

**SENATE RESOLUTION
S.R. F16-001**

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TITLE	Resolution in Support of the Passage of Proposition 55 to Avert the Tuition Hike
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WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, California voters passed Proposition 30, which temporarily raised certain tax rates on the top 2% of California residents to provide additional financial support for public schools¹; and

WHEREAS, since its passage in 2012, Proposition 30 has generated more than \$31.2 billion of revenue for California public schools²; and

WHEREAS, the original proposition allocated 89% to K-12 schools and 11% to community colleges³; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 30 prevented a \$250 million reduction in the General System for the University of California, the California State University, and California Community Colleges, while enabling the state to commit to a multi-year investment plan that resulted in the two-year tuition freeze starting in 2015 and expiring in 2017 for the in-state undergraduate students of the University of California⁴; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 30 helped avert the tuition hike proposed and approved by the UC Regents in 2014; and

¹ <http://trackprop30.ca.gov/>

² <http://trackprop30.ca.gov/>

³ <http://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2012/general/pdf/30-title-sum-analysis.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2015-16/pdf/budgetsummary/highereducation.pdf>

WHEREAS, although upon expiration of Prop 30 funding, the state is still committed to funding a one time gift of \$500 million to assist with UC pension obligations, deferred maintenance and energy efficiency, there is no state funding for enrollment growth within the University of California⁵; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 30 was largely in part of the collective mobilization of 18-29 year old voters, who made up 29% of the overall voting population⁶; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of UC Riverside (ASUCR) recognize the contributions that the proposition made to the betterment of our university, but also recognize the approaching expiration date for the tax; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 55 was introduced on the 2016 California ballot to extend the tax on high-income taxpayers until 2030 instead of 2018⁷; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the proposition would continue to encourage funding for K-12 schools and higher education within California, as well as increasing funding for MediCal and increasing the budget reserves and debt payments⁸; and

WHEREAS, with talks of tuition increases growing louder and louder, the Associated Students of UC Riverside (ASUCR) recognizes that budget cuts and increased fees disproportionately and wrongfully affect various campus communities within our constituency; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Associated Students of UC Riverside -

- (1) Support the passage of Proposition 55; and
- (2) Urges ASUCR President Karim to share and encourage the support of Proposition 55 to the UCR student body, and University of California - Council of President of the intention of statewide approval; and

⁵ <http://budget.universityofcalifornia.edu/frequently-asked-questions.html#16>

⁶ <http://www.dailyca.org/2012/11/14/passage-of-prop-30-relied-on-young-voters/>

⁷ <http://www.lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Proposition?number=55&year=2016>

⁸ <http://www.lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Proposition?number=55&year=2016>

- (3) Urges ASUCR Vice President of External Affairs Loera to share and encourage the support of Proposition 55 to UCSA; and
- (4) Urges the State of California and UC Regents that upon passage of Proposition 55, funds generated from the tax are sufficiently given to higher education, specifically the University of California; and
- (5) Urges that the funds given to the University of California upon passage of this proposition are given toward sustaining a tuition freeze for undergraduate students, funding graduate student enrollment and making out of state and international tuition more affordable; and
- (6) Denounces the tuition hike approved by the UC Regents that will begin in the 2017-2018 academic year and urge the Governor and legislature to fund the University of California to extend the tuition freeze and prevent a crippling tuition hike.

APPEARANCE ON - October 24, 2016

COMMITTEE APPROVED ON - October 24, 2016

VOTE COUNT - 5-0-1

SENATE APPROVED ON - October 26, 2016

VOTE COUNT - 12-0-0