



Resolution in Support of Proposition 55 on the California November 2016 Ballot:

Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare

Resolved: That the California State University Fullerton (CSUF) Academic Senate support Proposition 55, Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare; and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be distributed to the CSU Board of Trustees, the Academic Senate CSU, Campus Senate Chairs, the California State Student Association (CSSA), the California Faculty Association (CFA), Governor Brown, Senate President pro Tempore of the California State Senate, the Speaker of the California State Assembly and the Yes on Prop 55 campaign.

Rationale: In 2012 California voters passed Proposition 30 that created temporary increases in the sales tax and income taxes on the top 2% of California income earners. Those tax increases are due to expire in 2018. There was no direct funding for the CSU in Prop 30, but had it failed, there would have been a \$250 million cut in funding for the system.

Proposition 55 extends only the temporary income tax increase until 2030 and directs the increased revenues to K-12 schools, California Community Colleges and health care programs. The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that Prop 55 will raise \$4 billion to \$9 billion each year from 2019 through 2030, depending upon the economy and the stock market. There is no direct funding for the CSU tied to Prop 55. However, without the additional revenue to the general fund, public higher education (including the CSU) may face substantial budget cuts. As the Academic Senate CSU stated in AS-3267-16/FGA: *"Recognizing the benefit to the CSU and the state of continued enhanced funding to K-12 and community colleges, including better preparation for college, improved academic skills, more qualified transfer students, and a more educated citizenry, the ASCSU favors this continued investment in California public education. Predictable state support for other education partners is critical to preserving stable funding for the CSU. This in turn helps to control tuition costs for students and their families."* The CSUF Academic Senate joins the CSU Board of Trustees, the Academic Senate CSU, the California Faculty Association and the California State Student Association in support of Proposition 55.

Sources

Official California Voter Information Guide

<http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/propositions/55/title-summary.htm>

CSU Board of Trustees Committee Governmental Relations, "Proposition 55: Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare," Agenda Item 1, September 20-21, 2016

<https://www.calstate.edu/bot/agendas/sep16/govrel.pdf>

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<http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/Records/Resolutions/2016-2017/documents/3267.shtml>

California Faculty Association: Yes on 55

<http://www.calfac.org/proposition-55>