



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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## SENATE BILL

# TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

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JUNE 29, 2017

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR LIMACO AND SENATOR SHARMA, TO THE BCSGA SENATE

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### A BILL

#### Clarification of Town Hall Meetings

- 1        *Whereas, the Bakersfield College Student Government Association is charged with*
- 2        *promoting the "general welfare, the morale of the students, and advocate [on] behalf of the*
- 3        *student voice." (COBRA 201.01(a));*
- 4        *Whereas, the purpose of Town Hall meetings is for constituents to "meet and request*
- 5        *information from ANY of the BCSGA Officers" (COBRA 401.06(a), emphasis added);*
- 6        *Whereas, COBRA 401.06, "Town Hall Meetings," has not been implemented properly;*
- 7        *Whereas, the student population of Bakersfield College has grown to exceed 25,000*
- 8        *students, with less than 2% exercising the right to participate in BCSGA elections;*
- 9        *Whereas, the duties of the Senate according to the BCSGA Constitution include "To work to*
- 10       *effectively represent the Student Body in the Participatory Governance process" (Article VI,*
- 11       *Section 4(a)(1);*

1       *Whereas, the effectiveness of the Association as a whole depends exclusively on its ability*  
2 *to accurately represent the voice of the entire student body;*

3       *Whereas, there exists the need to engage the student population in a more direct manner,*

4 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association,*

5       a) *That COBRA 401.06, "Town Hall Meetings," in its entirety be removed from Title IV,*  
6       *Chapter 1.*

7 *Be it further enacted by the Senate that COBRA 202.04, "Town Hall Meetings," be created;*

8 *Be it further enacted by the Senate*

9       a) *That the language of COBRA 202.04, "Town Hall Meetings," state the following*  
10       *three (3) clauses:*

11       b) 1. *"The members of the Executive Cabinet and the Senate shall host campus-wide*  
12       *forums once per semester."*

13       c) 2. *"Town Hall Meetings may be presented to the students with any title deemed*  
14       *necessary and appropriate by the presiding officer. These shall be presented in a*  
15       *formal manner at the discretion of the presiding officer for the purpose of*  
16       *constituents to meet, request information from, and/or express campus concerns to*  
17       *any BCSGA Officers."*

18       d) 3. *"All BCSGA Officers shall attend at least one (1) town hall meeting per term in*  
19       *office with attendance recorded by the presiding officer.";*

20       e) *And, 4. "The Presiding Officer shall be the BCSGA President in scheduling,*  
21       *convening, and presiding over unless he/she appoints another BCSGA Officer*  
22       *deemed fit to hold such responsibility to conduct the meeting"*