San Diego City College Resolution

“Support for the Family of Diana Gonzalez”

Introduced by Professor Sarah Pitcher: September 12, 2011

First Reading: September 12, 2011

Second Reading: Declined by the Senate

Voting Date: September 12, 2011

Voting Results: Pass
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Whereas, the San Diego City College Academic Senate promotes the general welfare of San Diego City College, its faculty and its students;

Whereas, the San Diego City College Academic Senate supports and upholds the academic freedom of faculty, staff and students on the campus;

Whereas, Diana Gonzalez, a San Diego City College student was brutally murdered by her estranged husband in a bathroom at City College on October 12th, 2010, less than one month after being released from custody by the District Attorney’s Office without any explanation as to grounds for his release;

Whereas, the District Attorney’s Office has failed categorically to assist the family of Diana Gonzalez despite a variety of promises to the contrary; these failures include: releasing A. Perez after domestic abuse charges were filed, not communicating with Diana’s family following her murder, and not providing protection for the family following the murder;

Whereas, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis has been scheduled to speak on campus during Constitution Week despite concerns and objections by faculty, staff, students, and Diana’s family;

Whereas, numerous student groups on campus as well as faculty members plan to utilize this event as an opportunity to question Dumanis publicly about the Diana Gonzalez case and to hold a memorial in honor of Diana Gonzalez outside of the Saville Theater on the day of the event;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the San Diego City College Academic Senate stands in solidarity with the students and faculty in their support of Diana Gonzalez’s family and their efforts to request accountability from the DA’s office and to attain justice and equal protection under the law for future victims of domestic violence.