WHEREAS, Proposition 16 would repeal Proposition 209, a constitutional amendment passed in 1996 banning use of affirmative action at public institutions [1];

WHEREAS, Proposition 16 would allow a community college student’s race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to be narrowly weighed in admissions decisions in transferring to a CSU or UC, allowing students who experience unique hurdles and challenges to be given additional preference [1];

WHEREAS, 44 percent of California Community College students are Latino, 27 percent are white, 14 percent are Asian-Pacific Islander and 6 percent are Black, while 61 percent of tenured faculty are white, 15 percent are Latino, 10 percent are Asian and 6 percent are Black [2];

WHEREAS, repealing Proposition 209 would enable public institutions of higher education to hire more diverse faculty, staff, and administration reflective of student body enrollment, ultimately creating a more culturally and racially sensitive environment for learning [3];

RESOLVED, that the [YOUR STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION] supports Proposition 16.

Please send a copy of the resolution your SBA passed to vpla@studensenateccc.org.