

## **BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Resolution No. 10-66 denouncing Arizona State Senate Bill 1010**

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**WHEREAS**, Berkeley Unified School District is committed to providing excellent educational opportunities to all of our students, without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, income, sexual orientation, or disability, and is guided by the core values of equity, inclusiveness and high academic expectations for all students;

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona legislature passed SB1070 (Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act), which the Arizona Governor, Jan Brewer, signed into law on April 23, 2010, legislation that gives local Arizona laws enforcement officials, who are not trained in federal immigration law, substantial responsibility for enforcing immigration laws;

**WHEREAS**, SB 1070 requires the police “when practicable” to detain people they “reasonably suspect” are in the country without authorization; allows the police to charge immigrants with a state crime for not carrying immigration documents; creates a private right of action to sue cities upon belief that the government has a policy or practice that restricts immigration law enforcement; and makes it a crime to stop on a public street to attempt to hire a temporary worker; and

**WHEREAS**, BUSD seeks to provide a well-rounded and quality education that exposes students to cultures that are critical to understanding our nation, past and present, and that helps our students appreciate the histories and cultural contributions of their own communities;

**WHEREAS**, BUSD offers African American Studies and integrates ethnic studies within our curriculum, with the objective of preparing our students to be global citizens with an appreciation for the contributions of multiple cultures to the tapestry of our civilizations and communities; and,

**WHEREAS** SB1070 will inevitably lead to racial profiling, jeopardizes public safety, and creates a wedge between law enforcement and ethnic communities; and

**WHEREAS**, civil rights leaders, constitutional rights scholars, elected officials and school districts across the country are repudiating SB 1070; and now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that unless and until Arizona rescinds SB 1080, Berkeley Unified School District and the Board of Education will restrain from (1) entering into any new or amended contracts to purchase goods or services from any company that is headquartered in Arizona (2) avoid sending Board members or BUSD employees to conferences in Arizona and (3) review contracts as they come up for renewal for the purchase of goods and services with companies headquartered in Arizona and explore opportunities to discontinue those contracts consistent with the terms of those contract and principals of fiscal responsibility, and

**FURTHER RESOLVES**, that the Board directs the Superintendent to encourage BUSD teachers to develop units in civics and history classes to discuss the recent laws enacted in Arizona in the context of the American values of unity, diversity and Equal Protection for all,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley Board of Education urges our community to take a stand against such discriminatory law and to be aware of Arizona policies violating visitors civil rights if traveling to that state; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of Berkeley Unified School District express its outrage and condemnation of SB 1070 and HB228 and calls on the leadership of the State of Arizona to reverse these punitive and misguide measures;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Berkeley Unified School District and the Board of Education hereby direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to Senator Loni Hancock and to display prominently on the District's website.

**ADOPTED by the Board of Education** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

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John T. Selawsky, Clerk  
Board of Education