

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

October 7, 2026

Senator Phungraksakiat introduced the following Resolution,
Senator Ruiz seconded the following Resolution

A RESOLUTION

Supporting the Implementation of AB 2374 and Encouraging Cerritos College to Consider California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation

SR-2627-01

- Whereas:** Assembly Bill 2374 (Fong), signed into law on September 29, 2026, establishes the Designation of California Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions to recognize qualifying colleges and universities in California that excel in their commitment to supporting Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students [1, 2, 3]; and
- Whereas:** AB 2374 establishes a five-year designation, with opportunity to apply for renewal after five years, requiring institution applicants to identify academic and equity goals related to improving AANHPI student retention, time-to-degree or time-to-certificate completion, graduation rates, and reducing academic equity gaps; and
- Whereas:** AB 2374 requires applicants to develop five-year strategic plans on how the applicant intends to meet the academic goals and equity goals and address academic- and basic-needs support, culturally responsive education, institutional research, disaggregated student data, and collaboration across California's higher education systems to support AANHPI student success, transfer, and degree completion; and
- Whereas:** Community college applicants must provide the previous three years of data on degree and certificate completion and transfer outcomes for AANHPI students and the overall student population, with separate Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander data reported to the extent possible, and a description of campus resources to promote a campus of equity and inclusion for AANHPI students; and
- Whereas:** Applicants are encouraged to inform and consult with the academic senate of the college or university, in the case of Cerritos College, the Cerritos College Faculty Senate, on the applicant's initial and renewal applications [1, 4]; and
- Whereas:** According to Cerritos College's July 2026 institutional factsheet, the College's Spring 2026 student population of 23,175 included approximately 6.7% Asian students, 3.6% Filipino students, and 0.4% Pacific Islander students, making the requirements and potential applicability of the new California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation relevant to the College's institutional planning [5]; and
- Whereas:** Cerritos College's Mission Statement emphasizes its diverse student population and commitment to providing "high-quality, comprehensive instructional programs and support services" through equity-minded pathways, connecting the potential California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation to the College's stated institutional mission [6]; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) Senate requests that Cerritos College evaluate its eligibility and consider pursuing the Designation of California Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions; and

Resolved: The ASCC Senate encourages Cerritos College to inform and consult with ASCC and the broader student leadership community, in addition to the Cerritos College Faculty Senate, when preparing initial and renewal applications for the California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation, to incorporate student perspectives into institutional planning; and

Resolved: Copies of this resolution and the accompanying letters attached as Appendix A shall be transmitted to the Cerritos College Office of the President and the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, the Office of Assemblymember Mike Fong, the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, which serves as the managing entity for Designation applications.

Sources

- [1] California Legislature. Assembly Bill 2374 (2025–2026), Chapter 760, Statutes of 2026. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB2374
- [2] Digital Democracy. AB 2374: Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, 2025. https://calmatters.digitaldemocracy.org/bills/ca_202520260ab2374#webpage
- [3] Crofts-Pelayo, Diana. Governor Newsom Signs Historic Legislation Designating California Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, Governor of California, 29 Sept. 2026. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2026/09/29/governor-newsom-signs-historic-legislation-designating-california-asian-american-and-native-hawaiian-pacific-islander-serving-institutions/>
- [4] Cerritos College. Faculty Senate, 2026. <https://www.cerritos.edu/governance/faculty-senate/default.htm>
- [5] Cerritos College. Institutional Factsheet, July 2026. https://www.cerritos.edu/public-relations/includes/docs/2026/Fact-sheet_7_2026_ua.pdf
- [6] Cerritos College. Mission, Vision and Values, 2026. <https://www.cerritos.edu/about/mission-vision-values.htm>

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Final Senate Action

Date of final vote:	October 7, 2026
Senators Voting Aye:	Awada, Bennett, Bergeron, Bijl Jacob, Chung, Coc, Feria, Godinez, Hammond, Lee, Lopez, Lucero, Mohsin, Ochoa, Pheng, Phungraksakiat, Raya, Rubianes, Ruiz, Siqueiros, Vasquez, Villar, Williams-Dennis
Senators Voting Nay:	None
Senators Abstaining:	None
Senators Absent:	Castro, Phol, Lara
Vote Count:	23 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No

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Appendix A: Draft Letters

Draft Letter to the Cerritos College President and Board of Trustees

October 7, 2026

Dr. Jose Fierro
President/Superintendent, Cerritos College

Dr. Dawn Green
President, Cerritos College Board of Trustees

Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Boulevard
Norwalk, CA 90650

RE: SR-2627-01 - Cerritos College AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation

Dear President Fierro and President Green,

On behalf of the **Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) Senate**, we respectfully transmit Senate Resolution SR-2627-01, *Supporting the Implementation of AB 2374 and Encouraging Cerritos College to Consider California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation*, adopted on October 7, 2026.

