BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 57

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District recognizes that access to education is essential to the future of our students, the future of our communities and the future of the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District supports the promises made in the Master Plan for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the economic situation of the state of California must be addressed through drastic and unprecedented measures; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57, the Economic Recovery Bond Act, is a one-time bond of up to $15 billion to pay off the state's accumulated General Fund deficit as of June 30, 2004, to be secured by existing tax revenues and by other revenues that could be deposited in a special fund, which will be issued if the California Balanced Budget Act (Proposition 58) is also approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, without this bond, community college funding would be reduced by a devastating $500 million, resulting in the loss of funding for 250,000 students above and beyond the 175,000 students already projected to be lost in the current year for a total of 425,000 students; and

WHEREAS, these nearly one-half million students would be deprived of access to education and therefore opportunity for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District recognizes that this proposition is crucial to maintaining educational opportunity and student success in higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District believes that every effort should be made to inform voters about the impact of passage of the Economic Recovery Bond Act of 2004 on local residents and students and their community colleges; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District supports the Economic Recovery Bond Act of 2004 and encourages students and voters to become aware of the pros and cons of passage of the Economic Recovery Bond Act of 2004 and the impact of its passage upon Foothill and De Anza Colleges.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of the month of February 2004, by the Board of Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

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Paul Fong, President