



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 7.4

**Meeting Date:** June 18, 2020

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3150: To Support California Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA 5) and Affirmative Action

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Board Office

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 3150: To Support California Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA 5) and Affirmative Action.

**Background/Rationale:** Proposition 209, entitled the California Civil Rights Initiative, amended Article I of the California Constitution to prohibit race- and gender-conscious remedies to rectify the underutilization of women and people of color in public employment, as well as public contracting and education. The State of California has provided employment opportunities for people of color and women of all races. However, lingering, and even increasing, disparity still exists, particularly for Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Black Americans, Latino Americans, Native Americans, and women, and should be rectified. California Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA 5) seeks to overturn Proposition 209 in California.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Empowerment; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3150

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> 5 minutes <b>Submitted by:</b> Board Member Leticia Garcia <b>Approved by:</b> Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>
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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3150**

**To Support California Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 5 (ACA 5) and Affirmative Action**

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 209, entitled the California Civil Rights Initiative, amended Article I of the California Constitution to prohibit race- and gender-conscious remedies to rectify the underutilization of women and people of color in public employment, as well as public contracting and education. The State of California has provided employment opportunities for people of color and women of all races. However, lingering, and even increasing, disparity still exists, particularly for Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Black Americans, Latino Americans, Native Americans, and women, and should be rectified.; and

**WHEREAS**, people of color and women have historically faced racism and discrimination including the denial of equal opportunity and equal access in education; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of Proposition 209 in 1996 was a setback for all people of color and women, as it limited access to jobs and education, and in higher education the percentages of African American and Native American, and Latino students admitted to the UC declined significantly, and API students have encountered informal quotas and glass ceiling in higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 209 violates the spirit of the California Master Plan for Higher Education by making it more difficult for many students to obtain an affordable and accessible high quality public education; and

**WHEREAS**, ACA 5, if approved by the voters of California, would repeal Proposition 209 as it applies to public higher education, and would eliminate the state prohibition on the use of race and sex, and other characteristics in considering admission to higher education in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the underfunding of public universities has forced people of color to compete for seats in our universities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education express its strong support for affirmative action in California, for the spirit of ACA 5, and encourages all to work with other affirmative action supporters to achieve this goal.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 18th day of June, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jessie Ryan  
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

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Jorge A. Aguilar  
Secretary of the Board of Education