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President's Waypoint: Board of Trustee's Resolution

Waypoints are significant markers along our journey to serve students at SBCC. My intent with my Waypoints is not to wear you out and clutter your inbox, but to send you significant and meaningful messages and updates related to our work at the College. Last week, amid all the national rhetoric related to immigration, our Board of Trustees crossed a significant Waypoint, unanimously passing a resolution in support of all our students. [Click here for resolution.](#)

This statement is a critical reaffirmation of key values of the College, which focus on providing educational access and supporting success for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, language, socio-economic status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, medical condition or disability. An important element of the resolution is the College's commitment to not releasing any personally identifiable student information related to immigration status unless compelled by a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order. The resolution also compels the College to ensure that all students have an opportunity to receive an education, regardless of immigration status and any other protected status.

Gloria Anzaldúa, author of *Borderlands*, said that, "borderlands are physically present whenever two or more cultures edge each other...where under, lower, middle, and upper classes touch, where the space between two individuals shrinks with intimacy..." She goes on to say, "Borders are set up to define the places that are safe and unsafe, to distinguish us from them, regardless which side of the border you are on." For me, having lived in San Diego a few miles from the largest border crossing in the U.S., a border's physical complex, with the gates, razor wire, armed guards and such, is certainly intimidating and frightening. However, I learned that the psychological and cultural aspects of the border barriers are much more threatening and stand taller than any physical wall. In this sense, because of our relationships with our students, friends, and family members who are impacted by immigration, we all live in the shadow of the border wall and are altered forever by its presence.

I am extremely proud of our Board of Trustees and the College's stance related to open educational access for all, but particularly to those currently under siege at our borders related to immigrant status and/or religious beliefs.

Together forward,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Anthony', written in a cursive style.