



# American River College Senate Resolution

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## Get Involved, Get Relief Student Senate Sponsored Advocacy Event

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**WHEREAS**, the American River College Student Senate has an obligation to support its students financially and emotionally during this time to ensure its students can continue to prosper in their coursework and personal lives;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges COVID-19 survey, forty percent (40%) of respondents reported income loss due to COVID-19 and twenty-two percent (22%) of respondents reported needing assistance with financial aid, needed grants, and funds<sup>1</sup>.

**WHEREAS**, by having more American River College students informed on ongoing legislation, students can become more engaged and begin having their voices heard in the legislative process;

**WHEREAS**, with the Los Rios Community College District holding remote learning for the Summer/Fall 2020 semesters, virtual advocacy events must be held in place of on-campus activities.



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**WHEREAS**, data collected by the United States Election Project suggests that citizens below the age of forty-four (44) lag significantly behind citizens above the age of forty-four (44) in regard to involvement in the legislative process<sup>2</sup>;

**THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Student Senate of American River College allocate up to one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from its seventy-two (72) account to fund the Student Senate sponsored “Get Involved, Get Relief” virtual advocacy event to engage ARC students in ongoing legislation pertaining to the CCC system;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ARC Basic Needs Committee be in charge of advertising the event, reviewing applicants, and sending letters;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the event be held over Zoom, where students may join via teleconference or video conference;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that participating students shall choose at least one (1) piece of legislation to research and support from the google form (<https://forms.gle/FNrRW227npw5TGdG6>) and in doing so, a letter will be sent to the California State Legislature in support of the selected bill(s);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certain participating students be awarded with a one-hundred (\$100) dollar Amazon gift card and a fifty dollar (\$50) ARC Bookstore gift card;



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Student Senate purchase up to six-hundred and sixty-five (665) Amazon gift cards and up to six-hundred and sixty-five (665) ARC Bookstore gift cards

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that participating students will have the option to write about how the bill in question affects them as well as their current financial situation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that not all participating students will be awarded with a gift card and it is under the discretion of the ARC Basic Needs Committee to determine if a participating student shall be awarded with a gift card or not;

**LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to President of American River College, Thomas Greene; Vice-President of Student Services, Jeffery Stephenson; President of the Academic Senate, Alisa Shubb; President of the Classified Senate, Olga Prizhbilov; The ARC Undocumented Center; The ARC Office of Philanthropy; The Sacramento Bee; and The American River Current.

Let it be known that this resolution is hereby  
APPROVED/VETOED  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_  
Aesha Abduljabbar, Student Senate President



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.studentsenateccc.org/communication/covid-19-survey-report.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/demographics>