



Contra Costa Community College District
Resolution No. 15-A of the Governing Board

In the matter of President Barack Obama's "American Graduation Initiative"

Whereas, the Contra Costa Community College District provides educational programs that improve the economy and workforce preparedness of the Contra Costa County region;

Whereas, community colleges are the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education in the United States, educating more than 45 percent of all undergraduate students as well as more than five million additional non-credit students;

Whereas, there is a national consensus that the United States needs to provide greater numbers and percentages of its citizens with a higher education, as a moral, social, and economic imperative;

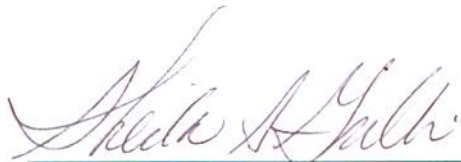
Whereas, community colleges continue to need greater financial and related support as well as a new national focus, in order to fully realize their potential in helping more Americans obtain a college education and meet related career and personal goals;

Whereas, President Barack Obama has specifically set the goal of increasing the number of community college graduates by 5 million by 2020, along with ambitious national goals concerning postsecondary education;

Whereas, President Barack Obama's "American Graduation Initiative" recognizes the centrality of community colleges to America's well-being, and need for financial resources to help those institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Contra Costa Community College District formally endorses the American Graduation Initiative and commits to doing everything it can to achieve its enactment.

Passed and adopted by the Governing Board of the Contra Costa Community College District in Martinez, California, this 9th day of September, 2009.



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