

WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 23051601

SUPPORT AB 358 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOUSING ACT OF
2023 INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER DAWN ADDIS

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District is committed to ensuring equitable educational opportunities for all members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the District's strategic plan has prioritized student success, in its fullest context, and has charted a path for institutional frameworks that ensure a "Students First" approach and mindset; and

WHEREAS, the District is dedicated to principles and deeds of social justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, belonging and anti-racism; and

WHEREAS, while some students may qualify for traditional affordable housing, students themselves are not designated as a "Special Needs Population" and are not included in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which qualifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, students are dealing with affordable housing issues that have reached crisis level proportions that are significantly impacting students abilities to be successful and that such effects are disproportionately impacting already vulnerable students of color; and/or low socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, students suffer from the lack of services from the state or their local governments, relying on their campuses to provide housing, in many cases students have taken to "couch surfing," living in hotel rooms, sleeping in their cars, or other unsheltered living conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is committed to assuring student equity in all District educational programs and college services while acknowledging that community college students, especially our under-served and underrepresented students, face many barriers to success; and

WHEREAS, a number of studies have demonstrated that students living in college-assisted or college-funded housing achieve improved academic learning and positive community engagement; and

WHEREAS, District and statewide goals for successful completion of degree, transfer, and

certificate programs would be better met by providing housing for students. Research has shown that the completion rate of programs of study is accelerated for those students who have lived on campus, particularly for the first year, compared to students who did not; and

WHEREAS, AB 358 - the Community College Housing Act of 2023, authorized by Assembly- member Addis, designates all buildings identified only as residences for community college students be excluded from the supervision of the Department of General Services. This exclusion will allow for faster processing and subsequent construction of critically needed student housing; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the West Valley-Mission Community College District Board of Trustees hereby affirms its commitment to provide student housing and commits to supporting this effort through financial, policy and advocacy efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District authorizes the Chancellor to advocate for and support AB 358

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District on May 16, 2023 by the following vote:

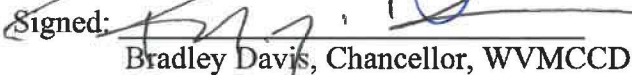
AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 1

DATED: May 16, 2023

Signed: 
Adrienne Grey, Board President, WVMCCD

Signed: 
Bradley Davis, Chancellor, WVMCCD