



Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

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Subject: **RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT TO RESTORE THE PROPOSITION 98 TEST 3B CUT**

The following resolution is presented by Board Member Fong:

- WHEREAS, The voters approved Proposition 98, a constitutional initiative to provide a minimum level of funding to K-12 schools and community colleges in 1998; and
- WHEREAS, The voters approved Proposition 30 in 2012 to prevent \$4.5 billion in cuts to K-12 and higher education by increasing the sales tax by one-half cent and income tax on high income earners; and
- WHEREAS, The voters approved Proposition 55 in 2016 to increase the income tax on high income earners to support K-12 education; and
- WHEREAS, Despite these efforts California still ranks 46th in per pupil funding based on data from Education Week; and
- WHEREAS, One of the goals of Proposition 98 is to increase education funding to the average of the top 10 states in per pupil spending; and
- WHEREAS, The education community is grateful for the Governor and Legislature’s effort to fully fund Proposition 98 pursuant to the Constitution and statute for the 2018-19 year; and

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees	Buelna	✓	Moreno	✓
	Fong	S ✓	Svonkin	M ✓
By _____ Date _____	Hoffman	abstained	Veres	✓
	Kamlager	✓	Martinez	abstained
			Student Trustee Advisory Vote	

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- WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature adopted language in the 2017-18 budget act to waive the statute for Proposition 98 Test 3B funding for the 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 years; and
- WHEREAS, The action taken will reduce Proposition 98 funding by \$450 million in 2018-19, \$290 million in 2019-20, and \$110 million in 2020-21; and
- WHEREAS, No state agency and local government entity received a reduction in their budgets for the 2018-19; 2019-20 and 2020-21 years; and
- WHEREAS, There are no estimates available on revenues or expenditures to demonstrate that this reduction is justified over the 2018-19; 2019-20; and 2020-21 years; and
- WHEREAS, Over six million K-12 students and one million community college students will be directly affected from these reductions over the 2018-19; 2019-20; and 2020-21 years; and
- WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District with over 250,000 students could lose \$4.1 million in funding for 2018-19; lose \$2.7 million in 2019-20; and, lose \$1.0 million in 2020-21; and now, therefore it be it
- RESOLVED, That, the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees oppose the Proposition 98 Test 3B reduction for the 2018-19; 2019-20; and 2020-21 years; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the reduction be restored in the 2018-19 budget, the 2019-20 budget and 2020-21 budget; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Department of Finance, Legislative Analyst Office, and to the respective California Assembly and Senate Budget, Appropriations and Legislative Policy Committees in the California State Legislature.

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