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**Resolution In Support of the Associated Students of Ohlone College Students First
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) passed a Students First Proclamation (see ATTACHMENT I). In this proclamation, ASOC asked to have Article XI Source of Power, which gives their College President the right to supersede their authority, removed from their Constitution¹.

WHEREAS, out of the 114 California Community Colleges (CCC) with publicly accessible Student Government Bylaws and Constitutions, ASOC found that nearly 90% do not have supremacy clauses (see ATTACHMENT II) similar to ASOC’s Article IX Source of Power. The CCC grant their students their First Amendment right of freedom of speech and vote as needed to represent their student’s interests.

WHEREAS, ASI’s Mission Statement² states that the “Associated Students Incorporated prioritizes students needs and advocates for them through lobbying.” ASI values shared governance, freedom of speech, and solidarity amongst students; therefore, let it be

¹ Associated Students of Ohlone College. **Constitution**. Retrieved from:
<https://www.ohlone.edu/sites/default/files/documents/imported/asocconstitution.pdf>

² California State University, East Bay Associated Student, Incorporated. **Mission Statement**. Retrieved from:
<http://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/board-documents/mission-statement.pdf>

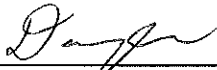


RESOLVED, that the administration of Ohlone College removes Article XI Source of Power, that gives the College President a superseding right over the decisions made by the members of Associated Students of Ohlone College; and let it be further

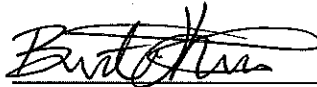
RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Associated Students of Ohlone College, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, the Board of Trustees for the Ohlone Community College District, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges System, the California State Student Association, the Associated Students or Associated Students Incorporated of each California State University campus, and any other relevant parties.

Approved On: Wednesday, July 31, 2019

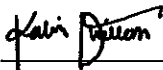
ASI President/CEO does hereby [] **approve** / [] **refuse to approve** this resolution.



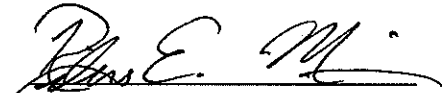
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Approved by: ASI Executive Committee 2019-2020



ATTACHMENT I
Students First Proclamation
Associated Students of Ohlone College



Associated Students of Ohlone College
The official voice of the students of Ohlone College

Proclamation
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Students First Proclamation

WHERE AS The ASOC, Ohlone's recognized Student Government, holds a Constitution that was written in 1967 by a student advisory committee, during a period student activists fighting for student rights just north of Ohlone at UC Berkeley and across the nation; and

WHERE AS Ohlone College, despite being 50 years since the establishment of its student government, has yet to match the free speech and student liberties of its peer colleges; and

WHERE AS ASOC's Constitution still includes Article 6 that lists the Source of Power not with the students, or even the college's policies, but with the College president, which is highly unusual for a community college or college of any, and insulting towards the rights of students; and

WHERE AS ASOC has suffered multiple accounts of intimidation and demands to change their votes through the application of this article, all in favor of administrative decisions so to suppress the voice of the students on serious issues; and

WHERE AS This shows a severe lack of respect for students on campus, their interests, and their voice, as well as a lack of concern towards the freedom of speech on Ohlone's campus both in student groups and the shared governance process;

THEREFORE ASOC formally recognizes that the ASOC's Constitution Article VI: Source of Power is an undemocratic and anti-student tool of the administration, and that ASOC's elected members stand united against this unfair policy and in the promotion of a solution to remove this article of the ASOC Constitution.



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ATTACHMENT II
College Authority Clause Data
Associated Students of Ohlone College

Research on CA Community Colleges

● Supremacy Clause ● No Supremacy Clause ● Unable to Find

