

RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RE: Support for President Obama's America's College Promise Plan

Whereas President Obama has proposed that America's community colleges should be tuition-free for the first two years for students who meet certain academic progress criteria, and

Whereas a high school diploma is no longer sufficient to insure that America's workforce is truly competitive, and

Whereas it is increasingly the case that middle-income earners are negatively affected by the ever increasing tuition fees at all colleges and universities, and

Whereas a community college education has been shown to significantly increase the earning capacity of Americans, and

Whereas by 2020, an estimated 35% of job openings will require at least a bachelor's degree and 30% will require some college or an associate's degree,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees supports President Obama's America's College Promise plan, however recognizes this plan is not final and supports further exploration into this matter and into the significance that quality preK-12 education has on college readiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District this 22nd day of January, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Croninger, Trustee Haslund, Trustee Kugler, Trustee Abboud, Trustee Blum

Noes: Trustee Gallardo, Trustee Nielsen, Student Trustee Steil



Dr. Lori Gaskin, Superintendent/President and
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees