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Grace F. Napolitano
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32nd District of California

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Academic Senate, For
California Community Colleges
One Capital Mall, Suite 340
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Academic Senate:

As Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano – California 32nd Congressional District, I write in support of Rio Hondo College's proposed revision to the Discipline List. If approved, the designation of Homeland Security as a new academic discipline will provide a discipline that is growing throughout the nation. As the field of Homeland Security continues to influence the daily lives of Americans, and the career fields that serve the public as First Responders, there is a need to professionalize the study of Homeland Security. This proposal will further serve as a means to ensure the teaching of Homeland Security is delivered by competent and fully qualified faculty with the academic qualifications and experience to prepare students for careers in Homeland Security.

In the past few years, classes in Homeland Security in California community colleges have been delivered under differing disciplines. The creation of a new discipline will ensure courses of instruction will meet local, state and national needs within the Homeland Security Enterprise. This is important because California has been devastated by natural disasters—fires, floods, and earthquakes. Having professionals educated and trained by a professional discipline will ensure there are First Responders who possess the knowledge required by a security environment that is increasingly challenged by natural and manmade threats and hazards.

California is a state that has an economy worth nearly \$3 trillion dollars, it is only a matter of time before we will be faced with a large scale hazard that will require the various professions working within the Homeland Security Enterprise to be academically prepared to meet these threats at the local, state and federal level.

Having a professional discipline and the best qualified instructors in a Homeland Security program, will enable California Community Colleges to prepare and educate students in this fast growing discipline. I have personally seen training programs delivered by Rio Hondo College in Homeland Security, and the addition of an academic discipline will enhance the quality of education in similar programs throughout the state.

Approving the new discipline of Homeland Security will show that the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges continues to adapt the educational environment to meet emerging needs by creating new disciplines so that our community colleges remain a leader in higher education.

I appreciate your attention to this request, and I respectfully request your support for this worthy effort.

Best Regards,

Grace F. Napolitano
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Member of Congress





Los Angeles Area Regional Training Group

Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association

October 17, 2018

Academic Senate
For
California Community Colleges
One Capital Mall, Suite 340
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Dear Academic Senate:

As a former Fire Chief and current Executive Director of the Los Angeles Area Regional Training Group, I write in support of Rio Hondo College's proposed revision to the Discipline List. If approved, the designation of Homeland Security as a new academic discipline will provide a discipline that is growing throughout the nation. As the field of Homeland Security continues to influence the daily lives of Americans, and the career fields that serve the public as First Responders, there is a need to professionalize the study of Homeland Security. This proposal will further serve as a means to ensure the teaching of Homeland Security is delivered by competent and fully qualified faculty with the academic qualifications and experience to prepare students for careers in Homeland Security.

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It is my responsibility to ensure all 9,000 firefighters in the LA Region are well trained and prepared to deal with such a possibility. Having a professional discipline and the best-qualified instructors in a Homeland Security program will enable California Community Colleges to prepare and educate students in this fast growing discipline.

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Sincerely,

James Birrell, Executive Director
Los Angeles Area Regional Training Group



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Dear Academic Senate:

As Fire Chief for Santa Fe Springs Fire-Rescue, I write in support of Rio Hondo College's proposed revision to the Discipline List. If approved, the designation of Homeland Security as a new academic discipline will provide a discipline that is growing throughout the nation. As the field of Homeland Security continues to influence the daily lives of Americans, and the career fields that serve the public as First Responders, there is a need to professionalize the study of Homeland Security. This proposal will further serve as a means to ensure the teaching of Homeland Security is delivered by competent and fully qualified faculty with the academic qualifications and experience to prepare students for careers in Homeland Security.

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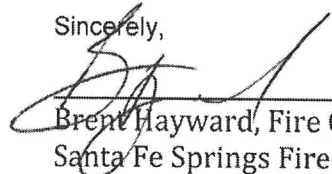
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Sincerely,



Brent Hayward, Fire Chief
Santa Fe Springs Fire-Rescue

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Timothy Vu
Chief of Police

City of Alhambra

Police Department

October 18, 2018



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Academic Senate
for California Community Colleges
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

John Curley
Chief of Police

October 22, 2018

**Academic Senate
For
California Community Colleges
One Capital Mall, Suite 340
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Dear Academic Senate:

As the Chief of Police for the City of Covina, I write in support of Rio Hondo College's proposed revision to the Discipline List. If approved, the designation of Homeland Security as a new academic discipline will provide a discipline that is growing throughout the nation. As the field of Homeland Security continues to influence the daily lives of Americans, and the career fields that serve the public as First Responders, there is a need to professionalize the study of Homeland Security. This proposal will further serve as a means to ensure the teaching of Homeland Security is delivered by competent and fully qualified faculty with the academic qualifications and experience to prepare students for careers in Homeland Security.

