

## **Resolution by Ventura College Academic Senate in Support of Non-citizen and Undocumented Students**

**March 2025**

Whereas: Faculty, Classified Professionals, and Administrators throughout the country are concerned about the Presidential Administration's campaign promises to end a range of humanitarian immigration programs, curtail family- and employment-based immigration, and significantly increase immigration enforcement throughout the nation;

Whereas: The Presidential Administration has signaled antipathy towards individuals who have lawful status in the United States (such as TPS, Parole, and lawful permanent residency), those whose status is under color of law (such as DACA, and those seeking asylum), as well as those without lawful status at all (also known as undocumented persons);

Whereas: Significant numbers of non-citizen or undocumented students have attended and continue to attend California community colleges; and

Whereas: non-citizen and undocumented students are representative of the students on whom the future of the State of California depends, and their removal from California and the United States would be a devastating loss;

Whereas: the rhetoric and signals from the Presidential administration has the impact of deepening non-citizen and undocumented students' concerns for their own continued presence in this nation or, in the case of U.S. citizen students, the ongoing presence of their non-citizen or undocumented family members and loved ones, distracting them from the full capacity to study and achieve at the highest level in their coursework;

*Resolved:* That the Academic Senate of Ventura College affirms its support for non-citizen and undocumented students in the California Community College system, the other segments of education in California, and across the nation and conveys this affirmation to the Chancellor of the Ventura County Community College District, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the Board of Governors, and other interested stakeholders both in the State of California and nationally;

That the Academic Senate of Ventura College will refer Non-citizen and Undocumented Students in need of resources or student support services to the Ventura College Dream Resource Center, Ventura College Student Health Center, and/or other student services programs as applicable; and/or submit a BICT report to create a centralized response to provide assistance and intervention for students of concern.

By Acclamation on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, in Ventura, California.