## Sample Resolution to Support Proposition 15

**WHEREAS**, the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978 allows owners of commercial properties to be taxed at the purchase value, with slight annual increases, instead of the current market value, which leads to an undervaluing of tax assessments for major commercial properties [1];

**WHEREAS**, the State of California is facing a \$54 billion budget deficit as the result of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, causing severe budgetary challenges for community colleges, schools and cities [2];

**WHEREAS**, the passage of Proposition 15 would require all commercial and industrial properties worth more than \$3 million to be taxed at the current market value, which is estimated to generate up to \$12.4 billion a year [3];

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 15 is estimated to generate up to [SPECIFIED DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT] [4];

**RESOLVED**, that the [YOUR STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION] supports Proposition 15.

Please send a copy of the resolution your SBA passed to vpla@studensenateccc.org.

Citation 1: Christopher, Ben. "Here Are the Ballot Propositions on California's 2020 Fall Ballot." *CalMatters*, 7 July 2020,

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https://ballotpedia.org/California\_Proposition\_16,\_Repeal\_Proposition\_209\_Affirmative\_ Action\_Amendment\_(2020)

Citation 3: Adriana Ramos-Yamamoto, "California College Students Are Increasingly Experiencing Mental Health Issues and Need Improved Support," *California Budget & Policy Center*, published May 30, 2019,

 $https://calbudgetcenter.org/blog/california-college-students-are-increasingly-experiencing-mental-health-issues-and-need-improved-support \it /. \it /$ 

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