WHEREAS, the election of Donald J. Trump has unleashed a wave of violence directed against, immigrants, Muslims, LGBTQ people, Black people, women, and other people; and

WHEREAS, CFA believes in justice and fairness in U.S. society for all people and opposes the current U.S. government’s racism, anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant, and anti-transgender actions that have terrorized our students, communities, and families leaving many of our students afraid to leave their homes and/or come to class while other students are afraid to speak out publicly against what is happening to them for fear of immediate deportation by ICE; and

WHEREAS, over the past 15 years our students and communities have stepped up to defend educators as unions and faculty have come under attack in California from Prop 75 under Governor Schwarzenegger to the most recent anti-union Proposition 32. Our student and community allies also voted for Proposition 98, Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 that helped support K-14 public education in our state. In addition, students joined us on our picket lines when we held a one day strike in 2011, and took many actions to support faculty in the 2015-16 campaign to win a fair contract for CFA; they also helped oppose efforts to end fair share for unions; and

WHEREAS, with efforts underway to turn the US into a “right to work for less” nation, eliminate Fair Share provisions and impose many other anti-worker, anti-intellectual, anti-academic freedom initiatives we are likely to need support from our students and their families and communities to fight back. They will appreciate our supporting them now; and

WHEREAS, CFA is committed to developing coalitions and alliances with other organizations so that we can be more effective in our fight for racial and social justice; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that CFA will join with educators in California on April 4, 2017 for an “Educators United with Our Communities” Day. The purpose of this day is to show our support as educators in higher education and K-12 for our students and their families and communities; be it also

RESOLVED, that the CFA Board of Directors recommends that chapters encourage members to actively engage in the activities in solidarity with our students and their families and communities.

Adopted by the CFA Assembly
March 11, 2017
Additional information about 4/4 and possible things to do on this date:
April 4 is chosen as it is a day of commemoration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is a grassroots effort led by faculty in CFA and CCA. We would like educators at all levels to join in this day of appreciation for our students and communities.

All participants will be asked to wear blue.

We will use social media to promote this day and encourage others statewide to hold some visible action to show your support and solidarity with our students who are struggling and vulnerable.

On April 4th educators can do a variety of activities, here are on campus and off-campus ideas:

- Go to local gathering places off-campus and pass out flyers from “Educators United with Our Communities” detailing we as educators where from CFA, CCA, CTA stand with our communities and support the rights of students, families and educators themselves to not be banned, persecuted or deported.

- Educators can pick a time before school, during lunch, in the afternoon, and make placards with your own messages to show your support for students. We can also leaflet to students and others on our campuses. This can be used to work with students, staff and faculty.

- Create signs we can place on our faculty offices that demonstrate our support for our students and that it is a safe space for students. This simple act of support means a lot to a vulnerable student or others on campus.

- While this is only one day of action, hopefully this will lead to other joint events on all our campuses, including Know Your Rights workshops, undocuAlly trainings, and Teach-ins to educate the campus community and ongoing working groups to address campus issues and push for policy changes on our campuses related to these matters.