



[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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## SENATE BILL

# TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

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JUNE 29, 2017

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR LIMACO AND SENATOR SHARMA, TO THE SENATE

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### A BILL

#### Clarification of Town Hall Meetings

- 1        *Whereas, the Bakersfield College Student Government Association is charged with*  
2        *promoting the “general welfare, the morale of the students, and advocate [on] behalf of the*  
3        *student voice.” (COBRA 201.01(a));*  
4        *Whereas, the purpose of Town Hall meetings is for constituents to “meet and request*  
5        *information from ANY of the BCSGA Officers” (COBRA 401.06(a), emphasis added);*  
6        *Whereas, COBRA 401.06, “Town Hall Meetings,” has not been implemented properly;*  
7        *Whereas, the student population of Bakersfield College has grown to exceed 25,000*  
8        *students, with less than 2% exercising the right to participate in BCSGA elections;*  
9        *Whereas, the duties of the Senate according to the BCSGA Constitution include “(working*  
10       *effectively to) represent the student body in the Participatory Governance process” (Article VI,*  
11       *Section 4(a)(1);*

1       *Whereas, the effectiveness of the Association as a whole depends exclusively on its ability*  
2 *to accurately represent the voice of the entire student body;*

3       *Whereas, there exists the need to engage the student population in a more direct manner;*

4       *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association,*

5           a) *That COBRA 401.06, "Town Hall Meetings," in its entirety be removed from Title IV,*  
6            *Chapter 1.*

7       *Be it further enacted by the Senate that COBRA 202.04, "Town Hall Meetings," be created;*

8       *Be it further enacted by the Senate*

9           a) *That the language of COBRA 202.04, "Town Hall Meetings," state the following*  
10            *three (3) clauses:*

11           b) 1. *"The members of the Executive Cabinet and the Senate shall host campus-wide*  
12            *forums twice per semester, for constituents to meet, request information from,*  
13            *and/or express campus concerns to any BCSGA Officers";*

14           c) 2. *"All BCSGA Officers shall attend at least one (1) town hall meeting per term in*  
15            *office";*

16           d) *And, 3. "The BCSGA President shall be in charge of each town hall meeting in*  
17            *scheduling, convening, and presiding over unless he/she appoints another BCSGA*  
18            *Officer deemed fit to hold such responsibility to conduct the meeting"*