

**CHAPTER 1: Board of Trustees
BOARD POLICY NO. 1.70 (BP 2716)**

**BOARD POLICY
San Mateo County Community College District**

Subject: 1.70 Board Action on Legislative Issues / Political Activity
Revision Date: 11/10; Reviewed xx/xx
Policy References: Education Code Sections 7054 and 7056; Government Code Section 8314

1. An official District position on legislation, ballot issues, or government regulations which would directly affect the San Mateo County Community College District, its Colleges, or its students may be taken by a majority vote of the Board.
 - a. Requests that a position be taken on pending legislation may be initiated by an individual Board member or by the full Board.
 - b. The administration may also bring a legislative matter to the attention of the Board and ask that an official District position be taken.
 - c. The Chancellor shall be responsible for such correspondence.
2. Members of the Board shall not use District funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including, but not limited to, any candidate for election to the governing board.
3. Initiative or referendum measures may be drafted on an area of legitimate interest to the District. Public resources may be used only for informational efforts regarding ballot measures.
4. The Board shall not advise District residents and the public to favor or oppose local, State, or national legislative matters except if it should vote to do so on a matter which is of direct concern to the San Mateo County Community College District or its Colleges.
5. Positions on bills taken by individual Board members, administrators, faculty members, or classified employees must clearly be identified as the individual's opinion.