## American Institutions Requirement

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Academic Senate Meeting September 18, 2024

## **SRJC District Mission, Vision, And Values**

Santa Rosa Junior College transforms the lives of our culturally rich student body, employees, and community by cultivating a welcoming and antiracist environment, centered on social responsibility and cultural awareness.

<u>Teaching and Learning that encompass</u> excellence, freedom, and <u>responsibility in</u> <u>academics that promote civic engagement</u>, a love of learning, and success for all students

## **2011 ASCCC Resolution: Democracy Commitment**

Resolution Number 13.03

...Whereas, The existence of the California community colleges is a direct expression of the State of California's commitment to one of the basic tenets of democracy, that of providing for an educated public;

Whereas, The faculty of the California community colleges embrace the fundamental conviction that our students deserve to be full participants in the democratic process; and...

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges endorse "The Democracy Commitment" as a project through which our many campuses and local senates may pursue programs and initiatives that support the democratic learning and engagement of our students ;

## **Key Considerations**

1. Trust in U.S. institutions is declining.

2. Foundational knowledge of democratic institutions is power. Many individuals in the U.S. are uninformed about their rights and the political process.

3. Knowledge of democratic institutions is key to helping students identify disinformation.