

**Foothill-De Anza Community College District
Board of Trustees**

Resolution #2005-29 in Support of California Community College Initiative

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges serve 2.4 million students annually through a system of 72 locally established and governed community college districts consisting of 109 colleges with statewide system leadership; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges need stable funding, predictable student fees, local control and the ability to provide effective leadership for the system of 109 colleges; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would establish the bilaterally governed community college system in the state Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would provide the local community colleges with a secure, stable source of funds that is tied to community college enrollment growth, and thus will stop the annual competition between K-12 schools and community colleges for Proposition 98 funding and prevent an imminent threat of capped community college enrollments and a decline in real funding per student; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would not threaten funding for K-12 education in California because primary and secondary education would retain a separate funding mechanism tied to its growth; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would not raise taxes and would provide legislative flexibility in times of fiscal emergency; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would stabilize student fees to make increases gradual, moderate and predictable and stop the unreasonable fee hikes that have contributed to wild fluctuations in enrollments; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative would enable the System Board and Chancellor to hire senior executive staff and attract the best people in the state to provide leadership for the system; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Initiative invests in the promise of educational access for all Californians in need of a higher education, leading to a increasingly skilled workforce and more vibrant economy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District strongly supports the California Community College Initiative proposals for the November 2006 general election ballot.

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSENTIONS: 0



Secretary, Board of Trustees

 12/5/05
Date