



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

A Resolution in Support of Proposition 13

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WHEREAS, The Associated Students Inc., CSUF (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, is on the ballot of the State of California Presidential Primary on March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 authorizes \$15 billion in state general obligation bonds for construction and modernization of public education facilities;¹ and

WHEREAS, if Proposition 13 passes, the CSU will receive \$2 billion to improve aging infrastructure to ensure safe and modern facilities for students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, these funds would be used to address necessary fire, safety, and seismic deficiencies and undertake projects to modernize existing buildings or construct replacement buildings in order to keep pace with current technology and workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the CSU's facilities are forty years old, and one-third are more than fifty years old; and

WHEREAS, the CSU has more than \$15 billion in academic infrastructure needs, including \$1.2 billion in seismic projects, approximately \$3.6 billion in deferred maintenance needs, and \$900 million in infrastructure renewal backlog, which grows by \$290 million each year;² and

WHEREAS, the most recent state-authorized general obligation bond for higher education occurred in 2006, and the \$690 million allocated to the CSU was spent by 2012; and

WHEREAS, since 2012 the CSU has had to make requests for one-time capital funding through the annual operating budget request process, putting facility needs in direct competition for funding with other system priorities such as providing student services and expanding enrollment; and

¹ <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/propositions/13/index.htm>

² <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/budget/2019-20-operating-budget/Pages/deferred-maintenance-backlog.aspx>; <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/budget/2020-21-operating-budget/Pages/deferred-maintenance-backlog.aspx>; Additional data provided by CSU Foundation

WHEREAS, the independent Public Policy Institute of California has found that the state will have a shortage of 1.3 million college-educated workers by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the CSU plays a major role in California's economy and the creation of the state's workforce by graduating nearly half of all bachelor's degrees awarded in California each year; and


WHEREAS, Proposition 13 enables the State to invest in CSU facilities so that the CSU system can continue to produce the graduates needed for the State to have a robust and growing economy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the California State University supports this education bond act authorized by AB 48;³ therefore let it be


RESOLVED, ASI supports Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, the California Faculty Association, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: the Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, the Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, and the Academic Senate.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc. California State University, Fullerton on the eighteenth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty.



Lorren Amelia Baker
Chair, Board of Directors



Brittany Cook
Treasurer/Secretary, Board of Directors

³ <https://www2.calstate.edu/csuo-system/board-of-trustees/past-meetings/2019/Documents/nov-19-20-PLenary.pdf>