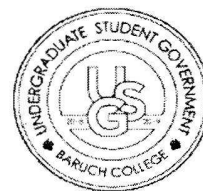


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**2018-2019 Bernard M. Baruch College Undergraduate Student Government Resolution 02:**  
Resolution to the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) in support of a sensible fare reduction for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA): Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroads

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WHEREAS, we, the students of Baruch College maintain that the burden to continuously pay high out of city transportation fares is detrimental to our quality of life, academic performance, and

WHEREAS, the USG strongly supports imposing a reasonable fare reduction for out of city students that are currently paying immensely high fares on the LIRR and Metro-North, and

WHEREAS, Baruch students are obligated to pay for rising tuition, books, fees, and housing in addition to high transportation costs, which intensify diachronically, and

WHEREAS, Baruch students are currently excluded from receiving the LIRR and Metro-North student discounts, while incurring massive student loan debt, while high school students reap the desired benefits, and

WHEREAS, with the LIRR's worst performance in approximately three decades, a fare reduction for hard working Baruch students is entirely sensible, and

WHEREAS, Baruch students are highly inconvenienced by continuous fare hikes and poor performance, which causes some students to be tardy to class, work, paid internships, and,

WHEREAS, full-time Baruch students are required to maintain an exemplary balance between work, internships, and classes, as the LIRR and Metro-North fares are not affordable unless sufficient income is obtained, and

WHEREAS, full-time Baruch students' grade point average and extra-curricular activity participation can negatively affect the income requirements to commute to campus, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Transit offers select colleges a 25% discount through its University Partnership Program, at CUNY campuses such as Baruch College, City College, Guttman Community College, John Jay College, and

WHEREAS, the MTA should follow suit and provide Baruch students with an equitable commute to campus that includes constant negligence towards higher fares, service disruptions, and dangerous stations, and

WHEREAS, all Baruch students that are New York State (NYS) residents are entitled to pragmatic fares, and

WHEREAS, the MTA's distance-based fares philosophy should extend to all New York residents, and

WHEREAS, a fare reduction for out-of-city students would generate additional revenue for the MTA, as students from outside of New York City would be more receptive to attend college in NYC, and

RESOLVED, that the USG formally supports Baruch College wholly in petitioning to the MTA, New York City, and New York State to achieve a sensible fare reduction for out-of-city students that will ultimately provide a fair commute, and

RESOLVED, that Baruch students are granted a sensible fare reduction, as high school students currently possess this, and

RESOLVED, that the USG supports Baruch College in ensuring that this resolution is introduced to the proper jurisdictional authorities and granted profound consideration.



Brandon A. Santiago  
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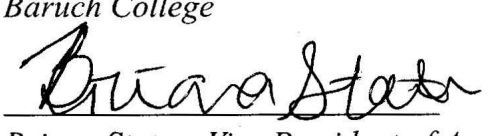


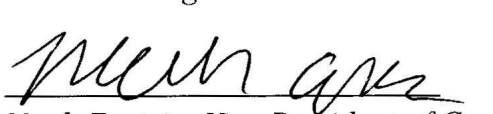
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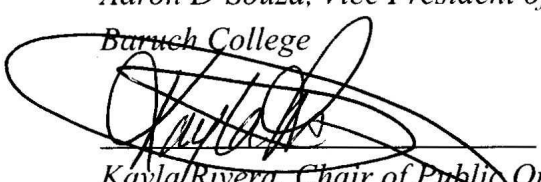
  
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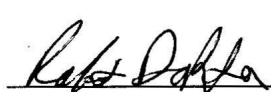
  
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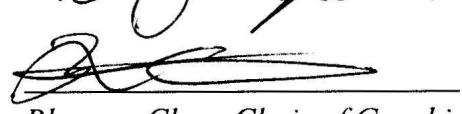
  
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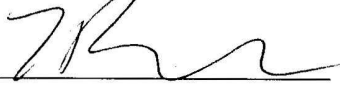
  
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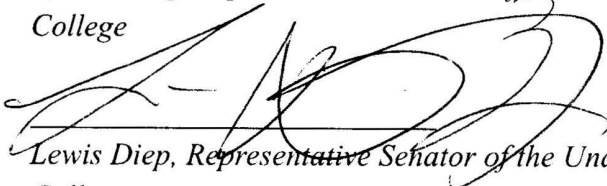
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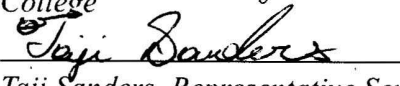
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