Title: Resolution Supporting Proposition 55: The California Extension of the Proposition 30 Income Tax Increase Initiative

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. (AS) is the official voice of 40,000 students at California State University Northridge; and

2. WHEREAS: AS is the primary advocate for students at CSUN and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning focused campus environment; and

3. WHEREAS: AS is always trying to get more students involved and increase student participation within the many programs and services we offer; and

4. WHEREAS: The California State University (CSU) System is currently suffering from state budget cuts that left the CSU system with about 19% less in funding; and

5. WHEREAS: For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the CSU system was granted about 60% additional funding from the state which forced particular priorities, such as student enrollment, to be significantly reduced; and

6. WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees requested an additional $110 million from the state’s funds to advocate enrollment growth, which would be enough to fund about 12,600 additional students; and

7. WHEREAS: The final state budget plan allocated an additional $57.4 million, which would only allow the CSU system to accept 6,100 new students; and

8. WHEREAS: Being that the California State University system is the largest university system in the nation, and last fall had to turn away about 30,000 applicants who fulfilled the admission requirements because there isn’t enough room
9. WHEREAS: The CSU system, which serves about 460,000 students, is dependent on state general funds to cover about half its operating costs, leaving the remaining costs to be covered by student fees and tuition; and

10. WHEREAS: The current state budget assumes the passage of Proposition 55: The California Extension of the Proposition 30 Income Tax Increase Initiative in order to maintain the current income tax rates on the wealthiest Californians and prevent $4 billion in funding cuts to public education; and

11. WHEREAS: If voters do not approve the proposition: all California public school will lose about $4 billion dollars in funding which would negatively affect students in the CSU system as well as the K-12 system, in a sense that, there will not be adequate resources to students given that there is a severe shortage in education support professionals, including teachers, which thus reduces the student to faculty ration on many campuses; and

12. WHEREAS: If voters do approve the proposition: State revenues would increase from $4 billion to $9 billion each year from 2019 through 2030, depending on the economy and stock market, which would then increase funding for schools and community colleges of roughly half of the revenue raised by the measure, increase funding for health care for low-income people ranging from $0 to $2 billion each year, depending on decisions and estimates made by the Governor’s main budget advisor, and increase budget reserves and debt payments ranging from $60 million to roughly $1.5 billion each year (in today’s dollars); and

13. WHEREAS: The proposition would not raise taxes for anyone, the proposition would lower the sales tax, the proposition would only affect the wealthiest Californians, working, middle class families and businesses will benefit as the quarter-cent sales tax increase that was part of Proposition 30 expires as planned at the end of the year, the proposition will generate an estimated $8 billion per year on average, the proposition would allocate these tax revenues to education and health care as well as provide strict accountability and transparency standards; therefore let it be
1. RESOLVED: That the California State University, Northridge AS, Incorporated Board of Directors express a strong support for the passage of Proposition 55: *The California Extension of the Proposition 30 Income Tax Increase Initiative* on the November 8, 2016 California state ballot, and its dedication of funds to education and a balanced state budget; and let it be further

2. RESOLVED: That the California State University, Northridge AS and its Board of Directors will play an active role in advocating for Proposition 55 and its benefits for education, and the State of California by discussing this resolution and the proposition with peers, state and local representatives, and the general public; and let it be further

3. RESOLVED: That the CSUN AS will endorse the proposition publicly on the “Yes on 55: Help Our Children Thrive!” website (www.protectingcalifornia.org); and let it be finally

4. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including but not limited to the following:

- Dianne Harrison, CSUN President
- William Watkins, CSUN Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students
- CSU Board of Trustees
- CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White
- California Governor Jerry Brown
- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Senator Diane Feinstein
- Secretary of State Alex Padilla
- CSUN Today
- The Daily Sundial

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