

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL CONTROL AND IN
OPPOSITION TO AN APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, The Peralta Community College District has served the East Bay since 1964 with distinction and has provided students with educational training and a pathway to transfer, transforming the lives of many individuals and their communities;

WHEREAS, the local community has overwhelmingly supported the Peralta Community Colleges, and in turn, faculty, staff, and administrators have strived to create a culture that respects and encourages our students to succeed;

WHEREAS, the collaboration and diligent effort of staff, faculty, and administrators have allowed Peralta to correct the fiscal issues identified in our FCMAT report, with our state-appointed fiscal monitor touting district progress during the May Board of Governors meeting;

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate does not believe there is a strong legal basis to impose a Special Trustee, a figure who would not be responsible to local communities in the way that a democratically elected Board of Trustees is, and who would instead be responsible only to the State Chancellor and the Board of Governors;

WHEREAS, a Special Trustee at Peralta would force the district to absorb the cost of the Special Trustee appointment, nullify participatory governance, and empower the Special Trustee to sell district land, as occurred at City College of San Francisco and Compton College;^{1 2}

WHEREAS, any allegations leveled at our district or trustees should be taken seriously and must be investigated locally by a neutral party before action is taken against the Peralta Community College District;

WHEREAS, a state intervention that compromises local control would further traumatize the communities we serve as we are faced with a pandemic;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate supports the local autonomy of PCCD and opposes any intervention by the California Community College State Chancellor and Board of Governors that would result in the appointment of a Special Trustee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge faculty, staff, administrators, students, and all locally elected political leaders to continue to support a locally controlled Peralta Community College.

¹ https://www.reimaginerpe.org/21-2/ReinHanson_BalboaReservoir

² http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&ionNum=84040

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District, one built on an inclusive participatory-governance practice that is central to decision-making.

