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RESOLUTION TO COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY IN THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, 52% of California Community College Survey Respondents reported being worried about whether they would run out of food before they were able to receive funds to purchase more¹ and 48.7% of #RealCollegeCalifornia 2023 Student Survey respondents at Moorpark College reported having to cut the size of meals or skip meals entirely²;

WHEREAS, 15.6% of #RealCollegeCalifornia 2023 Student Survey respondents at Moorpark College reported participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)²;

WHEREAS, Moorpark College currently lacks a fresh, reliable, and affordable source of food in the Campus Center Food Court during all hours of operation, particularly during meal times;

WHEREAS, Moorpark College's mission statement states that Moorpark College adheres to a "student-first philosophy" that is grounded in a commitment to serving students and providing "all-encompassing support"³;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Moorpark College (ASMC) Board of Directors strongly advocate for the creation of a campus-wide committee no later than January 1st, 2025, charged with providing recommendations to Moorpark College's administration regarding the establishment of a source of fresh, reliable, accessible, and affordable food in the Moorpark College Campus Center that accepts Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) during all hours of operation to meet the demonstrated needs of students;

BE IT RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors commends the work of those that have supported Moorpark College’s Raider Central Basic Needs program and its continued efforts to “eliminate life barriers, such as food, housing, mental health, wellness, and economic injustice that may jeopardize student academic and personal success”⁴;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors encourages the aforementioned committee to consist of at least one (1) student representative in compliance with California Education Code §70902(b)(7)⁵;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, the ASMC Board of Directors calls on Moorpark College and the Ventura County Community College District (hereinafter referred to as “the VCCCD”) to actively seek a long-term solution to address the lack of fresh, reliable, and affordable food on Moorpark College’s campus;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, the ASMC Board of Directors calls on the VCCCD Board of Trustees to create a district-wide work group no later than January 1st, 2025, tasked with finding concrete solutions to address the lack of fresh, reliable, and affordable food on all the district’s campuses no later than December 31st, 2025, thereby advancing the Board of Trustees’ mission to close equity gaps within the VCCCD.

Citations:

1. [CCLC Affordability, Food, and Housing Access Taskforce Report \(September 2023\)](#)
2. [VCCCD Planning, Accreditation, and Student Success \(PASS\) Committee Report Chapter 1a: Review and Analysis of Student Surveys \(August 2023\)](#)
3. [Moorpark College Mission, Values and Vision](#)
4. [Raider Central \(Basic Needs\)](#)
5. [California Education Code §70902\(b\)\(7\)](#)