

Resolution
of the
California Student Aid Commission
honoring
Leonardo Rodriguez

Whereas, Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom in November 2021 as the first undocumented student representative to the California Student Aid Commission; and,

Whereas, Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez has served admirably as a Commissioner, as a member of the Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee, as a member of the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee since 2021 and on the Commission's Undocumented Student Affordability Workgroup; and,

Whereas, Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez is a first-generation college student and is a beneficiary as a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient and has graduated from Mendocino College with an Associate for Transfer Degree in Political Science, History, and Liberal Arts and Sciences with an emphasis on Social Science and will continue his educational journey at the University of California, Berkeley; and,

Whereas, Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez is an exemplary student who served on the California Community College Trustee's Board representing the voices of over 1.9 million California Community College students, over 100 Community Colleges, advocating for implementation of anti-racist policies, student retention initiatives, and expanding dual enrollment.; and,

Whereas, Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez understands the unique barriers both undocumented and all students face, leading him to advocate for immigration reform along with legislation that aids students, financial aid reform and immigration reform with California's congressional delegation; and,

Whereas, Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez is a strong supporter of the Cal Grant Equity Framework; and,

Whereas, Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez has consistently demonstrated strong leadership, exemplary public service, and hands-on involvement in multiple causes to help students; and,

Therefore, be it now

Resolved, that the Commission and its staff commend Mr. Leonardo Rodriguez for his leadership and vision as a member of the California Student Aid Commission; and be it further

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

Catalina Cifuentes,
Chair

Marlene Garcia
Executive Director