

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR H.R. 3221,
THE STUDENT AID AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

RESOLUTION No. 04-09/10

WHEREAS, H.R. 3221 is known as the Student Aid and Fiscal Accountability Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3221 supports the goals outlined by President Obama in his American Graduation Initiative by providing substantial funding for community college modernization and program involvement, while challenging community colleges to meet ambitious goals; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3221 includes provisions for \$2.5 billion for community college modernization representing critical funding for renovation, repair and modernization; and

WHEREAS, with the rapid rise in community college enrollments and a huge backlog of unaddressed facilities needs, federal funding is critical in helping the institutions educate and train the citizens of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, the American Graduation Initiative includes provisions for a historic, \$6.8 billion in federal aid to community colleges and states to assist community colleges nationwide to strengthen academic programs, developmental education offerings, job training programs, student support services, articulation agreements and dual enrollment courses; and

WHEREAS, Pell Grants serves 7 million students annually and the majority of these students come from families with very modest incomes and in most instances could not otherwise afford to attend college; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3221 could substantially increase the maximum Pell Grant each year, with a projected \$6,910 maximum grant in FY 2019. provisions for increasing Pell Grant programs, which remains essential for providing higher education access for low income students; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3221 includes provisions to streamline the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is too long and complicated thereby proving to be a barrier for access to critical federal student aid, particularly for community college students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNDERSTOOD that the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District hereby resolve its strong support for H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009 and urge its passage by the House of Representatives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2009, at the regular meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.



President of the Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District