

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF TAX INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, California's higher education system is in a crisis situation with insufficient resources at a time of record demand due to high school graduates and unemployed residents seeking retraining; and

WHEREAS, California's community colleges have been subject to over a 17% workload reduction over the last four state budgets limiting access to an estimated 600,000 students; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget seeks both spending cuts and tax increases in order to bridge the state's structural deficit; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget, without additional revenues proposes to cut Proposition 98 funding by \$2.4 billion, approximately \$264 million of which could come from community colleges; and

WHEREAS, a \$264 system-wide reduction would mean a \$5,021.313 cut to the Peralta Community College District; and

WHEREAS, additional tax revenues would provide access for over 200,000 more students than a budget that does not include additional tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Peralta Community College District could provide access for as many as 4,375 more students under a budget with additional tax revenues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District supports a balanced approach to addressing the state's structural deficit; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District supports only one tax initiative going before voters in the November 2012 General Election; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District encourages the various parties promoting initiatives that would increase taxes to unite in support of one initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District supports a tax initiative going forward that provides additional resources to California's community colleges so that we may meet the education and workforce training demands of the state's population; 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 a November tax initiative and additional revenues for California's community colleges.