

CASTRO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 52 - 16/17

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CASTRO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A
SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, The Castro Valley Board of Education is committed to promoting Castro Valley Unified School District's vision of serving a diverse community of students in a culturally responsive, inclusive, safe, and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is also committed to the success of all students regardless of their national origin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, ability, gender, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America prominently and clearly recognizes every individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, This great nation was built by diverse peoples, both native and immigrant alike; and

WHEREAS, Education plays a critical role in furthering tolerance in our society; and

WHEREAS, On November 8, 2016, voters in California and across the nation participated in the democratic process by casting votes that determine political leaders and public policies; and

WHEREAS, California voters during the 2016 general election expressed strong support for public schools by embracing bilingual education through Proposition 58, strengthening funding sources through Proposition 55, and modernizing school facilities through Proposition 51; and

WHEREAS, the majority of voters demonstrated strong support for public schools in Castro Valley through the passage of Measure G;

WHEREAS, Castro Valley Unified School District educates over 9,000 students from diverse backgrounds and is noted for having 48 different languages spoken in Castro Valley Unified School District schools (including Arabic, Chinese, English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and many others); and

WHEREAS, Castro Valley Unified School District partners with various agencies and groups, such as County Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office, Foundations, Lafamilia, the African American Regional Educational Alliances, the Alameda County Behavioral Health Services, and many others to support students, families, and staff; and

WHEREAS, The national presidential election in 2016 resulted in thousands of students and families in the Bay Area and indeed across the state and nation expressing fear and concerns for safety; and

WHEREAS, Youth and families across the district, county, state, and nation have already experienced increased levels of hate speech based on their national origin, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation, before, during, and after the election; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Castro Valley Unified School District Board of Education affirms Castro Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) as a Safe Haven and its commitment to our diverse student population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that school attendance should be encouraged and sensitive locations, such as schools should be safe places; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CVUSD promotes tolerance and acceptance while taking a stand against hate speech; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CVUSD urges Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to maintain its 2011 policy stating that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without permission by specific federal law enforcement officials unless exigent circumstances exist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CVUSD maintains the orderly operation of district facilities by requiring ICE to receive advance approval before entering district sites unless otherwise authorized by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) generally prohibits school districts from providing third parties, such as ICE, information about students contained in student records. More specifically, unless another exemption provided by law applies, FERPA generally prohibits school districts from disclosing personally identifiable information in a student's "educational records" to outside agencies without written parental consent, judicial order, or a lawfully-issued subpoena; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrators and staff shall aim to continue working closely with the County, state and local municipalities, and other local community organizations to ensure our students and families are offered a protected space where they can feel included and safe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CVUSD Board of Education by support of this resolution is affirming that American ideals celebrated herein contain core values that include liberty, equality, democracy, equity, unity, and diversity and that we will continue to promote and safeguard those American values; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CVUSD Board of Education reaffirms its focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness, and kindness to all students, families, and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CVUSD Board of Education reaffirms authority of the Superintendent to protect the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by policies that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information to the fullest extent provided by the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CVUSD Board of Education affirms and upholds Castro Valley Unified School District's unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment for all, committing itself to CVUSD being a Safe Haven for students and families impacted to the fullest extent of the law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Castro Valley Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California, on February 6, 2017, by the following vote:

	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Gary Howard	_____	_____	_____	_____
Monica Lee	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jo A. S. Loss	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dot Theodore	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lavender Lee Whitaker	_____	_____	_____	_____

JO A.S. LOSS - VICE PRESIDENT/CLERK
Board of Education, Castro Valley Unified School District
County of Alameda, State of California