

Opportunity to Address the Senate
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intro: hello academic senate ,my name is Kimberly Garcia, I'm a student at BC and a member of LUPE and I am here in support of the racial equity commitment at Bakersfield College for these reasons:

It is important for all faculty members of the college to raise their awareness and understanding of the many challenges and barriers many of their undocumented students face in order to combat the issues that relates to those without legal status and help them access a quality education as a community and not just ignore their struggles.

If faculty members of the college were better educated on these issues, it would increase the number of Latinos enrolled in the college, it would create a safer environment not just for us the students, but for our immigrant parents as well-- who worry that one of these days we might be picked up by ice while being in school. Without a doubt, if BC faculty is aware and educated of the struggles with the undocumented community they can better serve our population. We as students would feel care for and acknowledge.

-Thank you for your time members of the senate.