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At its meeting of October 7, 1996, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution presented by David McNeil for the Professional Standards Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUITY PROGRAMS IN THE CSU

AND OPPOSITION TO THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE

Whereas, The missions of the California State University and San Jose State University include reaching out to historically underrepresented groups, bringing them into higher education and addressing topics and issues of importance to them; and

Whereas, Educational Equity Programs and other programs in the CSU are designed to address the educational needs of students from underrepresented racial/ethnic and gender groups in California society; and

Whereas, Outreach programs in the CSU are designed to bring a greater proportion of underrepresented groups into CSU classrooms as students and teachers, thereby intellectually enriching the educational experience for all, and

Whereas, The Academic Senate of the California State University has in its resolution AS-2330-96/AA of May 9-10, 1996, reaffirmed its interest in addressing the educational needs of students from specific underrepresented ethnic groups and called on local campus senates to do the same; and

Whereas, It has been noted that the proposed statewide constitutional amendment by initiative known as the "California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI)" could limit or eliminate such educational equity and outreach programs; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University join with the Academic Senate of The California State University in opposing the proposed state constitutional amendment by initiative titled "California Civil Rights Initiative"; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided to campus and regional newspapers.