## CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO 16-1207E RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO DECLARE CERRITOS COLLEGE A SAFE CAMPUS FOR ALL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, Cerritos College has an obligation to serve all of its residents equally, without regard to immigration status, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, or military and veteran status; and

WHEREAS, Cerritos College, in accordance with its mission statement: values its diverse student population and is committed to providing these students with high quality, comprehensive instructional programs and support services that improve student success and offer clear pathways to achieve personal, educational, and career goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Cerritos College is committed to providing a safe, secure, and supportive environment for all students, faculty, and staff by enforcing all federal, state, and local laws designed to eliminate illegal discrimination and harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, Cerritos College supports and promotes programs, initiatives, and policies designed to instill values associated with community and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Cerritos College supports strong, student-focused policies developed to create pathways for students to obtain critical resources to complete their educational goals in a diverse and respectful learning environment such as Assembly Bill (AB) 540, signed into law on October 12, 2001, by Governor Gray Davis, recognizing the rights of certain non-resident students to be exempted from the payment of non-resident tuition; and

WHEREAS, Cerritos College does not support any political platform calling for the displacement of families or communities by mass deportation; requiring religious and/or ethnic communities in the United States to register with the government; patrolling neighborhoods in the United States based on religious or political affiliation; illegal, racially motivated stop and frisk policies; the elimination of laws protecting the rights of members of the LGBTQ community; and any political platform that is rooted in destructive policies that isolate communities or deny basic human rights and services, and diminish respect and decency toward all people; and

WHEREAS, Cerritos College, being committed to the celebration of diversity and inclusion that are integrated in California Statutes, rejects the development and implementation of all policies and programs that undermine and threaten the ability of any member of its community to pursue their educational and professional goals;

## THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT CERRITOS COLLEGE DECLARES ITSELF A SAFE CAMPUS, AND

unless required by law or California Education Code, Cerritos College will of its own accord:

- not enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies or federal departments for the enforcement of federal immigration law;
- not honor immigration hold requests; and

 not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of declared or suspected immigration status.

Cerritos College will continue to respect and support the California Trust Act, which does not allow minor infractions to trigger deportations. The Cerritos College Board of Trustees will continue to work at all levels of government to advocate for the rights of our diverse student population to obtain a quality education.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Cerritos Community College District on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS: O

President of the Board of Trustees of the Cerritos

Community College District

Attested to:

Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Cerritos Community College District