

**Article 3      UNION SECURITY**

**§ 3.1      Dues/COPE/Union-Sponsored Benefit Program Deductions:**

§ 3.1.1      The District shall honor an employee's membership application for dues, COPE or other Union-sponsored program(s), which are received in writing, from SEIU.

§ 3.1.2      Deductions for dues, COPE or other SEIU-sponsored programs shall start the pay period after the District receives notification of the authorization. The District shall forward such payments to SEIU within thirty (30) days after the deduction from the employee's earnings occurs.

§ 3.1.3      Requests to authorize or change union related deductions shall be directed to SEIU rather than to the District. The District shall rely on SEIU's certified list, submitted by a representative of SEIU who has authority to bind SEIU, regarding any authorizations and/or changes in deduction(s).

§ 3.1.4      SEIU shall indemnify, defend and hold District, Board Members, and unit members harmless from any claims made of any nature or any lawsuit instituted against the District, Board Members, and unit members arising from the District's actions pursuant to its obligations contained in this article. At District request, SEIU shall pay for the cost of legal representation to the District, for the attorney of the District's choice in any litigation contesting in any way the validity of the organizational security provisions of this Agreement and shall pay court costs and other expenses related thereto.

**§ 3.2      Non –Discrimination**

§ 3.2.1      The Sonoma County Junior College District, in compliance with State Regulation, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, ethnic group identification, physical disability, medical condition, genetic condition, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures or practices; nor does the District, in compliance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, discriminate against any employees or applicants for employment on the basis of their age.

Sonoma County Junior College District is an equal employment opportunity employer. The District is committed to following all applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, and Board policy and procedures affecting employment.

Sonoma County Junior College District agrees to not discriminate on the basis of political affiliation as protected in California Labor Code CA Sections 1101-1106, Chapter 5: Political Affiliation.

The Vice President of Human Resources or designee is responsible for administering the District's non-discrimination compliance procedures.

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