



*Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Incorporated*

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 30, SALES AND INCOME TAX INCREASE (2012)**

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**WHEREAS,** the Associated Students, Incorporated (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for nearly 20,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA); and

**WHEREAS,** A.S.I. recognizes public education as a right and not a privilege and that the promise of free or affordable public education in the California Master Plan for Higher Education is one of the greatest democratic achievements in California's history; and

**WHEREAS,** the CSU has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the state, including a reduction of \$750 million in 2011-2012 alone<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the state budget cuts, the CSU has also faced a series of tuition and fee increases since 2001, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428 in 2001 to an estimated \$5,970 in 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** every \$1 invested in the CSU yields a \$5.43 return back to the California economy, sustains almost 150,000 jobs, and provides an educated workforce to key economic areas such as agriculture, medicine, criminal justice, and education<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of California currently has a \$15.7 billion deficit and the 2012-2013 enacted state budget assumes the passage of California Proposition 30 in order to balance the budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the California higher education system faces an automatic “trigger cut” of \$250 million to the CSU and the University of California (UC) system, and \$548.5 million to the California Community College (CCC) system if voters do not approve the California Proposition 30 in November 2012<sup>3</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** the California budget also includes an increase in funding of \$125 million to the CSU and UC in 2013-2014 if California Proposition 30 is approved and tuition and fees are maintained at 2011-2012 levels for the 2012-2013 school year; let it be

**RESOLVED,** that the A.S.I. supports California Proposition 30 and its dedication of funds to education and a balanced state budget; be it further

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<sup>1</sup> CSU Budget Office: <http://www.calstate.edu/budget/student-fees/fee-rates/>

<sup>2</sup> CSU Economic Impact Report: <http://www.calstate.edu/impact/docs/CSUImpactsReport.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> CA Enacted State Budget 2012-2013: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/Enacted/BudgetSummary/BSS/BSS.html>



**RESOLVED**, that the A.S.I. and all members will take an active role in advocating for higher education, its benefits to the State of California, and the issues affecting each campus to state and local representatives and the general public; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, the CSU Campus Presidents, CSU Associated Students, the United States Student Association, the California State Student Association, the California Faculty Association, University of California Student Association, California Teachers Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the CSULA University Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Sacramento Bee, the Office of Assembly Speaker John Pérez, Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, and Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff.