



**PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 4, 2017  
**TO:** Campus Community  
**FROM:** Joi Lin Blake, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President  
**SUBJECT:** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

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Dear Campus Community,

In recent months, there has been mounting political pressure at the federal level to repeal the 2012 Executive Order that initiated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The DACA program protects young men and women who were brought to the United States as children, allowing them to pursue their studies and complete their education at the postsecondary level. Last week, President Trump indicated he will announce his decision on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 whether to continue or repeal the DACA program.

A repeal of the program will impact individuals across the country, but more personally, our students and members of our community.

The action to eliminate the DACA program would be contrary to our core values as an institution and principles of access, diversity, equity and inclusion which are central to our educational philosophy.

*Palomar College, we will stand firm for who we are as an institution!*

Earlier this year, Palomar retained immigration counsel to ensure we have an up-to-date analysis of the implications for our students should the DACA program be repealed. We are hopeful and will keep the campus apprised of next steps as we receive additional information.

In the interim, please refer to the Palomar College website [AB 540 and Immigrant Resources](#) for campus and community resources.

In closing, I want to reassure the campus of the Palomar College Governing Board's resolve to support all students, including those in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, as outlined in the resolution unanimously adopted on February 13, 2017, which states,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board reaffirms its commitment to undocumented students, and all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Palomar Community College District will not release any personally identifiable student information, including any data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board is steadfast in its position and will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board will continue to vigorously advocate for educational opportunities for all students in the community college system, regardless of immigration status at the state and federal level;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board will continue to recognize and honor the human rights of all students and their families, regardless of immigration status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Palomar Community College District Governing Board declares Palomar College a safe haven and reaffirms and stands united in its unequivocal support of an immigrant-friendly environment for all students who choose to better their lives through education.