

**Resolution**  
of the  
*California Student Aid Commission*  
honoring  
**Jessica Bartholow**

*Whereas, Ms. Bartholow was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in July 2020 to serve as a General Public representative to the California Student Aid Commission; and,*

*Whereas, Ms. Bartholow has served admirably as a Commissioner and as a member of the Legislative, Audit, and Budget Committee and the Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee since September 2020; and,*

*Whereas, Ms. Bartholow holds a Master's Degree in Political Science and is the recipient of many distinguished awards, including the 2020 Federal CalFresh Advocate of the Year Award from California Food Policy Advocates, the 2019 Advocate of Justice Award from the California Low-Income Consumer Coalition, and the 2019 Mildred Parish Massey Legacy Award from U.S. Representative Barbara Lee; and,*

*Whereas, Ms. Bartholow has over two decades of experience in anti-poverty organizing, advocacy, and program development at the local, state, and national levels and has led coalitions to support the passage and signature of over three dozen pieces of legislation that improve the delivery of public benefits, consumer protections, employment rights, and financial empowerment for low-income Americans; and,*

*Whereas, Ms. Bartholow has been a passionate advocate in improving college access and affordability for first generation, low-income, and underrepresented students; and,*

*Whereas, Ms. Bartholow has consistently demonstrated strong leadership in the state of California and beyond, exemplary public service, and successful involvement in various causes to help students; and,*

*Whereas, After 11 years serving as a successful Policy Advocate for the Western Center on Law and Poverty, Ms. Bartholow has transitioned to the Chief of Staff for State Senator Nancy Skinner; and,*

**Therefore, be it now**

**Resolved,** that the Commission and its staff commend Jessica Bartholow for her leadership and vision as a member of the California Student Aid Commission; and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Commission and its staff wish her continued personal and professional success in her future endeavors.

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**Catalina Cifuentes,**  
Chair

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**Marlene Garcia**  
Executive Director