



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION 21-003
IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 927**

WHEREAS, California community colleges play a vital role in preparing and training students for careers that address key workforce needs. Employers in certain workforce fields now prefer or require a bachelor's degree for employment, which renders some existing associate degree programs obsolete.

WHEREAS, trends indicate that by 2030, about 38% of jobs will require at least a bachelor's degree, although only 33% of Californians will have a bachelor's degree by that date – a shortfall of 1.1 million college graduates.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 850 was enacted in 2014 to establish a pilot program allowing 15 California community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees in specific workforce fields. The programs are not duplicative and are not offered by the California State University or University of California system. Studies show that 60% of the students enrolled in the programs come from minority populations and approximately two-thirds are women.

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 927, the Baccalaureate Expansion Bill, has been introduced by Assembly Member Jose Medina, chair of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education. The bill would allow the existing pilot programs to become permanent and would expand the opportunity for all California community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees through an approval process under the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

WHEREAS, expansion of the community college baccalaureate degree program would provide an affordable and accessible option for students who are place-bound and financially challenged. Students in the community college baccalaureate degree program pay approximately \$10,650 in fees and tuition for a four-year degree, compared to an average of \$27,036 for California State University students.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District fully supports the enactment of Assembly Bill 927, which will serve students seeking to earn a bachelor's degree that leads to well-paying jobs and will serve workforce needs in the community.

AYES: Adams, Cartwright, Justeson, Monroe, Schorr

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Debbie Justeson, Clerk of the Governing Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Board at the regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.



Clerk of the Governing Board