

**RESOLUTION in Support of Freedom of Speech, First Amendment, and Academic Freedom  
At Laney and the Peralta District**

**WHEREAS**, the Laney Faculty recognizes that in order to create an inclusive and intellectually vibrant college and district, we must understand and value both our individual differences and our commonality.

**WHEREAS**, the Laney Faculty asserts that Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom are hallmarks of American colleges and universities. As Teachers of Letters and Science we believe in facts and rigorous attention to the sharing of facts and engaging in intellectual discussion and knowledge.

**WHEREAS**, the journalism department and the news publication, The Laney Tower, are the embodiment of what we hold to be true and/or factual, Laney Faculty supports the department and the Laney Tower in good factual reporting and the highest ethical treatment of information.

**WHEREAS**, there were questions raised by the district regarding the factual accuracies of the article dated February 2, 2017, entitled THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF LANEY COLLEGE?

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Laney Faculty attended the forums and did prior research about the candidate, Dr. Anthony Tricoli, who questioned Tower reporting and claimed his character was defamed in the article entitled THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF LANEY COLLEGE?

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all information reported in the article was properly attributed from accurate sources, including statements from Dr. Tricoli himself, court documents and newspapers

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the article was carefully edited and approved and nothing was inaccurate or unsubstantiated

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Laney Academic Senate unequivocally supports “unfettered” Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom by The Laney Tower and the Journalism Department.