-38 FOR BACKFILL OF FEE AND PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL

WHEREAS, California's community colleges were subject to \$313 million in cuts in the 2011-12 enacted budget; and

WHEREAS, California's community colleges were subject to an additional \$102 million in trigger cuts in January; and

WHEREAS, California's community colleges have reduced enrollment by 284,000 students during a time when demographically they should have been increasing enrollments; and

WHEREAS, a \$415 million system-wide reduction has meant a \$7 million cut to the Peralta Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Peralta Colleges could have enrolled 2,193 more students with the additional \$7 million in funding; and

WHEREAS, the State Chancellor's Office recently announced that community college funding will be \$149 million below estimates due to lower than estimated fee and property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the shortfall would mean an additional cut of \$3.259 million to the Peralta Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the shortfall would jeopardize access for 1,054 students at the Peralta Colleges; and

WHEREAS, this shortfall was unanticipated and represents funding that was promised to community colleges and built into their budgets at the beginning of the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District urges the legislature and Governor to provide a backfill for the unanticipated shortfall; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District supports legislation to backfill the fee and property tax revenue shortfall and calls on the legislature to quickly pass legislation to address this unexpected cut; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Peralta Community College District, by passage of this resolution, expresses its full support for backfill of the \$149 million property tax and fee revenue shortfall.