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Resolution Supporting Equitable and Sustainable Student Parking Infrastructure at Bakersfield College

IN THE SENATE OF THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SUBMITTED BY SENATOR PEREZ TO THE
FACILITIES AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AND THE SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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A RESOLUTION

Support for Construction of Two (2) Parking Structures with Smart Parking Technology

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Bakersfield College (BC) is committed to fostering a safe, equitable, and accessible
2 learning environment for all students, recognizing that adequate on-campus parking—both
3 permitted and free—is essential to student access, attendance, safety, and academic success;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, recent and ongoing campus development projects, including the construction of
6 student housing and solar-covered parking, have reduced the overall number of available parking
7 spaces, disproportionately impacting students who pay for parking permits as well as those who
8 rely on limited free parking options; and

1 **WHEREAS**, many community college students depend on personal vehicles due to work
2 schedules, family responsibilities, disability-related access needs, or limited public transportation,
3 and insufficient parking availability can result in tardiness, missed classes, financial and mental
4 strain, and increased safety concerns; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Pasadena City College¹ and Ohlone College (Fremont Campus)² have addressed
6 parking shortages associated with campus growth and sustainability initiatives through the
7 development of multi-level parking structures; in addition to the construction of the two (2)
8 proposed parking structures to be located in Parking Lot Seven (P7)³ and the Free Student
9 Parking Lot (P16) adjacent to the baseball field⁴, these structures should incorporate smart
10 parking technologies—including Split Ultrasonic Parking Space Detectors⁵ that indicate whether a
11 parking space is occupied or available—as a necessary and complementary enhancement to
12 improve parking efficiency and capacity management in higher education settings;

13 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bakersfield College Student Government
14 Administration (BCSGA) urges the Facilities and Sustainability Department and the Bakersfield
15 College Safety Advisory Committee to assess the current and projected impacts of campus
16 construction on both permitted and free student parking availability and to prioritize solutions that
17 equitably serve all commuting students at the Panorama Campus and, subsequently, at BC
18 satellite locations; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that BC, in collaboration with the Facilities and Sustainability
20 Committee, is strongly requested that all new, proposed, and future parking structures

¹ Pasadena City College, Parking Structure (Lot 5), developed to address long-term parking demand resulting from campus expansion. [Microsoft Word - FEIR 4 Alternatives FINAL.doc](#)

² Ohlone College, Fremont Campus Parking Structure, constructed to mitigate surface parking loss and support enrollment growth and campus development. [South Parking Structure - Ohlone College 50th Anniversary | Ohlone College](#)

³ [P7 Parking Lot Mock Up.pdf](#)

⁴ [Free Parking - Parking Structure Mock Up.pdf](#)

⁵ ElefineTech. (n.d.). *Elefine parking ultrasonic sensor with red green light for parking guidance system*. Retrieved January 16, 2026, from <https://www.elefinetech.com/elefine-parking-ultrasonic-sensor-with-red-green-light-for-parking-guidance-system/>

1 *constructed in P7 and P16 be designed with integrated smart parking technologies, including Split*
2 *Ultrasonic Parking Space Detectors, as a core component of the project, while maintaining*
3 *sustainability goals and supporting long-term campus planning efforts; and*

4 ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, *that parking enforcement policies and procedures be reviewed*
5 *and implemented in coordination with the Safety Advisory Committee to ensure enforcement*
6 *practices are fair, transparent, clearly communicated, and responsive to reduced parking*
7 *availability and new parking infrastructure; and*

8 ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, *that student input—including feedback from students who*
9 *purchase parking permits, those who rely on free parking, and those who require parking-related*
10 *accommodations—be meaningfully incorporated through shared governance processes, and that*
11 *regular updates regarding parking availability, construction impacts, and implementation timelines*
12 *be communicated transparently to the campus community.*

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