

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	ACTION
Santa Monica Community College District	November 7, 2023

MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 20

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK**

SUBMITTED BY: Superintendent/President

REQUESTED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following resolution in support of United Against Hate Week, November 12-18, 2023.

WHEREAS, ongoing acts and expressions of hate crimes, discrimination, and aggression against marginalized groups are occurring throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, in the Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) there has been an increase in reported antisemitic crimes and other hate incidents over the last 12 months; and

WHEREAS, nationally, United Against Hate was created by civic leaders to empower local residents to take action in their local communities, raise awareness, and alter the course of the growing intolerance to create more inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, in response to the numerous incidents, SMCCD will participate in United Against Hate Week, a call for seven days of local civic action by people to stop hate crimes that pose a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of our neighborhoods, towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, SMCCD seeks to join other communities across the country in bridging divisions and strengthening our communities during this week; and

WHEREAS, SMCCD encourages the community to participate in the United Against Hate Week events to unite and declare our commitment to inclusivity together; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees reaffirms SMCCD’s commitment to stand against all forms of prejudice and implicit biases, and work to build bridges to foster inclusion and have a community where everyone feels welcome;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees declares its support of "United Against Hate Week" in our communities November 12-18, 2023 through encouraging participation in educational and community events.

COMMENT: United Against Hate Week is endorsed by the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Monica and communities throughout California.

MOTION MADE BY: Margaret Quiñones-Perez
 SECONDED BY: Sion Roy
 STUDENT ADVISORY: Aye
 AYES: 5
 NOES: 0
 ABSENT: 2 (Aminoff, Peters)