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SENT VIA E-MAIL to Santa Barbara Community College (SBCC) Governing Board of Trustees

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Cc: Dr. Helen Benjamin, Interim Superintendent/President
and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees

SUBJECT: SBCC Resolution on COVID-19 Vaccine and Related Requirements

Dear President Haslund and Trustees,

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara (the League) supports the SBCC Resolution to ensure the health and safety of all students and employees and members of the public present in any campus building or SBCC teaching location by requiring them to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before October 1, 2021.

We also strongly support the requirement for **unvaccinated** students and employees, and members of the public to obtain vaccinations prior to October 1, 2021, provide an approved exemption, and **provide negative test results** for COVID-19 each week.

We agree ALL should **also wear face coverings in indoor settings**, except while eating or drinking, and **adhere to social distancing** in accordance with recommendations of the CDC.

We are pleased to note that the Board will **delegate authority** to the current Interim Superintendent/President and successors to implement, enforce, and modify these

requirements in accordance with **the most current guidance** provided by the Santa Barbara County Health Department and other applicable authorities.

In addition, there are other factors that SBCC must address:

- Cleaning, disinfecting & hygiene according to CDC guidelines.
- Students with chronic, high-risk medical conditions who need extra accommodations to stay safe.
- Students with disabilities and Black, Indigenous and People of Color and others who are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 who need behavioral health and emotional support.
- Special safety steps or limits must be taken for organized activities, sporting events, practices, and other extracurricular activities.

The League thanks you for your leadership and urges the SBCC to take a strong stance for disease prevention and health maintenance on the SBCC Campus and in the community.

Sincerely,



Vijaya Jammalamadaka

President,

League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara