

RESOLUTION NO. 7715

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE
SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES
HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY**

WHEREAS, S. 1716 has been introduced in the United States Senate and H.R. 2962 was introduced in the House of Representatives providing for free community college for eligible students; and

WHEREAS, Congress recognizes the importance of making higher education more affordable for millions of students seeking the skills and credentials that can create a path to the middle class; and

WHEREAS, in the 21st century, a high school diploma is no longer enough to lead Americans to a good job and decent quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Congress is joining President Obama in calling on community colleges to strengthen their programs and increase the number students who graduate and for states to invest more in higher education and training; and

WHEREAS, *America's College Promise Act* provides a federal match of \$3 for every \$1 invested by the state to waive community college tuition and fees for eligible students before other financial aid is applied; and

WHEREAS, S. 1716 and H.R. 2962 ensures that community colleges offer academic credits that are fully transferable to four-year institutions in their state, or occupational training that leads to credentials in an in-demand industry; and

WHEREAS, under the legislation, nine million students would benefit, saving a full-time community college student an average of \$3,800 in tuition each year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is requesting the California State Legislature adopt legislation that provides a similar framework to the *America's College Promise Act*, which if approved, could offer qualifying students free community college tuition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to support the Board of Trustees for the LACCD in their efforts in creating avenues toward providing free community college education opportunities for all responsible students; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to support federal and state legislation that increases access and affordability for students attending community colleges;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby requests members of Congress to adopt the *America's College Promise Act* and state legislators introduce and adopt matching legislation that increases higher education accessibility.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby authorizes City staff to communicate its request to the City's federal and state representatives.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

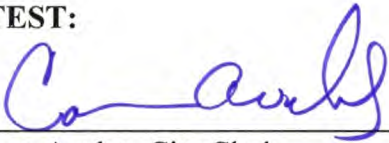
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2016.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:



W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor

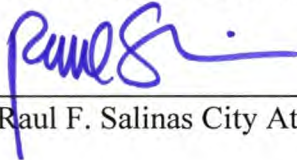
ATTEST:



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Raul F. Salinas City Attorney

RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION PAGE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 7715 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on June 28, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: De Witt, Bernal, Hurtado and Morales
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: Davila
Abstain: Council Members: None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on June 29, 2016.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California