**Education Not Incarceration Resolution**

***WHEREAS***, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) is the recognized

student body for all the students in the California community college system;

**WHEREAS,** regardless of location, gender, history, religion, race, or any other divisive factor the SSCCC is the designated body intended to represent all California Community Colleges;

***WHEREAS​***, Previously and currently incarcerated students are a growing population in the California community college system and are only given a finite amount of resources;

***WHEREAS​***, it is crucial to ensure that all students, including previously incarcerated, currently incarcerated, and system impacted students, receive the tools and resources to succeed in a California community college;

***WHEREAS​,*** using education as a tool has been proven to have significant results in reducing recidivism by as much as 40% and increasing student’s statistical possibility of success upon reentry into our communities;

***RESOLVED***, that the SSCCC adopts currently incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and system impacted students as a legislative priority:

***RESOLVED,*** that the Department of Legislative Affairs will assign legislative issues that affect previously incarcerated, currently incarcerated, and system impacted students to a tier 1 or higher priority;

***RESOLVED​***, the SSCCC will become an active partner in a coalition of their choosing that advocates for the benefit of currently incarcerated, previously incarcerated, and system impacted students.

***RESOLVED***, that this coalition for previously incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and system impacted students will focus and advocate for;

1. Access to education
2. Increased enrollment
3. Funding education for currently incarcerated students
4. Creating reentry solutions that include education as a focus point

***RESOLVED***, that the SSCCC will advocate for a equitable education for currently incarcerated, previously incarcerated, and system impacted students;

***Sources***

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