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Ms. Marsha Croninger, President
Santa Barbara City College Board
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RE: Support of Resolution for Undocumented Students

Dear Ms. Croninger:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC) I am expressing our organization's support for Resolution No. 17 (2016-17), Resolution for Student Success Support for All Students, addressing undocumented students at Santa Barbara City College. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political groups in Santa Barbara County. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include Educational Equity, Racism, and Immigration.

Our Educational Equity Position states that "...we advocate equity, academic freedom, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and fair and responsible funding for all levels of education; we are committed to the elimination of barriers that impede girls and women from obtaining quality public education....We support supporting and advocating policies that promote greater access to higher education for women and other underrepresented populations."

Regarding Racism, our Position states that "we believe that genuine equality of opportunity for all, in all spheres, is fundamental to the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance."

Our Position on Immigration states that we support "equal protection under the law for all people, regardless of immigration status, pertaining to civil and human rights" and "keeping all avenues of public education open to immigrants and their families." We oppose "unlawful questioning of children in schools by teachers and/or school officials; "detention of undocumented immigrants without due process; or "policies that allow local law enforcement officers to act as ICE agents."

We will review Senate Bill 54 with serious consideration to endorse it.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this resolution and support it. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org.

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

CC: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
Assembly Member Monique Limón