WHEREAS, California’s community colleges have, this year, suffered from tens of millions of dollars in funding cuts due to an unprecedented downturn in the California economy; and

WHEREAS, these cuts could force cut-backs in vital programs and services at Ohlone College that prepare students for higher education, and vocational and workforce training, while striving to serve growing levels of enrollment without additional funding; and

WHEREAS, Ohlone College needs secure and stable funding to assist in California’s economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, and 1F on California’s May 19 Special Election Ballot will generate short-term revenues to help Ohlone College out of this unprecedented fiscal crisis, establish long-term budget reforms to stabilize and protect our funding; and

WHEREAS, if voters do not approve the package of ballot measures, the enacted budget will be out of balance by $5.8 billion and may result in a $319 million dollar reduction in Prop 98 resources for community colleges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ohlone Community College District Board of Trustees supports Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, and 1F on the May 19, 2009 Special Election ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2009.

Gari Browning, Ph.D., President/Superintendent
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John Weed, Chair, Board of Trustees
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