## ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

AS-3267-16/FGA September 15-16, 2016

## SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 55 ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT: TAX EXTENSION TO FUND EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE

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

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge campus senates to support Proposition 55; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to the CSU Board of Trustees, Campus Presidents, Campus Senate Chairs, California State Student Association (CSSA), California Faculty Association (CFA), Intersegmental Council of Academic Senates (ICAS), Governor Brown, Senate President pro Tempore of the California State Senate, Speaker of the California State Assembly, The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, California Community Colleges Chancellor, and the "Yes on Prop 55" campaign.

RATIONALE: Prop 30 passed in 2012 saved the California State University system from a \$250 million trigger cut with temporary increases in sales taxes and income taxes on the top 2% of California income earners. As this temporary tax expires, Prop 55 continues the tax on top earners for another 12 years. This money is largely devoted to K-12 and community college education.

The ASCSU supported Prop 30 in 2012 (<u>AS-3090-12/EX</u>). 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.

Approved Unanimously – September 15-16, 2016