

West Valley-Mission Community College District

RESOLUTION NO. 23032124

AFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION BY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR UNHOUSED AND HOUSING INSECURE STUDENTS THROUGH SUBMISSION OF A STUDENT HOUSING GRANT APPLICATION UNDER SENATE BILL 169

WHEREAS the West Valley-Mission Community College District (WVMCCD) is committed to being a national leader in championing student access and success, and creating opportunities for all members of our campus communities to thrive academically; and

WHEREAS WVMCCD is dedicated to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and access and utilizing our public resources to remove barriers, create pathways, and to serve the holistic needs of our students; and

WHEREAS the California Community College Chancellor's Office reported that of the state's 116 colleges, currently only 12 offer housing; and

WHEREAS a 2022 WVMCCD Student Housing Market Demand and Feasibility Analysis found that 6% of our students are unhoused more than 66% are housing insecure; and

WHEREAS a 2022 WVMCCD Student Housing Market Demand and Feasibility Analysis study determined that many students are considering or planning to leave their studies due to lack of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS a 2022 WVMCCD Student Housing Market Demand and Feasibility Analysis data show that housing insecurity, along with food insecurity and income insecurity, is creating challenges to increasing retention and persistence, which are essential for closing the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Best Places, the overall cost of living in Santa Clara County in 2022 was more than three times the national average; and

WHEREAS a 2022 WVMCCD Student Housing Financial Analysis determined that through a combination of SB 169 funding and district contributions that student housing could be built on district property that would cost students approximately 30% of the cost of Santa Clara County rental rates; and

WHEREAS a 2023 WVMCCD Student Housing Site Study conducted by LPAS Architects determined that Mission College is best situated to accommodate student housing due to its proximity to local transportation, essential services, community interest, available space, and existing utilities, and other factors; and

WHEREAS as part of the 2021-22 California Budget package, the Postsecondary Education Trailer Bill, SB 169 (2021-2022), established the Higher Education Student Housing and Capacity Expansion Grant Program as well as codified it in the California Education Code sections 17200-17203.5; and

WHEREAS this program provides California Community Colleges an opportunity to apply for student housing grants (referred to as the Affordable Student Housing Grant Program) over three rounds of grant awards (October 2021, January 2023 and July 2023); and

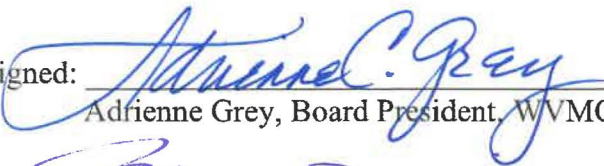
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


The West Valley-Mission Community College District Board of Trustees supports opportunities to build affordable student housing at Mission College, and hereby supports applications to the Affordable Student Housing Grant Program, and promises to fulfill the Project Terms and Conditions as defined in SB 169 and the California Education Code sections 17200-17203.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District on _____, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

Dated: 3-21-23

Signed: 
Adrienne Grey, Board President, WVMCCD

Signed: 
Bradley Davis, Chancellor, WVMCCD