



# San Diego Community College District

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## **Resolution Supporting Funding for Noncredit Instruction and Assembly Bill 1433 (Sharp-Collins)**

Whereas, The California Community Colleges (CCC) system has, for over five decades, provided tuition-free noncredit education that supports adult learners through short-term, competency-based instruction designed to advance employment opportunities, foster career development, facilitate access to higher education, and promote lifelong learning;

Whereas, Noncredit students represent a diverse and often underserved population, including immigrants, older adults, individuals with disabilities, and communities historically affected by systemic inequities and underinvestment, who benefit from access to essential academic and support services;

Whereas, Current law does not recognize noncredit colleges and centers as distinct institutions of higher education, thus limiting their access to base funding under most categorical programs, which in turn restricts the ability to offer comprehensive student services such as disability accommodations, veteran resources, basic needs support, and mental health care; and

Whereas, [Assembly Bill 1433](#) (Sharp-Collins) proposes to formally define noncredit colleges and centers, and to mandate the allocation of base funding within designated categorical programs to eligible noncredit institutions that meet specified conditions, thereby enabling equitable access to critical wraparound services;

Resolved, that the San Diego Miramar College Academic Senate support Assembly Bill 1433, recognizing the essential role of noncredit education in advancing educational equity, access, and student success.

Resolved, that the San Diego Miramar College Academic Senate will continue to advocate for inclusive policies and equitable resource allocation for noncredit education as a cornerstone of access and equity within California's community college system.

Note: this resolution was originally drafted by the San Diego City College Academic Senate Executive Committee with guidance from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.