
**A Bill In Support of Proposition 30, the Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of
2012**

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WHEREAS, the State of California’s divestment from public higher education in the last 30 years, due in part to the passage of Proposition 13, has stifled the ability of UC Berkeley to admit and educate undergraduate and graduate students without undue financial burden to them; and

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley’s in-state tuition has increased nearly 100% in the last six years from \$5,406 in 2006 to \$11,220 in 2012, pricing UC Berkeley out of reach for in-state low-income students as well as undocumented AB 540 students¹; and

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley’s non-resident tuition has increased drastically in a similar fashion in the last six years from \$23,226 in 2006 to \$34,098 in 2012, pricing UC Berkeley out of reach for out-of-state and international students¹; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 is a proposed tax initiative led by California Governor Jerry Brown aimed at alleviating forecasted budget cuts to public higher education by increasing the California sales tax from 7.25% to 7.5% as well as creating three new tax brackets for taxable incomes exceeding \$250,000, \$300,000, and \$500,000²; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 was a compromise between labor, teacher, and nurses unions advocating for the Millionaire’s Tax and Governor Jerry Brown’s First Tax Increase Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst’s Office, the nonpartisan agency advising the California Legislature on the state budget for over seventy years, estimates \$6.8 billion in annual revenue if Proposition 30 passes³; and

¹ “2005-2006 Registration Fees” & “2012-2013 Registration Fees”. UC Berkeley Office of the Registrar: <http://registrar.berkeley.edu/feesched0506.html>, <http://registrar.berkeley.edu/feesched1213.html>

² CA Secretary of State Summary, Pages 8-9: http://ag.ca.gov/cms_attachments/initiatives/pdfs/i1057_12-0009_governors_initiative_v3.pdf

³ CA Legislative Analyst’s Office Summary of Prop 30. <http://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2012/general/pdf/30-title-sum-analysis.pdf>

WHEREAS, the University of California projects a 20 percent mid-year tuition hike and \$250 million cut that will immediately trigger if Proposition 30 does not pass; and

WHEREAS, there will be automatic cuts to education totaling 5.4 billion dollars to the state of California if proposition 30 is defeated; and

WHEREAS, the UC Regents have endorsed Proposition 30, citing it as the best option for avoiding a mid-year tuition hike, and have committed to freezing tuition increases next year contingent upon Proposition 30 passing⁴; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Cal Alumni Association have also officially endorsed Proposition 30⁵; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) officially endorse Proposition 30 as a reaffirmation to the people of California that the state will protect and defend the ideals set forth by the 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education that established California's UC, CSU, and community college systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC send a letter and a copy of this resolution to other UC, CSU, and community college Student Governments encouraging them to also endorse Proposition 30; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC President, External Affairs Vice President, and the Senate be directed to send a campus-wide email educating the student body on the pros and cons of Proposition 30 as well as the importance of voting in the 2012 Elections.

⁴ Regents Endorse Gov. Brown's Tax Initiative": <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/28037>

⁵ "UC Regents & CAA Board of Directors Endorse Prop 30": <http://alumni.berkeley.edu/services/advocacy>