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Cerritos College Board of Trustees Passes Resolutions to Support Undocumented Student Week of Action and Proposition 16

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NORWALK, Calif. – October 8, 2020 – The Cerritos College Board of Trustees passed resolutions to support Undocumented Student Week of Action and Proposition 16 at its October 7 meeting. Both resolutions advance the District's continued efforts to support student equity, inclusion, and diversity on campus.

Cerritos College will join statewide efforts to participate in Undocumented Student Action Week beginning October 19-23, 2020. The [Board resolution recognizes the week of action](#) as a way to provide support services and resources to the campus' undocumented/AB 540 students, including legal assistance, ally training, and more. View the [event calendar](#) for more information.

The [Board passed a resolution to support Proposition 16](#) as it appears on the November 2020 ballot. The ballot measure would repeal elements of Proposition 209, which was established in 1996 as an anti-affirmative action law. Proposition 16 proposes to restore local control to California's colleges and public entities. The new law would allow characteristics such as race, ethnicity, and gender to be considered in local decision making like staff and faculty hiring.

"Proposition 16 is a step in the right direction toward civil rights and equity. As a college, we will continue our advocacy efforts to end systemic racism and discrimination," said Marisa Perez, president, Cerritos College Board of Trustees. "We are also committed to ensuring a safe and productive learning environment for all students, regardless of immigration status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability."

"We want our students to thrive, learn, and be productive members of society, and we will provide as many resources as we can to support student success. Our campus will remain a safe and welcoming place for people of all backgrounds to learn and work," said Dr. Jose Fiero, president/superintendent.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200

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