



December 15, 2025

Board of Trustees Resolution

Honoring Trustee Marcia Milchiker's 40 Years of Distinguished Service

Whereas, Trustee Marcia Milchiker was first sworn in as a member of the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees on December 9, 1985, beginning what would become one of the longest and most dedicated tenures in the history of the District; and

Whereas, for four decades, Trustee Milchiker has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the students, faculty, staff, and communities served by Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College, championing academic excellence, equitable access, and innovation across all areas of the District; and

Whereas, Trustee Milchiker has been a steadfast advocate for student success, supporting initiatives that expanded transfer pathways, strengthened workforce development programs, enhanced student services, and elevated the District's reputation statewide and nationally; and

Whereas, Trustee Milchiker has served in numerous leadership roles, including multiple terms as Board President, Vice President, and Clerk, consistently bringing thoughtful governance, institutional knowledge, and steadfast integrity to the Board; and

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Whereas, Trustee Milchiker has represented the District with distinction on regional and statewide committees, including her long-standing service with the Orange County Community College Legislative Task Force, which she helped to found and develop into a durable advocacy coalition advancing key legislative and budget priorities for community colleges; and

Whereas, Trustee Milchiker has remained deeply engaged in student-focused initiatives—such as her role as an advisor to the Mars Rover engineering group and her leadership with the Saddleback College American Association of University Women chapter. She is known for attending just about every campus event and commencement ceremony and is also widely respected by community leaders and partners – always centering her work on the belief that students are the heart of the District’s mission; and

Whereas, over 40 years of service, Trustee Milchiker has contributed to transformational milestones across the District, including new campus facilities, innovative teaching and learning technologies, expanded academic programs, and strengthened fiscal stewardship, each leaving a lasting impact on future generations; and

Whereas, Trustee Milchiker’s leadership, dedication, and enduring public service embody the highest ideals of community college governance and have helped shape SOCCCD into one of the nation’s premier community college districts; now, therefore

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Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District hereby recognizes and celebrates Trustee Marcia Milchiker for her extraordinary 40 years of service, expresses its profound gratitude for her steadfast commitment and distinguished leadership, and honors her remarkable contributions to the students and communities of South Orange County; and

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the District and presented to Trustee Milchiker with the deepest appreciation of the Board, the Chancellor, the colleges, and the community she has faithfully served since 1985.

Carolyn Inmon, President

T.J. Prendergast III, Clerk

Timothy Jemal, Member

Terri Rydell, EdD, Member

Julianna M. Asperin Barnes, EdD, Chancellor

Ryan Dack, Vice President

Lisa A. Bartlett, Member

Blake Leonard, Student Member