

**THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**

Bill Number: Senate Resolution SR #2020-10
Title: Resolution in Support of Proposition 13 – the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020
Sponsored by: Senator for the College of Education Dale Lendrum and Senator-at-Large Jireh Deng
Date Submitted: January 31, 2020
Date Approved: February 19, 2020

- WHEREAS** the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the recognized voice for over 37,000 students; and
- WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the (ASI) Board of Directors at CSULB and the State of California to ensure the safety of its public university facilities and those occupying them; and
- WHEREAS** more than half of the CSU’s facilities are at least 40 years old, and one-third are more than 50 years old;¹ and
- WHEREAS** the CSU has more than \$15 billion in academic infrastructure needs, including \$1.2 billion in seismic projects, approximately \$3.6 billion in deferred maintenance needs, and \$900 million in infrastructure renewal backlog, which grows by \$290 million each year;² and
- WHEREAS** the CSU faces a unique struggle in financing capital projects lacking the taxing authority of California Community Colleges and the extensive network of private donors of the University of California campuses;² and
- WHEREAS** Proposition 13 – the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 – places a \$15 billion facilities bond on the March 3, 2020, ballot;³ and
- WHEREAS** the passage of Proposition 13 would generate \$2 billion for the CSU to address deferred maintenance needs and improve its aging infrastructure to better ensure safe and modern facilities for its students, faculty and staff;³ and
- WHEREAS** these funds would be used to address necessary fire, safety, and seismic deficiencies and undertake projects to ensure all facilities are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), modernize existing buildings, and/or construct replacement buildings to keep pace with current technology and workforce needs;³ and
- WHEREAS** the last state-authorized general obligation bond for higher education was in 2006, and the \$690 million allocated to the CSU was spent by 2012;³ and
- WHEREAS** since 2012, the CSU has had to make requests for one-time capital funding through the annual operating budget request process, putting facility needs in direct competition for funding with other system priorities, such as providing student services and expanding enrollment;³ and
- WHEREAS** the independent Public Policy Institute of California has found that the state will have a shortage of 1.3 million college-educated workers by 2025;² and
- WHEREAS** the CSU could accommodate additional students if campus facilities were able to be properly maintained and appropriately expanded; and

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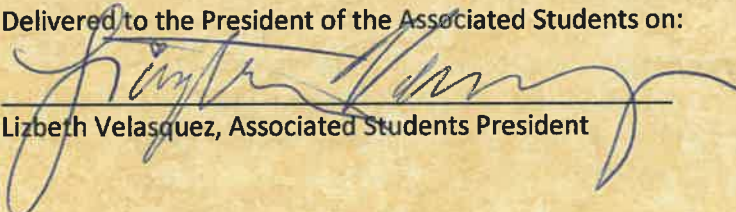
- WHEREAS** the CSU plays a major role in California's economy and the creation of the state's workforce by graduating nearly half of all bachelor's degrees awarded in California each year; and
- WHEREAS** the CSU is recognized as a gateway to higher education for some of the largest demographics of historically marginalized populations from African American, Latino, low-income, the formerly incarcerated, and first-generation college students thereby promoting socio-economic equity;² and
- WHEREAS** Proposition 13 enables the state to invest in CSU's facilities so that the CSU system can continue to produce the graduates needed for the state to have a robust and growing economy; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** Associated Students, Inc. at California State University, Long Beach supports Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020; and be it finally
- RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Provost Brian Jersky, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Ann Takemoto, Dean of Students Piya Bose, Associated Students President/CEO Lizbeth Velasquez, all ASI Officers, the Long Beach Post, Long Beach Press-Telegram, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Media.

1. http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/Facilities_Planning/documents/Preliminary-Five-Year-Plan-2020-2025.pdf
2. <https://www.ppic.org/wp-content/uploads/financing-higher-education-capital-projects-december-2018.pdf>
3. [https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_13_School_and_College_Facilities_Bond_\(March_2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_13_School_and_College_Facilities_Bond_(March_2020))



Leen Almahdi, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



Lizbeth Velasquez, Associated Students President

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