

**Peralta Community College District
Resolution 07/08-64**

Support of City of Oakland Identification Card

Whereas, the Peralta Community College District believes that the potential benefits for an Oakland Municipal Identification Card (Muni ID Card) to Oakland residents justify the City of Oakland's (City) careful consideration and expeditious implementation of an Oakland Municipal City ID card, and

Whereas, the Muni ID Card will fill a void by providing an official form of personal identification for the many Oakland residents who currently lack one, and

Whereas, the Muni ID Card will also unify the Oakland community, make it safer and more secure, benefit the local economy, and facilitate participation in public and private City activities, and

Whereas, the Peralta Community Colleges is an open access institution that welcomes AB540 students who can benefit from attending the Peralta Colleges, and

Whereas, many people in Oakland and the Peralta Service area are immigrants, students, the elderly, the homeless, runaway youth, and others who currently suffer from the lack of identification, which restricts their access to jobs, housing, law enforcement, and financial institutions, and

Whereas, without bank accounts, many pay costly fees to cash their checks and carry large sums of cash, becoming attractive targets for muggers, and

Whereas, some residents do not have a way of identifying themselves to the police, these and other victims of violent crimes—such as domestic violence— and are less likely to report such crimes, and

Whereas, a Muni ID Card would assist in identifying children and the elderly, who often possess no identification or emergency contact information, and

Whereas, the potential benefits of a Muni ID Card for all Oakland residents also include:

- Full participation of residents in civic affairs;
- Improve access for all residents to local resources such as libraries and the Peralta Colleges;
- Ability of all residents to participate in local commerce, such as opening a bank account, establishing credit, accessing loans, and utilizing a local currency;
- Increased public safety for all residents by improved crime reporting and witness cooperation;

- Discounts for residents and increased use of City institutions such as the zoo, museums, etc. and

Whereas, a Muni ID Card card will improve Peralta Community College District's ability to identify and work with people in need and further educational opportunities to secure additional resources on behalf of these individuals; and

Whereas, a Muni ID Card is endorsed by Endorsed by: Centro Legal de la Raza, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association, Green Party of Alameda County, Oakland CAN, and others; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that Peralta Community College District on behalf of our students, and constituents support and endorse the Oakland Municipal ID Coalition in working to make Oakland a more humane and richer city; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Peralta Community College District, upon enactment by the City recognizes the Oakland Municipal ID card as a valid form of Identification to facilitate enrollment at the Peralta Colleges; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary to the Board of Trustee's transmit this resolution to all City of Oakland elected officials including Mayor Ronald V. Dellums and City Council Members.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Peralta Community College District held on this 24th day of June, 2008, by the following called vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Peralta Community College District
Alameda County
State of California