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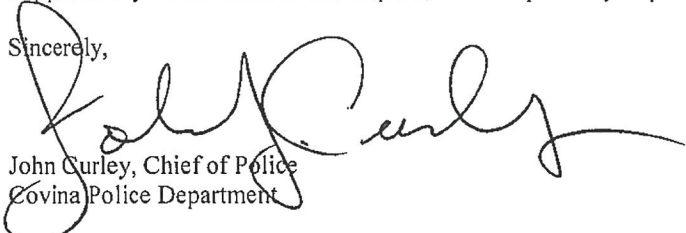
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John Curley, Chief of Police
Covina Police Department



CITY OF EL MONTE

Chief of Police
DAVID REYNOSO



POLICE DEPARTMENT
October 22, 2018



Academic Senate
for California Community Colleges
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Dear Academic Senate:

As Richard Ramirez (Retired LA County Sheriff's Homicide Investigator and currently an Adjunct Instructor of Administration of Justice) I write in support of Rio Hondo College's proposed revision to the Discipline List. If approved, the designation of Homeland Security as a new academic discipline will provide a discipline that is growing throughout the nation. As the field of Homeland Security continues to influence the daily lives of Americans, and the career fields that serve the public as First Responders, there is a need to professionalize the study of Homeland Security. This proposal will further serve as a means to ensure the teaching of Homeland Security is delivered by competent and fully qualified faculty with the academic qualifications and experience to prepare students for careers in Homeland Security.

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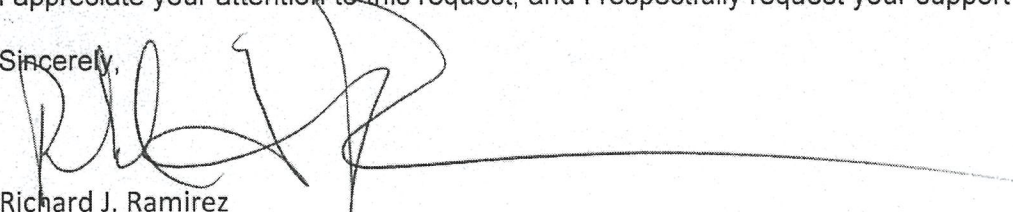
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Sincerely,


Richard J. Ramirez

Academic Senate
For
California Community Colleges
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Dear Academic Senate:

As a Battalion Chief with Morongo Valley Fire Department and a community college faculty member, I write in support of Rio Hondo College's proposed revision to the Discipline List. If approved, the designation of Homeland Security as a new academic discipline will provide a discipline that is growing throughout the nation. As the field of Homeland Security continues to influence the daily lives of Americans, and the career fields that serve the public as First Responders, there is a need to professionalize the study of Homeland Security. This proposal will further serve as a means to ensure the teaching of Homeland Security is delivered by competent and fully qualified faculty with the academic qualifications and experience to prepare students for careers in Homeland Security.

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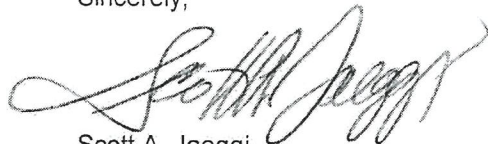
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Date 10-10-2018

Dear Academic Senate for California Community Colleges: Yalun Wang

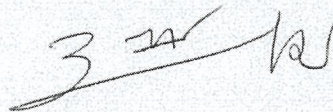
As a student who has taken a Homeland Security class at Rio Hondo College, I am writing to you to support of Rio Hondo College's proposed revision to the Discipline List. I feel the designation of Homeland Security as a new academic discipline will make this program better and more sought after.

During class I learned that the field of Homeland Security continues to influence the daily lives of Americans. I also learned that there are many career fields that I can use my knowledge of Homeland Security in. I also think that it is important to ensure that those teaching Homeland Security classes is done by qualified faculty with the right qualifications and experience.

Living in California, I know that we have many threats to our state, such as, terrorism, earthquakes, fires, floods and wildfires. I learned how to prepare for and respond to these threats in my Homeland Security class.

I respectfully request your support to make Homeland Security a new discipline in the California Community Colleges.

Sincerely,

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