With Governor Gavin Newsom's signing of Assembly Bill 2374 (Fong), California has established a new designation recognizing colleges and universities that demonstrate a meaningful commitment to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) student success.

As students of Cerritos College, we recognize the importance of culturally responsive programs and robust academic resources in helping students remain enrolled, complete their education, transfer to four-year universities, and prepare for their careers. Cerritos College serves a diverse student body, and AANHPI students represent many distinct communities, cultures, and lived experiences.

The designation established by AB 2374 would recognize institutions that set measurable goals for improving student retention, transfer, and degree or certificate completion. It would also promote culturally responsive support services, relevant curriculum, professional development, research, and collaboration across California's higher education systems. This is an opportunity for institutional recognition to reflect more than student enrollment: an ongoing commitment to the students and communities a college serves.

Through SR-2627-01, the ASCC Senate respectfully requests that Cerritos College **evaluate its eligibility and consider pursuing California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation**. We also encourage the College to **inform and consult with ASCC and the broader student leadership community**, alongside the Cerritos College Faculty Senate, when preparing any initial or renewal applications.

We recognize the planning and coordination associated with a new designation and appreciate the work of the College's administration, faculty, staff, and student leaders in supporting student success. We hope that student perspectives can contribute to any future consideration of this opportunity through the College's existing shared governance process.

Thank you for your continued service to Cerritos College and for considering our students' voices and experiences.

Sincerely,
Senator Napat "Pryce" Phungraksakiat
Senator Amelie Ruiz
Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate

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Draft Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom

October 7, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Cerritos College ASCC Resolution SR-2627-01 - AB 2374

Dear Governor Newsom,

Thank you for signing Assembly Bill 2374 (Fong) on September 29, 2026. On behalf of the Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate, we are transmitting SR-2627-01, adopted on October 7, 2026, on the implementation of AB 2374 and California's new Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institution Designation.

Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander students represent distinct communities with diverse educational experiences and needs. The designation established by AB 2374 would recognize institutions that set measurable goals for improving student retention, transfer, and degree or certificate completion. It would also promote culturally responsive support services, relevant curriculum, professional development, research, and collaboration across California's higher education systems.

Through SR-2627-01, the ASCC Senate requests that Cerritos College evaluate its eligibility and consider pursuing the designation. Our resolution also encourages the College to consult student leaders alongside the Faculty Senate when considering any initial or renewal application.

We appreciate your attention to California's college students' experiences and are pleased to share the position adopted by the ASCC Senate.

Sincerely,
Senator Napat "Pryce" Phungraksakiat
Senator Amelie Ruiz
Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate

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Draft Letter to Assemblymember Mike Fong

October 7, 2026

The Honorable Mike Fong
California State Assemblymember
1021 O Street, Suite 5650
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Cerritos College ASCC Resolution SR-2627-01 - AB 2374

Dear Assemblymember Fong,

Thank you for your work authoring AB 2374 and bringing the new designation before the California Legislature. On behalf of the Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate, we are transmitting SR-2627-01, adopted on October 7, 2026, concerning the implementation of AB 2374 and California's new Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institution Designation.

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Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate

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Draft Letter to Chancellor Christian

October 7, 2026

Dr. Sonya Christian
Chancellor
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street, Suite 4400
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Cerritos College ASCC Resolution SR-2627-01 - AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation

Dear Chancellor Christian,

On behalf of the Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) Senate, we respectfully transmit SR-2627-01, Supporting the Implementation of AB 2374 and Encouraging Cerritos College to Consider California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation, adopted on October 7, 2026.

We appreciate the Chancellor's Office's role in managing the new designation established by Assembly Bill 2374 (Fong), signed into law on September 29, 2026. The designation would recognize institutions that set measurable goals for improving student retention, transfer, and degree or certificate completion. It would also promote culturally responsive support services, relevant curriculum, professional development, research, and collaboration across California's higher education systems.

AANHPI students represent distinct communities, cultures, and lived experiences. Their educational needs and outcomes can be overlooked when aggregated into a single broad category. The new designation's emphasis on disaggregated student data, measurable academic and equity goals, culturally responsive educational practices, and five-year strategic planning provides a framework for institutions to examine how they serve these communities.

Through SR-2627-01, the ASCC Senate requests that Cerritos College evaluate its eligibility and consider pursuing the California AANHPI-Serving Institution Designation. The resolution also encourages our College to inform and consult with ASCC and the broader student leadership community, alongside the Faculty Senate, when preparing any initial or renewal applications.

We recognize the significant coordination involved in implementing a new statewide designation and appreciate the Chancellor's Office's continued work supporting student success across California's community colleges. We are pleased to share our Senate's adopted position as the application process is developed.

Thank you for your continued service to California Community College students and for considering the perspectives of student leaders at Cerritos College.

Sincerely,
Senator Napat "Pryce" Phungraksakiat
Senator Amelie Ruiz
Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate