

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-135

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF MERGING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MARITIME ACADEMY AND CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

WHEREAS, California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) was founded in 1929 as the California Nautical School, located in Tiburon, California; and

WHEREAS, Cal Maritime was renamed to the California Maritime Academy in 1939 and relocated to its current location in the City of Vallejo in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Cal Maritime joined the California State University (CSU) system in 1995 becoming the 22nd CSU campus; and

WHEREAS, Cal Maritime has served as a vital maritime institution in the San Francisco Bay Area and is currently one of only six such state maritime academies in the United States, and is the only one on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, Cal Maritime offers specialized degree programs, three of which lead to a Merchant Marine license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, and is consistently named as a top university for return-on-investment rankings leading to high-paying jobs for its graduates; and

WHEREAS, Cal Maritime is currently experiencing a fiscal crisis due to multiple factors, including a declining student enrollment, which has seen the university student population drop from approximately 1,100 students in 2016/17 to just over 750 in 2023/24; and

WHEREAS, closing of Cal Maritime would have a devastating impact to Solano County and the City of Vallejo;

WHEREAS, the CSU system has announced a plan to integrate California State University Maritime Academy and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, the CSU Board of Trustees is expected to make a final decision in November 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors support the CSU plan to integrate California State University Maritime Academy and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on August 6, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Hannigan, Brown, Williams, Vasquez, and Chair Mashburn

NOES: SUPERVISORS None

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS None



MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk