

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, as a covered entity under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act), the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and is committed to ensuring equal access to public facilities, programs, services, and activities; and,

WHEREAS, community colleges play a critical role in helping students progress to four-year educational institutions and in gaining necessary skills that lead to well-paying jobs in today's economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is also a covered entity under the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA; and,

WHEREAS, the LACCD claims to strive to become a national leader in student success by providing accessible opportunities; and,

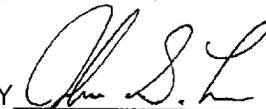
WHEREAS, the LACCD expressed intention to further litigate rather than negotiate in the federal Payan v. LACCD case proves otherwise — potentially creating historic equity gaps and disempowering students to complete their educational goals; and,

WHEREAS, the LACCD proposes to proceed with its plans to argue that the ADA and Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) do not prohibit any form of disparate impact discrimination,

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles identifies the importance of achieving an amicable resolution without pursuing legal efforts to undermine federal disability rights law, including the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles supports the civil rights of people with disabilities and hereby opposes the LACCD plan to petition the US Supreme Court (Court) to eliminate foundational portions of the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504).

PRESENTED BY



JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY




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