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BCSGA ENDORSEMENT OF MEASURE J

IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR COOPER AND SENATOR RODRIGUEZ
ON BEHALF OF BCSGA EXECUTIVE CABINET

A RESOLUTION

BCSGA Endorsement of Measure J

- 1 *Whereas, the mission for Bakersfield College Student Government Association is to voice*
- 2 *the future needs of our Renegade Community;*
- 3 *Whereas, Bakersfield College is an essential community resource and provides an*
- 4 *outstanding education and career training to students in our area in Kern county*
- 5 *Whereas, high school graduates in Kern County rely on Bakersfield College for higher*
- 6 *education and to prepare for careers; and*
- 7 *Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District (KCCD), has*
- 8 *determined that certain educational facilities need to be upgraded, renovated, acquired, and*
- 9 *equipped, in a fiscally prudent manner, to enable the District to maintain Bakersfield College as*
- 10 *valuable community resource that provides an affordable education to over 30,000 local students*
- 11 *and veterans per year who desire to learn job skills and transfer to four-year universities; and*

1 *Whereas, since the costs of attending California's public universities has risen to at least six*
2 *times that of attending a community college, more local students are relying on community*
3 *colleges, such as Bakersfield College, and the high quality, affordable college option it provides;*
4 *and*

5 *Whereas, in today's tough economic times and competitive job environment, KCCCD must*
6 *continue providing important training and education for local residents entering the workforce for*
7 *new professions, particularly in science, healthcare, technology and skilled trades, and increase*
8 *opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications and job skills at a reasonable*
9 *price; and*

10 *Whereas, Bakersfield College has served thousands of military veterans, many of whom*
11 *have recently returned from war zones and face post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent*
12 *disabilities and need better access to job training programs and facilities, and need to be trained*
13 *or retrained as they re-enter the civilian workforce; and*

14 *Whereas, the State is not providing KCCCD with enough funds to adequately maintain*
15 *Bakersfield College's educational facilities and academic programs; and*

16 *Whereas, even though the College has done an excellent job maintaining its facilities with*
17 *limited funds, extensive improvements and upgrades are needed to continue providing quality*
18 *education and career training; and*

19 *Whereas, such a local measure will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an*
20 *independent citizens' oversight of all funds and mandatory annual financial audits to ensure funds*
21 *are spent only as authorized; and*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association,*
23 *the students at Bakersfield College stand with and support voting Yes on Measure J during the*
24 *2016 National General Elections on Tuesday, November 8th.*

25 *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government*
26 *Association, that this resolution be sent to the Blue Ribbon Committee, the BC Academic Senate*
27 *and Dr. Sonya Christian.*