

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Report No.: V-A-7-b

Date: December 15, 2009

Subject: Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Riverside Community College District Declaring – Design and Development of Facilities to be LEED Certified, in Recognition of the Green Initiatives in the 2009-2012 Strategic Plan – Resolution No. 13-09/10

Background: At the Board's October 20, 2009 meeting, the 2009-2012 District Strategic Plan was presented and accepted. This plan includes a new theme called Green Initiatives. As part of this theme, with the development of the campuses master plans and buildings, the District intends to have new development and facilities to be designed and constructed to LEED Certified standards. LEED stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," and sets forth standards for design and development of buildings and facilities to be environmentally sensitive. LEED was developed in 1998 by the U.S. Green Building Council to provide a suite of standards known as the Green Building Rating Design System for environmentally sustainable construction. Adoption of the proposed resolution states the District's intention to have facilities designed and built to LEED Certified standards and, to the extent practical, use LEED standards in major renovations.

Recommended Action: It is recommended the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution.

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT DECLARATING
DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES TO BE LEED CERTIFIED, IN RECOGNITION OF
THE GREEN INITIATIVES IN THE 2009-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09/10

WHEREAS, the State of California passed AB 32 also known as the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, also known as LEED, set forth standards for design and development of buildings and facilities to be environmentally sensitive; and

WHEREAS, LEED was developed in 1998 by the U.S. Green Building Council to provide a suite of standards known as the Green Building Rating Design System for environmentally sustainable construction; and

WHEREAS, projects developed under LEED standards now encompass more than 14,000 projects in the Nation that are considered to be LEED certified; and

WHEREAS, LEED certified buildings are designed to use resources more efficiently when compared to conventional buildings that are simply built to code; and

WHEREAS, LEED certified buildings often provide healthier work and living environments, which contribute to higher productivity and health and comfort; and

WHEREAS, the District has master plans for development of its colleges, campuses and learning centers and will plan and build new facilities and renovate older facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Riverside Community College District accepted the District's 2009-2012 Strategic Plan on October 20, 2009, which includes Green Initiatives as a new theme; and

WHEREAS, the District is an institution of higher education that is committed to educating and training persons who are sensitive, cognizant and able to relate effectively to their environment; and

WHEREAS, the District has a goal to be an environmentally and socially responsible organization; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to practice exemplarily standards associated with being good stewards of the environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that new facilities of the District shall be planned, designed and constructed to be LEED Certified and that to the greatest extent practical, major renovations be designed to meet LEED standards.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 2009, at the regular meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.

Virginia M. Blumenthal
President of the Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District